

Youth to Serve Prison Term For Stealing

- Laborer to Serve 16-20 Years for Murder
- Superior Court Term Ends Late Tuesday

Thomas C. Howard, Negro youth of Morehead City, was convicted in superior court this week of stealing \$150 from the Morehead City drug store in March.

Judge Henry Stevens sentenced him to one to two years in prison. The judge ordered that money Howard had taken from the store and put in a savings account be returned to the store owners. He also suggested that Howard be given a physical examination before being assigned heavy work, due to his enlarged heart.

Willie Gant, migrant laborer, pleaded guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to 16 to 20 years. Gant was charged with the murder of Pearl Pipkin, migrant worker, whose throat he slit May 31 on a farm at Otway.

Gant also pleaded guilty to assault on another migrant worker. His sentence on that count was two to three years, to run concurrently with the other term. Thomas S. Bennett was appointed counsel for the defense and received remuneration of \$100 from the state.

Eddie Lee Collins, charged with possessing non-taxpaid whiskey, was given a two-year sentence, suspended on condition that he pay \$85 fine and costs of court. He was put on five years' probation.

The state decided not to press charges in numerous cases which have been hanging on the docket for months. Not prosecuted were the following: Bernard C. Willis, violation of motor laws \$50 bond forfeited; Tampa Green, assault.

William Henry Jones, driving drunk (\$20 bond posted by James and Minnie Forbes forfeited); Tommy Council Jones, driving drunk (\$150 bond posted by Tri-County Bonding Co. forfeited).

William J. Carter, speeding, (\$200 bond posted by Tri-County Bonding Co., forfeited); Sydney E. Perigoue, speeding (\$50 bond forfeited); Isabel Casey, possession and sale of non-taxpaid whiskey (\$100 bond posted by John Tillery forfeited).

Carol Clark Deal, driving drunk (\$200 bond posted by Atlantic Bonding Co. forfeited); Samuel Coe, non-support; William Bell, disposing of mortgaged property; Ellis T. Boone, driving drunk.

Cases left open for future prosecution if the state so desires: Cecil Guthrie, peeping; Arthur Days, perjury; Carl Locklear and Linwood Mears, breaking and entering and larceny; Murphy Dize, assault.

Willie Moore Barkley pleaded guilty to making a false statement in order to obtain a driver's license. He was given a six-month sentence, suspended on condition that he stay on good behavior two years, not drive in this state for 60 days and pay court costs by Sept. 15, 1959.

Alan T. Leary pleaded guilty to speeding 70 miles an hour and paid \$25 and costs. Remanded to recorder's court was the case of Jim D. Guthrie, charged with violation of game laws.

Continued were the following cases: Roderick Moore, assault; Ralph Chadwick, allowing cattle to run at large; Robert E. Ikner, failing to comply with court order in non-support case; Charlie Melvin Smith, driving drunk.

Otis N. Fulford, driving drunk; Donald R. Hume, speeding; Eugene Hesse, two counts of public drunkenness, and Carlton Pittman, forgery.

Court adjourned late Tuesday, ending one of the shortest court terms in recent months.

Three Cases Tried In Court Monday

Brief court proceedings saw only three cases tried Monday in Morehead City recorder's court.

Nelson Quinn of New Bern was charged with speeding. He forfeited bond when he was called and failed to appear.

The court decided not to prosecute R. B. Jennings Jr., Burlington, charged with having no operator's license. Jennings presented a valid driver's license to the court which prompted the decision.

Willard Sutton of Pink Hill appeared before Judge Herbert O. Phillips. He was charged with public drunkenness. The court found him guilty and the judge suspended his 30-day jail sentence on payment of court costs and two year's good behavior.

There were two cases continued until next term of court.

Motorists Answer Questions



East-west traffic is stopped on the Beaufort-Morehead causeway in the traffic survey being conducted by the State Highway Commission.

County Ministers Elect W. A. Hales President

Jaycees Start Golf Tournament

The annual miniature golf tournament sponsored by Morehead City Jaycees has gotten under way. L. G. Dunn and Dr. Russell Outlaw have been appointed as captains of the two teams.

The teams play every Monday night at Atlantic Beach. The losing team at the end of the summer provides a party for the winning team.

It was decided at the Monday night Jaycee meeting at the Blue Ribbon that the Jaycees would extend an invitation for a week's vacation here to the winner of the Miss North Carolina contest. The vacation would be the week of July 19.

In connection with the state pageant it was announced that Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Butler Jr. would accompany Miss Morehead City, JoAnn Parson, to Durham as official chaperons.

Jaycees learned at the meeting that their club has placed eighth in the country, among Jaycee organizations, for general efficiency of club projects.

In place of the regular meeting next Monday night Jaycees will enjoy a stag party, according to club secretary Cliff Lynch.

Ponies Will be Penned On Shackleford July 4

Ponies will be penned on Shackleford Banks Saturday, July 4. Boats will leave from Harkers Island for the penning, departing by 8 a.m.

The first penning at Shackleford was held Saturday, June 6. The herd of ponies is estimated to number a hundred.

Court Throws Out Rape Case Against Negro Lad

By LARRY McCOMB

Attorney for the defense, Claude Wheatly, sat calmly through presentation of state evidence in a rape case Tuesday in superior court, Beaufort, occasionally objecting and cross examining witnesses, before dropping a well-planned coup de grace that won a non-suit for his client, 18-year-old William (Power) Dennis, of Bogue.

Wheatly's bombshell came in the form of testimony by G-2 investigator, Harold Collins of Cherry Point, who two weeks ago administered lie detector tests to both the defendant and the prosecuting witness, Dorothy Rogers. Both the girl and Dennis are Negroes.

Collins told the court that results of the tests he gave Miss Rogers indicate she was not telling the truth when she answered yes to the question, "Did this boy rape you?" On the other hand he said that his test on Dennis indicated that the defendant spoke truthfully when he said that he did not rape Miss Rogers.

Miss Rogers of Swansboro was the first witness called by the state. She testified that on Jan. 1, the day of the alleged attack, she was visiting with the Ham family in Bogue. She said that after going to Dennis's house with several of her friends to question him about a key ring she had lost, she and Dennis along with seven other young people went in a car belonging to Dennis's brother to Joe Taylor's store to buy some beer.

After Dennis had bought the beer, she said the group drove to Bogue Field, an airfield used by

Farm Leaders View Progress, Plan Soil Tests

By M. H. OWENS

The Rev. W. A. Hales, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, was elected president of the County Ministers Association at its meeting Monday morning at the civic center, Morehead City.

Other officers for the coming year are the Rev. Ralph Fleming Jr., pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Newport, vice-president; the Rev. John Cox, Morehead City Christian church, secretary; and the Rev. Sam Wichard, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Harkers Island, treasurer.

The Rev. Noah Brown conducted the devotions and the Rev. Samuel Jones Jr., migrant minister, gave a report on his activities since his arrival here.

The Rev. Al Daniel gave the treasurer's report. The ministers' next meeting will be in September.

\$500, Rifle Taken In Burglaries

The sheriff's department was continuing investigation yesterday of a \$500 theft and theft of a rifle.

A pocketbook containing \$500 in cash was stolen from J. W. Young's store, Stella, Sunday afternoon and a French rifle was taken from Tomlinson's typewriter shop, Newport, Tuesday night.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said the pocketbook belonged to Mrs. J. W. Young. Entry to the store was gained by breaking a glass in the back door.

John B. Tomlinson, owner of the rifle, missed it Wednesday morning. Sheriff Salter said the rifle is not a common type. It's a Le Bel 8 mm. carbine.

Entry to Tomlinson's shop was gained by breaking a transom over the back door.

Grayden Paul Speaks to Rotary

Guest speaker at the Tuesday night meeting of the Beaufort Rotary club was Grayden Paul who took Rotarians on an imaginary bus tour of historic homes in Beaufort.

Mr. Paul is a guide on the Woman's Club bus that in the past has made tours of historic places in Beaufort. The main points of interest on his imaginary tour were those homes and buildings which played an important part in the Civil War.

President Bruce Tarkington announced that the Tuesday meeting would be the last meeting he would be able to attend since he and his family are in the process of moving to Winston-Salem where he will take up his new job as principal of the Mineral Springs elementary school. Vice president Stanley Potter will be in charge of the next two meetings.

Three Morehead City men attending the meeting as visitors were George Dill, Fred Lewis and Paul Branch.

Summer will officially arrive at 10:50 p.m. Sunday. This marks the summer solstice, when days and nights are most unequal in length.

He described how they analyze the samples and on what basis they make their fertilizer recommendations.

Dr. W. C. White, extension soil management specialist, said that soil testing was a means to an end—to increase production and the standard of living to Carteret County farmers. He told the council members that the soil testing drive must be well planned and publicized.

The drive is expected to get underway in the late fall. If it is to be successful, the agricultural workers will need the cooperation of every farmer in the county.

The defense asked if he found signs of injury to the girl other than a minor one which the doctor had termed could have been caused by normal intercourse. The doctor said he did not.

Flora and Macy Ham were called to the stand by the state

and ran into some nearby woods. She then testified that Dennis got in the car and backed it about 50 feet from where it was standing, got out and came into the woods and grabbed her. He then took her back to the car, threw her down on the front seat and raped her.

Miss Rogers then sprung one of the biggest leaks in her testimony when she stated that after the attack, Dennis got out of the car and picked up her coat and shoes which were still on the ground beside the car. The defense pounced on this statement and asked how her coat could still be beside the car if Dennis had moved the car some 50 feet after the coat had been dropped beside the car.

The girl said that she rode back to the others in the front seat of the car with Dennis, then the two got in the back seat together for the trip back to the Ham house. After arriving at the Ham house, the girl said that she went into a bedroom and laid down and cried. A few minutes later she told the Hams about the attack.

At this point the state introduced underclothing the girl was wearing on the afternoon of the attack. Tears in the clothing were pointed out to the jury as well as blood which the girl said was from bleeding brought on by the attack.

Judge Henry Stevens then recessed court until 2:30 p.m. The first witness called by the state after lunch was Dr. Harry Sherrill of Swansboro. Dr. Sherrill testified that he examined the girl on the evening of Jan. 1. She came to his office and reported that she had been raped. Dr. Sherrill stated that he did a pelvic examination.

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State to Continue Traffic Survey 'til Sunday Midnight

C. L. Beam to Register Draftees June 23-July 27

The local draft board office, Beaufort, will be closed from June 23 to July 27, 1959. During that period, registration of males reaching 18 years of age and discharged servicemen will be taken care of by C. L. Beam, veterans' service officer, courthouse annex, Beaufort. His office will be open daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Selective Service Act requires that every male register within five days after becoming 18 years of age. Failure to comply with this regulation could result in the registrant being declared delinquent and thereby subject to regulations regarding delinquency.

It is very necessary that all young men heed this requirement and register promptly with the nearest local draft board, announces Mrs. Ruby Holland, clerk to the county draft board.

There will be no induction or preinduction calls during July. Any registrant wishing to submit additional information regarding his classification is asked to put this in writing, addressed to Local Board 16, Courthouse Annex, Beaufort.

The speech clinic, sponsored by the Carteret County Society for Crippled Children at the recreation building, Morehead City, closes today. Director Fred Lewis says that the two-week clinic has been one of the most successful ever sponsored for children of this county.

The clinic, where children with speech defects are taught phonetics and logopedics, had its start eight years ago with nine students and two teachers. This year the clinic had a total of 45 students and a teaching staff of seven.

Besides Mr. Lewis, other teachers at the clinic were Mrs. Lucille Smith, Mrs. Ben Arrington, Mrs. Sarah Willis, Mrs. Sammy Williams, Mrs. Ramey Davis and Ralph Wade.

According to Mr. Lewis, children in the clinic this year come from Newport, Camp Glenn, Morehead City, Beaufort, and Beaufort RFD.

Classes start at 9 in the morning and run until 11:30. A brief recreation period is held at 10:15 when the children are served milk.

With the closing of the clinic today, Mr. Lewis urges that all parents attend the parent session at 11:30 a.m. Here parents will be advised by the teachers as to what follow-up exercises they can provide for the children that will help to improve their speech.

"This is one of the most important steps in speech correction of any kind", says Mr. Lewis, "because our time here with the children is so short that it is almost impossible to completely correct a speech defect that a child has had all of its life. But a sincere effort on the part of the parents in carrying out the teacher's instructions will constantly help the child to improve."

Accountants Elect Officers

A Charlotte man, William G. Allen, was elected president Wednesday of the North Carolina Society of Accountants at their convention at the Morehead Biltmore.

The organization composed of non-certified accountants in the state is holding its 12th annual convention. The meeting opened Monday and closed yesterday.

Other officers elected included Ralph Parsons of Greensboro, first vice-president; William G. Teets of Winston-Salem, second vice-president; Robert M. Jones Sr. of Winston-Salem, third vice-president; Hoyle W. Davis of Rockingham, executive secretary; and Richard Turner of Fayetteville, treasurer.

J. C. Harvell of Morehead City was elected to serve on the board of directors for the coming year.

Accountants Convene



Pictured above are the outgoing officers of the North Carolina Society of Accountants which met at the Morehead Biltmore Monday through Thursday of this week. Seated left to right are Claude C. Ward, president; W. G. Allen Jr., first vice-president; Hoyle Davis, third vice-president; William G. Teets, executive secretary and R. B. Turner, treasurer.

Twenty-five thousand vehicles are expected to be tailed up by the time the State Highway Commission ends its week-long survey Sunday midnight on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway.

That is the estimate of James S. Burch, planning engineer for the State Highway Commission.

The survey is being made in conjunction with location plans for the proposed new bridge over Newport River at Morehead City. It started Monday midnight. Thirty men are interviewing drivers and tallying data. They are taking a 48-hour recess through today.

The report on the survey is expected to be made late this summer, Mr. Burch said. In addition to the interviews, counting machines are in operation at either end of the bridge and will be there through July 4.

Mr. Burch said the survey is a routine technique with the highway commission where a diagnosis of traffic is necessary. He said the State Highway Commission's only interest is to accommodate traffic. In this instance, however, Mr. Burch commented, the State Ports Authority and the Corps of Army Engineers also have an interest.

The SPA is interested because bridge location has bearing on expansion of the state port at Morehead City and the Army engineers are involved because the present bridge spans the inland waterway.

The highway commission is interested in learning the origin and destination of trips comprising the traffic stream across the bridge.

The area from Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune east to Atlantic has been divided into 20 zones. Morehead City itself is divided into six areas, Beaufort into three, for the purpose of statistically compiling the data.

Motorists are asked where they are coming from. The answer desired is the last NECESSARY stop made by the motorist. For instance, if the driver is coming from Raleigh, his home, and stopped for gas at Jacksonville, the answer desired is Raleigh, not Jacksonville. Mr. Burch explains, because you can get gas almost any place.

The last necessary stop is interpreted as that stop which could not have been made any other place.

The next question is "Where are you going?" The highway commission wants to know the general purpose of the trip — business or pleasure. Mr. Burch says some motorists wonder why they get stopped every time they use the causeway.

Every trip, he explains, is another use of the bridge. He adds that no license numbers or names are taken and the surveyors have no idea whether they have stopped the car before. For their purpose, they are not required to know that.

The present survey is the second stage of a general traffic study. The first stage was a survey in late March and early April during a normal traffic season. The present survey is necessary to get information on traffic flow during the busier summer season.

Grand Jury Finds Five True Bills This Week

The grand jury this week returned five true bills and found no grounds for one bill of indictment.

True bills were found against Arthur Days, perjury; Willie Gant, murder; Eddie Lee Collins, violation of the prohibition laws; Thomas C. Howard, larceny; and Otis N. Fulford, drunk driving.

Not a true bill was returned in the case of D. J. Hall, charged with occupying a hotel room for immoral purposes.

Beaufort Jaycees Plan Candy Sale

Beaufort Jaycees Monday night decided to cancel their plans to sponsor a sale of first aid kits. Instead, they discussed the possibilities of selling of peanut brittle to raise money.

A motion to purchase the candy was amended to allow the chairman of the money-making committee, Henry Eubanks, to order the candy if the motion met with his approval.

Guest speaker for the night was district vice-president John Hood of Kinston who spoke to the Jaycees on some of their past projects.

Beauty pageant chairman Jesse Taylor gave a report on the Miss Beaufort contest and announced that included in the \$150 traveling expenses to send Miss Beaufort to the state pageant would be \$40 to pay expenses of an escort.

John Young, chairman of the membership drive, was instructed to have letters of invitation printed to be sent to prospective members.

It was also announced that the members were to meet at the Scout hall Thursday to finish painting the interior of the building.

Grass Fire

The Beaufort fire department answered a fire alarm Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 when a grass fire was discovered near the airport, West Beaufort. The blaze was quickly extinguished by firemen. No property was damaged.