

Native of Hawaii, America's 50th State, Now Residing in Beaufort



Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Henry Leezer are shown with their 3-year-old daughter Kathy in the living room of their home at 808 Ann Street in Beaufort. Mrs. Leezer is a native of the Hawaiian Islands.

By LARRY McCOMB

Sgt. Henry B. Leezer of 808 Ann St., Beaufort is one man who doesn't have to go to Hawaii to enjoy rare and exotic dishes of the islands. This is because his lovely wife, Evelyn, is from the land of Sugar Loaf Mountain and Waikiki Beach.

She naturally takes great delight in preparing for her family dishes that have long been the favorites of the island people.

Mrs. Leezer was born in Paahua, Hawaii, which is located on the largest of eight islands that go to make up what is known as the Hawaiian Islands. She attended grade school in Kukualele and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Honolulu after also attending high school at Honokaa.

After graduation from high school, Mrs. Leezer, whose maiden name was Vargas, worked for a floral shop in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu and it was here that she met Sergeant Leezer who was stationed at the time in Santa Ana and flying missions to Honolulu.

They were married in 1954 in Arizona and since their marriage Sergeant Leezer's tours of duty have taken them to Santa Ana, Calif., Miami Fla., and finally to Beaufort where they have lived for the past eight months. The Leezers have one daughter, Kathy, who is 3 years old.

Mrs. Leezer says that she simply loves life in the United States and added that she was very impressed with the friendliness of the people of Carteret County. "We have never lived any place where the people actually went out of their way to be friendly and neighborly like they do here in Beaufort and Carteret County," said Mrs. Leezer, as her husband nodded in agreement.

When asked how she felt about Hawaii receiving its statehood recently, becoming our 50th state, she said that she was very thrilled over it. "This is something that the people of Hawaii have worked and waited for a long time and of course it means a great deal to every citizen of the islands."

Mrs. Leezer listed barbecues as her family's favorite dishes when asked about the meals she likes to serve. Also high on the menu are Chinese and Hawaiian dishes such as chop suey, shrimp curree, and sweet sour shrimp with pineapple. "One of the things I miss most

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Water Company Gets Extension On Filing Answer

● Suit Alleges Water Failure Caused Damage

● Complaint Arises From Fire in Beaufort

C. W. Williams, manager of Carolina Water Co., Morehead City, said yesterday that an extension of time has been granted on filing an answer to a complaint against his company.

Carolina Water Co. has been named as defendant in a civil suit arising from a fire which destroyed business properties in Beaufort in December.

The complaint alleges that property of the plaintiffs was destroyed as a result of carelessness and negligence on the part of the water company.

Mr. Williams said that the suit is being handled by the Aetna Insurance Co., insurers of General Water Works Corp., of which Carolina Water Co. is a subsidiary.

The plaintiffs, Dr. M. T. Lewis and Old Colony Insurance Co., claim damages of \$8,274; James H. Potter Jr. and sons, James III and Gilbert, claim damages amounting to \$32,817.83, or a total of \$41,541.83.

The plaintiffs say that the fire was confined to the Joe House drug store and was almost out when the water supply gave out and the flames spread to the Potter grocery store, over which was located the office of Dr. Lewis.

The complaint says that a water company official blamed the lack of water on failure of a switch to cut on, automatically, another pump.

In addition to the drug store, where the fire started, the gro-

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5-Year-Old Stella Boy Dies Sunday from Bullet Wound

Everything's Upside Down



Photo by J. W. Sykes

Michael Fleming, 22-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fleming, Mansfield Park, demonstrates his opinion of the world.

Coroner Says Playmate Accidentally Fired Rifle

Five-year-old Harold Keel Piner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Piner, Stella, died in Morehead City Hospital Sunday after a bullet from a .22 rifle went through his forehead.

David Munden, county coroner, said the bullet was accidentally fired by 8-year-old Leon Workman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Workman, neighbors of the Piners at Stella.

The accident happened at about 4:30 Sunday in the Workman home. The Piner boy died at about 6:30 p.m. He was rushed to the hospital by his father.

Mr. Munden said that no inquest will be held. Funeral arrangements were being handled yesterday by a funeral home at Greenville.

According to the coroner, Harold, who would have been 6 years old next Monday, went across the road to the Workmans to play with Leon.

Mr. Workman had borrowed a trailer to haul sand and had gone to return it, his wife following in the car to bring him back. The only one in the house with Harold and Leon at the time of the shooting was Leon's little sister.

The coroner said that Leon went to his father's closet and got his rifle. The rifle was not loaded but he went to another room and got a bullet out of a dresser drawer. He put it in the gun and while he was fooling with it, the gun discharged and the bullet hit Harold.

Leon apparently went to get a broom to try to sweep up the blood, then rushed across the road to the Piners. He was screaming and asked the Piners not to whip him, that he didn't mean to do it.

They couldn't understand what he was talking about and went to the house where they found blood on the broom and then discovered their son.

In addition to his parents, the boy is survived by several brothers and sisters, according to coroner Munden.

Two Cars Meet At Intersection

A 1958 Cadillac and a 1959 Ford collided at 7:05 a.m. yesterday at the intersection of Mansfield Parkway and highway 70.

Driving the Ford was Mrs. Jesse B. Murdoch, route 1 Newport. Driving the Cadillac was Marshall Lee Zimmerman III, Winston-Salem. Zimmerman has been charged with going through a stop sign and failing to yield the right-of-way. No one was hurt, but damage to the Ford was estimated at \$450 and damage to the Cadillac \$200.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes said the front of the car, which was headed east on highway 70 caught the rear bumper of the Cadillac which was proceeding north out of the parkway.

In the car with Mrs. Murdoch were Flossie Fulcher, Mary Gray, Rose Garner, Lottie Clark and Mamie Murdoch. All were headed to the Morehead City Garment Co. where they are employed.

Retarded Child Chapter Planned

Mrs. L. B. Bryant, Charlotte, will be at the civic center, Morehead City, at 7:30 Thursday night to organize a Carteret chapter of the North Carolina Association for Mentally Retarded Children.

Mrs. Bryant is executive secretary of the state organization. Hugh Gordon, Beaufort, acting chairman of the chapter, invites to the meeting anyone interested in aiding mentally retarded youngsters.

The purpose of a chapter, he explains, is to help parents of the mentally retarded to solve their problems at no charge, to help the children by establishing training centers, special education classes, and bettering conditions of children at state institutions.

The association operates on a national, state and local level.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, March 31	LOW
1:37 a.m.	8:09 a.m.	
2:13 p.m.	8:32 p.m.	
Wednesday, April 1		
2:28 a.m.	9:18 a.m.	
3:16 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	
Thursday, April 2		
3:42 a.m.	10:16 a.m.	
4:20 p.m.	10:39 p.m.	
Friday, April 3		
4:45 a.m.	11:08 a.m.	
5:20 p.m.	11:32 p.m.	

Legislator Believes Fund To Save Banks Will Get OK

Court Term Delayed, Opens At 10 Today

The superior court session, scheduled to start yesterday, will not start until this morning at 10.

Judge Henry L. Stevens, New Bern, who will preside, phoned A. H. James, clerk of superior court, Friday morning and said he thought it best to delay the court session one day.

Mr. James said that there was a death in the judge's family last week and the judge himself was not feeling well. Otherwise, court would have proceeded on Easter Monday as scheduled.

With court beginning today, the docket will merely be delayed one day. Monday's cases will be heard today, Tuesday's tomorrow, and so on.

Mr. James said there may be a possibility that court will continue until Saturday.

The Mattingly murder case, under the revised schedule, will probably not begin until Thursday.

Other major cases are rape, attempted rape and numerous breaking and entering cases.

Almost Half Inch Rain Falls Friday

Friday's rain measured .46 inches, according to Stamey Davis, weather observer at Morehead City.

Temperature ranges for the weekend were as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Thursday	68	57	SW
Friday	65	58	SW
Saturday	61	44	NW
Sunday	54	39	NNE

Clearing followed the rainy Good Friday and Sunday, Easter Day, was clear but cold.

D. G. Bell, Carteret's legislator, expressed confidence yesterday that the state's request for \$600,000 to stabilize the outer banks will go through.

Appearing before the joint appropriations committee last Tuesday and making a plea for funds to preserve the rapidly-disappearing banks were Sen. Lindsay Warren, Beaufort County, Maj. J. L. Murphy, president of the Seashore Highway Association, Carl Goerch, Raleigh author, and other representatives of the coastal area.

Mr. Bell spent last weekend in Raleigh preparing charts and maps to show to the committee at the hearing.

The bill providing for \$200,000 for a survey of the banks and \$400,000 for purchase of the worst-eroded areas has been re-drafted several times, Mr. Bell said.

He added that there is a clause in the bill which will give present owners first opportunity to buy the restored area back, should the state wish to get rid of it in the future. Mr. Bell said too that it will not be necessary for any of the Portsmouth residents to leave their homes.

Relative to new stirrings in introduction of a statewide race track bill, with local option, Mr. Bell said that he would introduce such a bill only upon request.

He said that he introduced a bill at the last session of the legislature after receiving petitions and requests from Morehead City businessmen. It has been reported that Rep. Norwood Ansell of Currituck, site of a defunct dog track as is Carteret, plans to introduce a race track bill.

Carteret's legislator said he plans to introduce several Carteret County bills this week, bills that have been requested by county commissioners.

He returned to Raleigh yesterday afternoon.

Suffers Back Injury

Moses Howard, chairman of the board of county commissioners, suffered a back injury several weeks ago and has been confined to his home. Mr. Howard wrenched his back when he leaped a ditch while on a trip to take a wreck back to his garage at Newport.

Car-Passenger Ferry Will Start Service Labor Day

The car-passenger ferry to operate between Sea Level, Atlantic Beach, and Ocracoke is scheduled to start service on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, 1959.

The announcement came this

finder reports

S. K. Hedgecock, Atlantic Beach, found Mrs. J. V. Waters' purse.

Mr. Hedgecock, owner and manager of the Frontier Village Motel, said he found the purse lying on one of the writing desks in the First-Citizens Bank, Morehead City, Friday a week ago.

He took it to one of the tellers without bothering to look in it. The teller found, from identification in the purse, that it belonged to Mrs. Waters.

She thought she had lost it on the street and would never see it or the \$74 in it again. Because the bank folks didn't get Mr. Hedgecock's name they couldn't tell Mrs. Waters who found her purse.

After a story about it in last Tuesday's NEWS-TIMES, Mr. Hedgecock phoned the newspaper office and solved the mystery.

week from the Coast Engineering Co., Norfolk, naval architects, Wiley Manufacturing Co., Port Deposit, Md., was successful bidder on the contract for building the ferry. Cost of construction was not revealed, but Harry W. Keeling Jr., president of Coast Engineering, said there were 11 bids submitted, "ranging from the low bid to a high bid of \$528,030."

Bids were opened March 16 in Norfolk, Va. None was received from North Carolina shipyards, Mr. Keeling commented.

Describing the ferry, he said, "This modern and well equipped vessel was designed by the Coast Engineering Company, of Norfolk, Va., Naval architects and marine engineers. The ship's hull model was tested in the Experimental Towing Basin of Stevens Institute at Hoboken, N. J., for horsepower requirements, speed in shoal waters and wave making characteristics."

"The hull is of the hydroconic, tunnel stern type, ideal for operating in shallow waters, and modified to give unusual ability in rough and deep waters also."

"The vessel is to be fully equipped with all modern safety and navigational aids, including radar and depth finders. All construction will be to Coast Guard regulations and requirements."

"Featured will be spacious passenger cabins, a snack bar and exterior promenade decks. Seats

will be upholstered of the type used in intercity busses. The cabins are well heated and ventilated for summer and winter comfort, with large window areas for viewing the scenic beauty of the area."

The ferry will carry 19 autos and trucks and 300 passengers. Dimensions are as follows: 130 feet 8 inches overall length, 38 feet breadth (over deck), 9 feet 8 inches depth (molded), 900 horsepower (two 450 HP engines) and speed, 12-14 knots (deep water).

Mr. Keeling said the highest grade machinery and equipment will be used throughout the vessel.

Delivery is expected on or before Sept. 1, 1959. The ferry is being built by Dan, William, Alfred and Leslie Taylor, brothers who were born at Sea Level. The ferry has not yet been named.

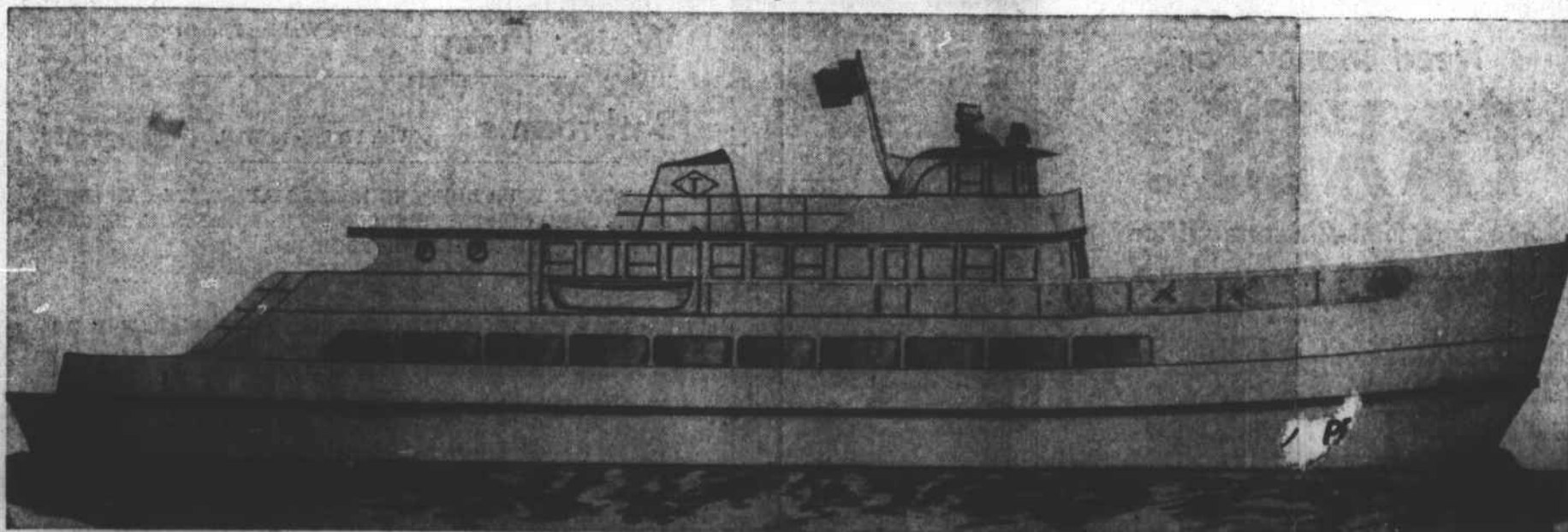
The Taylors will operate the ferry but have stated that the state can assume operation in the future, should it wish to do so.

The ferry will make possible a continuous trip along the outer banks by automobile, from Dare County, south to Carteret and thence on the mainland to Wilmington.

Four Attend Dinner

A. H. James, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, Mrs. James, and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Rabon, all of Morehead City, attended the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner at Raleigh Saturday. They returned home Sunday.

Ferry to Ply Core Sound



This is an architect's drawing of the car-passenger ferry which will carry vehicles and passengers between the Carteret mainland (Atlantic and Sea Level) and Ocracoke on the outer banks.

R. E. Ikner Appeals After Getting Sentence

● Judge Morris Sets Bond at \$500

● Speeders Pay Court Costs Thursday

Robert Earl Ikner was given one year in jail and assigned to work on the roads by Judge L. R. Morris in county court Thursday after being found guilty of failing to comply with terms of a suspended sentence of Jan. 30, 1958.

The charges arose after it was brought out that the defendant had failed to furnish money for the support of his children which the previous court judgment bound him to do.

The defendant entered an appeal to the verdict and his case was bound over to the next term of superior court. Bond was set at \$500.

The court suspended judgment on payment of court costs for the following speeders: Paul Mason Parsell, William Aubrey Norris, Mark B. Tordoff, John Duffy Sanderson, Gladys Evelyn Wood, William Lawrence Pelletier.

William H. Farrier, Jesse W. Powell, Ivey A. Tillman, Roland S. Lewis, Alston B. Lamm Jr., James Joseph Shields, Dennis Clifton Lawrence and Jephtha James Long.

Speeders who were ordered to pay \$5 and court costs included Charles Frederick Lundy, Richard H. Smith, Eugene Allen Thorn Jr., and Samuel Clayton Garner.

Also found guilty of speeding and paying \$10 and court costs were Clifton Ward Gurganus, Jack Dempsey Cook, Thomas J. Brion and Willis Ellisha Perry.

Other traffic violators were Avery Taylor, whose judgment was suspended on payment of court costs after he was found guilty of having an expired driver's license and no reflector on his truck; Charles Terrance Moore, who was charged with speeding, judgment suspended on payment of \$15 and costs.

Ray Douglas Whitehurst was charged with failing to yield the right-of-way, resulting in an accident and was ordered by the court to pay costs.

Roscoe Maxwell Conway was charged with drunken driving and found guilty of careless and reckless driving. Judge Morris sentenced him to three months in jail, assigned to the roads. This sentence was suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs.

Four people who were called

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Four Islanders Hurt in Wreck

Four Harkers Island residents, injured in an accident at Otway at 8 p.m. Saturday, were still confined to the Morehead City Hospital yesterday. They are William Clifton Rose, Gene Autry Willis, Nancy Gillikin, and Belma Gillikin.

Highway patrolman J. W. Sykes said that Rose, driving a 1953 Ford, ran into the rear of a parked 1949 Ford stake body truck. With Rose were the other three who were hurt.

Charles Sterling Hancock, route 1 Beaufort, driver of the truck, was uninjured. Hancock told the patrolman that he had a rider with him. They had an argument and he had stopped to put his passenger out.

His truck was headed east, as was the Rose car. Hancock pulled partly off the north side of the highway near the Otway grocery. Rose and his passengers said that the truck had no tail lights. The right front of the Rose car ran up under the truck.

Charges against Hancock are pending. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$150. Patrolman Sykes said the Ford is not worth repairing.