

## Capacity Audiences Acclaim 'Sweetheart' Tremendous Hit

(Editor's Note: The following comment on Bonnie Blue Sweetheart, historical drama presented in the Morehead City school auditorium Friday and Saturday nights, was written by Elinore Cowan Stone, Morehead City, author and member of the Carteret Community Theatre. Mrs. Stone wrote the review upon request. The second comment which appears, written by Corinna Gant, Atlantic Beach, was brought into the newspaper office voluntarily yesterday morning.)

I do not pretend to be a dramatic critic. Anyway, I feel that audience appeal is often more significant of the real value of a play than the verdict of some Broadway wise boy.

Certainly Bonnie Blue Sweetheart, the historical pageant written by Miss Ruth Peeling and produced by our Community Theatre, seemed to have had audience appeal far exceeding that of some old theatrical successes which our club had tried at earlier performances. And this is not entirely because the subject of the play is of local interest—like the Lost Colony, for instance.

The story, of course, is based on the life of a beautiful—and very smart—Confederate spy, one Emeline Pigott, who lived in our county during the "War between the States." However, the script gives evidence not only of Miss Peeling's explorations into the Carteret County library, but also of her really creative imagination. So far as I know, the whole plan of the pageant is unique.

The formal division into three acts was unnecessary, for one followed through the nineteen individual episodes exactly as through the succeeding chapters of a book, with the humorous narrative of Miss Lillian Giddens, as Emeline Pigott aged 74, to give continuity during the brief curtains. The performance was well directed, and very cleverly stage managed.

There were really two stages: the one upon which the events of Emeline's life unfolded visually; and the small picketed off-stage enclosure in which the elderly Emeline chatted with three small children.

With amazing versatility, a few carefully chosen pieces of period furniture, a house front, some white picket fencing, some drops, and a few pine trees created, in rapid succession, the illusion of a living room, a street scene, the woods near Harlowe, an attic, a provost marshal's office, a prison at New Bern, and the rest of the nineteen settings.

The costuming was attractive; amazingly, even most of the uniforms seemed to fit. And how those boys could sing!

Out of forty actors—many of them excellent—I am sure I shall rouse no professional jealousy if I single out just one for my Oscar. The young gentleman who played

George (John Fussell), who never missed a trick, and whose voice could be heard all over the auditorium.

The interest in our Bonnie Blue Sweetheart is such that many with whom I have talked feel that the pageant should be adopted as a yearly event during our summer tourist season.

Those of us from Atlantic Beach who were privileged to see Bonnie Blue Sweetheart, put on by the Carteret Community Theatre group last Friday and Saturday nights, were delighted with the splendid portrayal of this historical drama. In this play the gifted author, Ruth Peeling, has taken us back into another age, and has given us a vivid insight into the turbulent times when brave men and women suffered and died for their principles.

Real talent combined with the hard work of many people made this an excellent production. The continuity of this play, together with the charming costumes, attractive settings and expert direction, showed good management. Especial mention should be made of the three gifted actresses who portrayed the life of Emeline Pigott.

The success of this production, which gave so much pleasure to visitors and townspeople alike, could well be an inspiration to make this an annual event.

Corinna Gant



Tressa Vickers  
... production manager



Hortense Boomer  
... assistant director

## Firemen Protect Homes Thursday

Morehead City firemen protected homes on the Crab Point Road and at the north end of Yaupon Terrace Thursday night at 9 o'clock when flames from a wheat field roared dangerously close to the houses.

Firemen said they were called by an unidentified woman on Emeline Place who said she thought a house was burning.

The wheat on the field had been harvested. The stubble was being burned by J. T. Oglesby, owner of the farm.

E. M. Foreman, county forest ranger, said yesterday that he went to Crab Point Friday where another wheat field had been set afire.

The forest ranger put out a fire at Harkers Island Sunday, across from Harkers Lodge. About an acre and a half of cut-over land burned.

Mr. Foreman said it would be well for persons to refrain from burning, since there has been no rain for almost two weeks.

## Letter to the Rev. Virgil Moore

The Rev. J. Furman Herbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, in the following letter to the Rev. Virgil Moore, makes a plea to Mr. Moore to return home.

Mr. Moore, pastor of the Camp Glenn Methodist Church, left Morehead City June 4 and has not been seen since. Mr. Herbert, with approval of the bishop and his district superintendent, as well as sheriff Hugh Salter, has written the letter and asks that anyone knowing of his whereabouts please see that Mr. Moore reads the letter and assist the missing minister in any way to contact his family or Mr. Herbert.

about you, especially your family and your close friends all of whom are devoted to you, and greatly worried about you. Your wife is staying at the home of her sister in Havelock.

I visited her this week. She asked me to write a letter to you, putting it in the papers in the hope that you will read it. Her own message to you is "Beloved life is not worth living for me without you."

We believe you are ill, Virgil, or you would not let your wife and family suffer this way. Surely you will contact them quickly. I have talked with Long Distance with our Bishop and with our District Superintendent. I speak in all sincerity when I say that we believe you have done nothing whatsoever to cause you to be distracted in this way.

The officials of the Conference

## Two Officers Will Patrol Waterfront

Ted Garner, Morehead City police commissioner, announces that two men have been assigned specific patrol duty to keep check on dumping of fish on the Morehead City waterfront.

"We have warned party boatmen and others along the waterfront not to throw fish or other refuse overboard, but it seems to do no good," the police commissioner said. "Now we're really going to crack down and enforce the ordinance prohibiting dumping of such trash."

Commissioner Garner said that the practice of throwing fish carcasses and trash overboard is unhealthful as well as unsightly and nauseating.

## Army Issues Stern Warning to Boats Blocking Channel

Wilmington—Fishermen who anchor their boats in the Atlantic intracoastal waterway are advised that it is a violation of the law and the practice could result in serious consequences.

The warning comes from the Corps of Engineers' district office following a complaint by a commercial carrier who said that the practice "is worse this year than ever before."

Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., district engineer, said violations of the law concerning both anchoring and speeding, too, had resulted in damage to life and property.

He pointed out that tugs with barges are big and cumbersome and can't be stopped and maneuvered like small boats. Regardless of how careful pilots are, he continued, anchoring in the waterway and speeding in the channel develops unavoidable situations which otherwise could be prevented.

The practice, according to the complaint, appears to be most prevalent between Morehead City and Charleston, S. C.

Colonel Rowland said the law is very specific and pointed out applicable excerpts: "No boat, regardless of size, shall anchor in a dredged channel or narrow portion of the waterway for the purpose of fishing if navigation is obstructed thereby."

"Vessels shall proceed at a speed which will not endanger other vessels or structures, and will not interfere with any work in progress incident to maintaining, improving, surveying or marking the channels."

This regulation applies when meeting and overtaking other vessels and when passing through drawbridges.

## Otway Mosquito Spray Rig to be Ready Soon

Vannie Willis of the Otway Community Club announces that the car for spraying mosquitoes will be ready by the end of this week.

Mr. Willis said a 1950 Nash, now converted into a spray rig, was donated to the community by Paul Motor Co., Beaufort.

The community club will meet at 7:30 tonight at the Otway Christian Church. All residents of Otway are earnestly requested to attend.

## Patrolman Returns

W. J. Smith Jr., state highway patrolman, Beaufort, has been returned to Morehead City Hospital where he is recovering from an operation on his back which took place at Duke Hospital. Patrolman Smith is expected to be discharged in about a week.

## Albert Gainey Will Succeed B. E. Tarkington

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of Carteret County Schools, announced Monday that Albert R. Gainey had been appointed to fill the vacancy at Beaufort High School as principal.

He succeeds Bruce E. Tarkington, who has been principal at Beaufort for the past seven years. Mr. Tarkington resigned in May to accept a principalship in Forsyth County.

A native of Wayne County, Mr. Gainey received his AB degree from Atlantic Christian College in 1943, ME degree from University of North Carolina in 1953.

He has served for the past three years as principal of the North Edgecombe High School in Edgecombe County. Previous to this, he served as principal of the Willow Springs Elementary School for five years.

Mr. Gainey is a veteran of 31 months service in the infantry during World War II, 20 months in Europe with the 9th Infantry Division.

Mr. Gainey, Mrs. Gainey, who is the former Mrs. Nellie H. Peck of Seven Springs, and their three children, Bill 11, David 10, and Cindy 7, expect to move to Beaufort the first of August. The Gaineys are members of the Methodist Church.

The new principal was born and reared near Goldsboro.

## Accident Victim Leaves Hospital

Mrs. Guy Hamilton, New Bern, who was injured in an auto accident at the North River bridge last Monday afternoon, was discharged from the Morehead City Hospital yesterday.

Also injured in the accident was her 11-year-old nephew, Dodd Hamilton, who was given emergency treatment at the hospital.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, said Mrs. Hamilton, with her two young nephews, was headed west on highway 70, when her car failed to make the curve at the bridge. The car kept going straight off the road, through a marsh and ended just at short distance from a telephone pole.

The right front end was torn up. The patrolman said Mrs. Hamilton was unable to explain how the accident happened. He said she couldn't remember leaving home that morning.

Mrs. Hamilton was driving her husband's car, a 1955 Imperial Chrysler.

False Alarm  
Morehead City firemen answered a false alarm at 2 a.m. Friday at box 39, located at 29th and Evans Streets.

## Morehead City Eight-Week Summer Recreation Program Opens Yesterday

An eight-week summer program at the Morehead City Recreation Center started yesterday. Approximately 320 children were on hand for the first day's activities, according to the director, Fred Lewis.

The morning program is set up for youngsters in the 5, 6 and 7-year old age groups and will provide them with instruction as well as recreation. The afternoon program will be for children 9 years old and up.

In charge of the Children's Story Hour, beginning at 9 every morning, is Miss Jackie Taylor. Helping with the morning and afternoon programs will be Mrs. Mamie Taylor and director Lewis.

Ralph Wade, band director at Morehead City high school, will hold group instructions in music for the youngsters in the morning. These lessons will be for beginning students. Mr. Wade will take them in groups, according to the instruments they play.

The high school senior band will also hold rehearsals throughout the summer, meeting with Mr. Wade on Wednesday evenings. It is hoped that the band will be able to stage one or two summer concerts this year, according to Mr. Wade.

Besides the story periods provided for the youngsters, there will be both indoor and outdoor games they can participate in throughout the day. Indoor games will include ping pong, shuffleboard, table games and puzzles. Outside the children will enjoy tennis, horse-shoes, badminton, softball and croquet.

Mr. Lewis reports that the snack bar at the center will be open for both the morning and afternoon sessions. The morning periods will start at 9 and run until noon and the afternoon period will be from 2 until 4.

Starting June 22, Miss Suzanne Beck of Morehead City high school

## Joseph Rose Escapes Death When Car Goes Off Pier

Joseph Rose, 29, of Harkers Island, narrowly escaped death at 1:30 yesterday morning when the 1959 Chevrolet he was driving plunged off a pier at Morehead City state port near the Trumbull plant.

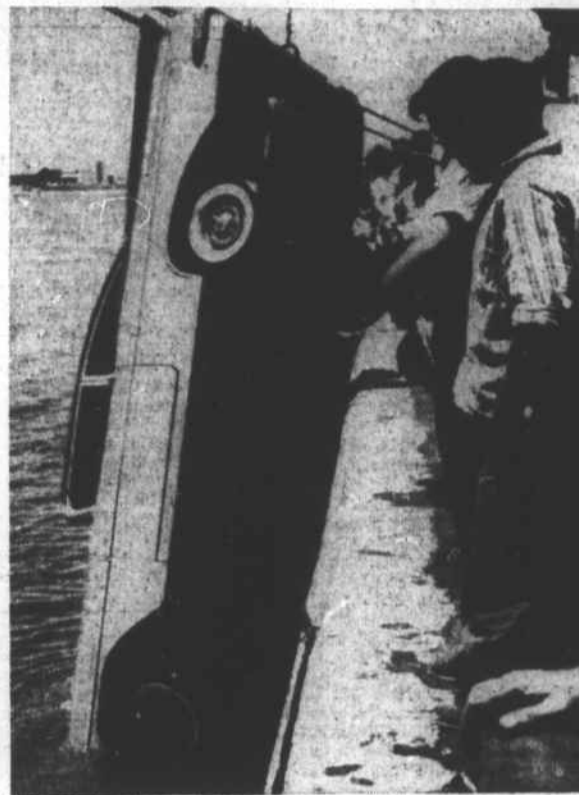
Rose, who was alone in the car at the time, escaped from an open window after the car had settled on the bottom. He was able to swim ashore before collapsing on the pier where he was found in a semi-conscious state at approximately 1:45 by night watchman Tommy Willis.

Willis took Rose to the Army Engineer hopper dredge, Gerig, where Rose is employed as a mess steward. Willis notified the Morehead City police department. Police officers determined that Rose had been drinking prior to the mishap.

Capt. C. E. Bunch of the Morehead City police notified the Coast Guard station at Fort Macon and a boat and grappling equipment was dispatched to search for the sunken vehicle. The Coast Guard arrived at the pier at approximately 5:15 a.m. and after several hours of probing had failed to locate the car.

Paul Norman, body shop foreman at Parker Motors, arrived on the scene about 10 a.m. and after donning diving equipment, located the car on his second dive. He secured a cable around the car. The Parker Motors wrecker and the power wagon from the Coast Guard then pulled the car to the surface and a shipyard crane hoisted it out of the water.

Rose has been charged with careless and reckless driving, pending further investigation, according to police reports.



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Up from the depths comes the 1959 Chevrolet belonging to Joseph Rose of Harkers Island. A large crowd of onlookers was on hand to watch the car being pulled up. It was a total loss.



Joseph Rose, second from left, of Harkers Island, talks with Coast Guardsman Earl Sells yesterday, while workmen attempt to salvage Rose's car from the harbor bottom. Rose escaped drowning early yesterday morning when he was able to get out of the car through an open window after driving it off the end of the pier at the port terminal. He said he thought he was driving it into the parking lot at the port.

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Paul Norman of Morehead City adjusts his diving equipment as he prepares to enter the water and search for the car that plunged off the end of a pier. Norman located the car on his second dive.

Robert D. Rouse Jr., solicitor, said he expected court to end by the middle of the week.

Serving on the grand jury are Thomas H. Russell, foreman; Paul E. Jones, Lloyd O. Crowe, Leo Haskins, Mrs. Robert E. Laughon, Miss Amy Muse.

Ralph L. Baker, David M. Lindsay, Charles W. Merrill, David B. Webb, Cecil N. Adams, W. Vance Fulford.

Gordon E. Freeman, Dr. T. R. Rice, Claud H. Guthrie, W. H. Oglesby, George Green and Wade Neal.

## UNC Fisheries Institute Gets \$21,400 Grant

● National Science Fund To Finance Research

● Dr. Earl Deubler Will Direct Flounder Study

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the University of North Carolina Institute of Fisheries Research at Morehead City has announced that the university at Chapel Hill has received official notification that a research grant of \$21,400 has been awarded by the National Science Foundation to support a program of basic research on the biology and ecology of the southern large flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) and related species in North Carolina.

The research will be conducted at the Institute of Fisheries Research under the direction of Dr. Earl E. Deubler Jr.

Dr. Chestnut points out that although flounders of the genus Paralichthys constitute a valuable commercial and recreational resource to the people of North Carolina, very little is known concerning the natural history of the species.

With the aid of the newly-awarded funds from the National Science Foundation, the institute will be able to expand its continuing program of research on flounders by providing for equipment, additional personnel, and offshore specimens necessary to the successful completion of the project, the director commented.

Data will be compiled concerning age and growth, reproduction, embryological development, and distribution relative to environmental factors, such as salinity, temperature, oxygen, and bottom types.

A study of geographical variation throughout the range of the southern large flounder is anticipated, to determine whether different stocks exist along the coastal United States from North Carolina to Texas.

In addition to the major objectives of the proposal, the research grant allows for the collection of distributional data concerning marine and brackish-water fishes in North Carolina, and for the training of graduate students in the field of ichthyology and fishery biology.

## Intersection Continues to Be Accident Site

The Morehead City intersection of 24th and Arendell, despite new traffic signals, continues to be a plague to motorists. Two accidents happened there over the weekend.

The first accident occurred at 2:55 Sunday afternoon and involved a car and a boat trailer. Jerry Lee Garner of Morehead City was driving a 1953 Ford panel truck east on Arendell, pulling a boat and trailer behind him.

He stopped suddenly when the line of traffic in front of him stopped, and he was struck from the rear by Roper Van Horn. Van Horn was driving a 1956 Chevrolet and told police officers that he was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting Garner. Damage was minor to both vehicles.

There were no charges filed against either driver. Sgt. Bill Condie investigated.

The second accident happened an hour later and involved a Newport man and a driver from Washington, N. C.

According to police reports, Ernest Robinson of Washington was traveling east on Arendell and made a left turn at 24th Street. Upon going through the intersection, his car was struck in the side by a vehicle being driven by Glenwood Windberry of Newport. Windberry was traveling west on Arendell.

Sergeant Condie, who investigated, said that both drivers had green lights but Robinson was charged with failing to yield the right of way.

Damage received by the Windberry car was estimated to be \$255 while \$200 was the figure set for Robinson's car.

## Service Station Entered; \$10 Taken from Register

Ten dollars was stolen from the cash register in the Texaco Service station just east of Bud Dixon's Motel on Arendell Street, Morehead City, sometime after 11:15 p.m. Friday.

The theft was discovered by Marion T. Noe, station operator, at 8:15 Saturday morning. Sgt. Bill Condie, who investigated, said entry was gained by breaking a pane of glass in a northeast window. Then the window was unlocked.

Nothing but the cash was missing.

Dear Virgil...  
You must try to realize how very much disturbed your friends are