

Fishing Boat Rescues Couple Who Spent 20 Hours Afloat

An Asheville couple, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McKenzie, who spent approximately 20 hours in the waters of Onslow Bay after their outboard motor boat sank last Thursday were released yesterday in good condition from the Morehead City hospital.

The accident occurred at approximately 10 a. m. Thursday. The boat in which Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie and her brothers, Julian and George Murphy, all of Greensboro were fishing struck an object in the water near Cape Lookout and sank.

When it became apparent that bailing operations were going to be of no avail, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie donned life jackets and prepared to ditch the boat while her brothers stayed with the craft. Strong currents immediately carried the couple away from the boat, out of sight of Julian and George Murphy, who eventually had to ditch the boat also.

Julian and George, who were able to cling to the overturned boat, were picked up around six p. m. Thursday night by the headboat Carolina Queen, which was returning to port. The two were in good condition even though they had been in the water for some eight hours.

Immediately after the rescue of the Murphy brothers, an intensive air and sea search got under way to locate Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie. Planes and flare-dropping helicopters from Cherry Point aided Coast Guard and civilian boats in the hunt. The couple was finally rescued Friday morning around five-thirty when they were spotted by Capt. D. B. Willis of the Dolphin V, two and a half miles southeast of the sea buoy.

The couple was near exhaustion after fighting currents to stay together for some 20 hours.

When interviewed in her hospital bed Friday morning Mrs. McKenzie said, "I never gave up hope and neither did my husband. We felt certain if we could last through the night we would eventually be found."

Asked what were some of her thoughts while she was in the water, Mrs. McKenzie replied that her first thought was "that the things I had worried-and-fretted so much about lately all at once didn't seem so important. My second thought was that I would never see my child and grandchildren again." The McKenzies have one son, Bieman, who also lives in Asheville, and two granddaughters.

Mrs. McKenzie said that she and her husband, who remained together by clinging to an inflated pillow, could hear the planes overhead looking for them and could see the flares that were being dropped.

"Some of the flares came real close to us and illuminated the water around us but by the time the plane would come in after the flare was dropped it would be almost burnt out and the planes would be unable to see us," said Mrs. McKenzie.

Mrs. McKenzie reported that she wasn't bothered by the coldness of the water so much as her husband was. "It seemed like the water would run in hot and cold currents and after a few hours it didn't bother me anymore."

Asked what she and her husband talked about while they were in the water, Mrs. McKenzie replied, "We prayed constantly."

Planes, Boats Move As Storm Nears

Cherry Point began yesterday afternoon to fly its planes to inland bases, in preparation for the arrival of hurricane Gracie, should she decide to visit Carteret.

Capt. Edward Schultze said yesterday that transports, prop-driven Skyraiders and some jets, for which there is no hangar space, were being evacuated. Everything else was being tied down, said the captain.

Cherry Point personnel were on hurricane condition three at last report and planes were hurricane evacuation plan two.

Meanwhile in Morehead City, Bob Simpson reported that boat owners at the Yacht Basin have begun precautionary measures to move their boats to better protected areas in anticipation of the hurricane.

Capt. Otis Purifoy reports that all boats in his Dolphin fleet were out fishing yesterday after a week-end of good catches. Purifoy added that no evacuation measures would be taken by his boats until the hurricane became more of a threat than it was yesterday afternoon.

Office Gets Paint Job

The office of the town clerk, Beaufort, is getting a new paint job. Clerk Ronald Earl Mason says they hope to be finished this week. Charles Hudgins is doing the painting, in a soft green trimmed with white.



Photo by Bob Simpson

George Murphy, left, and his brother, Julian, display the life jackets that were credited with saving the lives of the two men Thursday after a boating mishap off Cape Lookout. The pair were rescued after spending eight hours in the water. Their sister, Mrs. D. B. McKenzie, and her husband were rescued some 20 hours after their boat sank. The four are from Asheville.

Adults to Plan Recreation Program Wednesday Night

All adults in Morehead City are invited to attend a meeting at 7:30 at the recreation building Wednesday night, at which time an adult recreation program will be discussed.

George Jackson, member of the faculty at Morehead City school, has been named supervisor of the program by the local recreation commission. Mr. Jackson said he hoped everyone would attend so a well-rounded recreation program could be established.

According to Mr. Jackson part of the high school band will play Wednesday night and the majorities will be on hand to provide entertainment. There will also be dancing, bridge, pingpong, television and shuffleboard. Snacks will be on sale.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Mr. Jackson, is to fill a recreational need of the adults in Morehead City. "Too many," he said, do not get enough recreation because they have no place to go. Mr. Jackson hopes to correct this situation through the program planned and urges everyone to attend Wednesday's meeting.

Thailand General, Team Inspect Million-Dollar Tobacco Purchase



News-Times Photo by McComb

Members of a Thailand inspecting team, representing the Thailand Tobacco Monopoly of Bangkok, pause during their inspection tour at the state port. Left to right they are Seranie Chinwala, Maj. Gen. Amphorn Chintaganonda, Ken Giatnamit, Uthai Tungklaplin and Deng Sriyong, rear.

One of the largest barter transactions ever made in the tobacco industry was completed at the Morehead City State Port last week when Thailand received 8,000,000 pounds of tobacco from the W. L. Robinson Tobacco Co. of Durham, in exchange for an equal dollar-for-dollar amount of Thailand tin.

In Morehead City to complete the transaction were members of a Thailand inspection team headed by the executive secretary to the prime minister of Thailand, Maj. Gen. Amphorn Chintaganonda. The general and his staff spent the week inspecting the tobacco that will be shipped to Thailand.

Chamber Group OK's Budget for Advertising

The Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce advertising committee approved a budget of \$14,775 at their meeting Tuesday night at the Hotel Fort Macon. The budget will be presented at the chamber of commerce meeting to be approved by the membership.

The chairman of each of the five advertising sub-committees told what plans had been made by their group and presented their budget. A summary of the reports follows:

Public Relations: Jimmy Wallace, chairman, pointed out that we know little about neighboring resort areas and they know little about us. This committee is arranging an interchange of visits and recommends an Outer Banks Day, in which residents of the Outer Banks would spend a day in Carteret.

The committee brought up the need for a permanent float to use in parades, and a permanent exhibit for use at fairs, boat shows and exhibits throughout the state and nation. The committee submitted a budget of \$2,000.

Advertising signs: Chairman John Baker reported that his committee deemed three large outdoor advertising signs an immediate need. He said that ten smaller signs, stressing Go the Coastal Way, should be placed at strategic points. His committee budget totaled \$2,550.

Press coverage and press ads: Vernon Paul, chairman, told how this committee had discussed the advantage of combined resort advertising and how this area can profit from running small ads in conjunction with national advertising done by the state. The budget included newspaper and magazine advertising and national ads and totaled \$2,025.

Radio and television: Grover Munden, chairman, explained the advantage of spot coverage and recommended a budget of \$1,500 to cover local coverage as well as on other stations.

Literature: Bob Simpson, chairman, showed samples of literature used by other resort areas, explaining why wider coverage is imperative.

The budget included funds for brochures, accommodations folders, color folders, and a special leaflet on Fort Macon. The budget total was \$2,700.

It was suggested that the board of directors of the chamber meet with the Fabulous Fishermen to find a workable way of operating the fishing program through the chamber. It was noted that many chamber members give their support to both organizations.

A tentative budget for the operation of the Fabulous Fishermen program, to be controlled by the fishing group, was approved. The budget totaled \$4,000.

James Styron, Two Others Die In Auto Wreck

● Joined Family Last Sunday in Louisiana

● Funeral Arrangements Incomplete Yesterday

James Carl Styron III, 18, of Sea Level was one of three persons killed in an auto accident Saturday night on a road between Lake Charles and Cameron, La. The fourth passenger in the car is also not expected to live, according to reports from relatives of Styron.

Reports stated that Styron, two other boys and a girl were in the car. The car belonged to the girl's brother and he was driving. The car was said to have struck the rear of a truck that was parked partly on the highway.

The girl also died in the wreck, but the identity of her and the other two boys was not known.

Styron graduated in the spring from Atlantic High School. He had spent the summer here and went to Louisiana last Sunday to join his family, who are making their home there during the fishing season.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Styron Jr.; two brothers, Tommy Glenn, stationed in the Virgin Islands with the Coast Guard, and Steve of the home; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Salter of Sea Level.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time yesterday, pending arrival of the family.

Death Takes Eli Walter Hill

Eli Walter Hill, 84, died Sunday morning at the Veterans' Hospital, Fayetteville, after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Ann Street Methodist Church, with the Rev. J. M. Cline, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Ocean View Cemetery.

Members of the American Legion will act as pallbearers and the county bar association will be honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Hill had been a practicing attorney in the county until five years ago when he entered the hospital. He was a judge of recorder's court, a veteran of World War I, when he saw service in both France and Germany, and was past commander of the American Legion.

Surviving are his step-mother, Mrs. S. L. Hill; four half-brothers, Gerald, Hilton and Hugh, all of Beaufort, M. A. Hill of Chapel Hill; and one half-sister, Mrs. Vera Stubbs of Beaufort.

Two Charges Filed Following Accident

Charges of driving drunk and possession of non-taxpaid whiskey were filed against Bryant Foster McKnight following an accident Friday morning at 9:15 on highway 101 three miles from Beaufort.

Highway patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, said that McKnight, driving a 1952 Chevrolet west, ran off the left side of the road, barely missed a canal, and ended up in some bushes. McKnight was taken to Morehead City Hospital and was released after treatment of minor injuries.

Patrolman Sykes estimated the Chevrolet a total loss.

Beaufort Rotarians Hear Report on Zone Meeting

Members of the Beaufort Rotary club Thursday night heard a report by L. J. Hill on the district zone meeting that was held last week at Havelock.

It was announced at the meeting that the club would start its annual White Cane Drive this week. The drive is a campaign to raise money for the blind of the state.

Attending the meeting as a visitor was radio personality Henry Tuck.

Firemen Called

Firemen from the West End fire station were called to the Morehead 66 service station on Highway 70 Sunday to extinguish a grass and woods fire that broke out behind the station. Firemen report that no damage, other than to the grass, was done by the blaze.

Research Vessel Finds More Scallop Evidence

Business Group Plans Meeting

Prime movers for a Carteret County Development Corp., a \$250,000 organization to help attract new businesses to the county and hold those the county now has, will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday night in the Morehead City town hall. All interested persons are invited.

Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, will preside. This movement has been prompted by the possibility that Carteret County may lose the Morehead City Garment Co., which has been offered new plant facilities by several North and South Carolina towns.

Among the present backers of the movement, besides Mayor Dill, are I. E. Pittman, vice-president of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co.; Walter Morris, Morehead City town commissioner; James Morton Davis, head of Texaco Company, Frank Cassiano, life insurance company representative; George McNeill, lawyer; H. S. Gibbs Jr., general insurance.

All eyes watch Hurricane Gracie as it veers toward land.

"All eyes are on Hurricane Gracie," said local weather observer Stamey Davis yesterday after the storm had taken a turn in course Sunday night and headed back inland. Late reports yesterday had the hurricane located some 270 miles off the Florida coast and heading in a northwesterly direction.

Davis reports the following temperature ranges for the four-day period Thursday through Sunday:

	High	Low	Wind
Thursday	85	67	SE
Friday	84	70	NE
Saturday	83	70	NE
Sunday	85	72	NE

Go-Ahead Expected

The Federal Maritime Commission is expected this week to give permission to the big American Export Lines to begin regularly scheduled far east freight service to and from the ports of Morehead City and Wilmington.

Boy Rides Bike Into Automobile

David Bryan Taylor II of Beaufort rode his bicycle into the side of a car Saturday morning at 10:20 one mile east of Beaufort on highway 70.

Highway patrolman J. W. Sykes reported that Robert Lee Gray of Beaufort was headed east in his 1954 Buick convertible. The Taylor boy was also headed east on his bicycle.

As Gray attempted to pass the boy, the youth started to turn left across the highway.

The boy suffered abrasions and a lump on his head. Minor damage was done to the car and the bicycle.

Stella Man Faces Two Charges Following Wreck

Highway patrolman W. E. Pickard investigated a wreck on highway 53 six miles north of Bogue Sunday at 5 p. m. and charged the driver with driving drunk and no operator's license.

Patrolman Pickard reported that a 1948 Ford truck driven by Linwood Watson of Stella ran off the highway, down an embankment and turned over. Watson was headed south at the time.

The patrolman said the truck was damaged to the extent of about \$200, nearly the total value of the truck.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Sept. 29	
5:37 a.m.	11:52 a.m.
5:54 p.m.	
Wednesday, Sept. 30	
6:22 a.m.	12:19 a.m.
6:39 p.m.	12:38 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1	
7:03 a.m.	1:02 a.m.
7:21 p.m.	1:24 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2	
7:44 a.m.	1:44 a.m.
8:04 p.m.	2:10 p.m.

The research vessel Silver Bay returned to Morehead City state port Friday to repair its gear, and the captain, E. J. Captiva, reported an encouraging catch of calico scallops.

The captain said the catch of scallops, similar to Bay scallops and measuring three inches across the shell, is a good sign. They were caught in a net in the 17 to 21 fathom depth off Core Banks. They should yield better than a quart per bushel, according to Mr. Captiva.

Mr. Captiva said he couldn't say if there was a generous supply of the scallops in the area, as the Silver Bay did not have a scallop dredge aboard. He said they planned to bring that equipment on their next cruise from this area, planned for Nov. 16 to Dec. 16.

An abundant supply of industrial fish was caught in the 12 fathom curve from Cape Fear to Cape Lookout, said the party chief, a large amount of small, commercial size butterflyfish and a great deal of squid were caught at 100 fathoms. This also is an encouraging sign, the captain remarked.

As for shrimp, none were found deeper than 8 fathoms. Most were caught in 5 to 6 fathoms of water. Mr. Captiva said they had made a series of night light stations to see whether shrimp came to the surface at night, but the results were negative. He said members of the North Carolina Fisheries Association had reported rumors to that effect.

Weather permitting, the Silver Bay was scheduled to leave Morehead City Sunday for deep-water explorations. This cruise is scheduled to end Sept. 30, when the Silver Bay will go to Brunswick, Ga. A cruise will begin there Oct. 12 and will cover the area from Brunswick to Cape Fear.

The next cruise from Morehead City and Beaufort is scheduled for Nov. 16. Mr. Captiva said his vessel has done a good bit of coverage, but seasonal coverage was needed to complete the picture.

He said a boat from Atlantic had installed a scallop dredge and was planning to work in the area in which the Silver Bay found the calico scallops.

Mr. Captiva concluded by saying that the complete picture could not be ascertained until the four scheduled cruises were completed and studies of the findings were made.

Steamship Head Hosts Luncheon

Rear Admiral Leonard Frisco, USN (Ret.), operating manager of the Black Diamond Steamship Corp., and Captain Olav Lovon, master of the corporation's huge freighter, Black Swan, entertained at luncheon Friday aboard the freighter, which was loading tobacco at the State Port.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William T. Davies, owners and managers of Morehead Shipping Co., ships' agents and stevedores; Roger A. Massey, vice-president of W. O. Smith and Co., Norfolk, Va., freight forwarders.

George W. Dill, mayor of Morehead City; Lockwood Phillips, publisher of THE NEWS-TIMES; Walter Frederichs and Charles McNeill, manager and assistant manager respectively of Morehead City State Port.

Lester Horohoe, terminal superintendent of Black Diamond, and Admiral Frisco's assistant, stated that in the Admiral's and his opinions, Morehead State Port will progress more rapidly if grain loading facilities are improved, night navigation is permitted and the number of longshoremen increased.

ILA, Shippers Continue Talks

Last ditch efforts were being made today to keep alive negotiations for a new contract with the International Longshoremen's Association.

Shipping interest and union representatives are meeting at Miami, Fla., in the hope of negotiating a new contract. The present contract expires on Wednesday.

Negotiations have been bogged down by two union demands labeled "featherbedding" by shipping representatives.

Outcome of talks will affect Morehead City Port directly.

E. C. Jernigan Accepts Position As Supervisor of High Schools

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H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of Carteret County schools, announced today the employment of E. C. Jernigan of Lucama as high school supervisor for the county high schools. Carteret County will share the services of Mr. Jernigan with Onslow County high schools.

Mr. Jernigan, a native of Benson in Johnson County, was educated at the University of North Carolina and has received his Masters degree from East Carolina College. His experience includes elementary and high school principalship and supervising principalship.

Mr. Jernigan will begin his duties as high school supervisor Sept. 30. He is married to the former Helen Jones of Thomasville and they have three daughters, one being Miss Helen Jernigan, teacher in the Morehead City graded school.

An active and continuous member in the NC Education Association and National Education Association, Mr. Jernigan has served two terms as president of the Wilson County NCEA. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and of Masonic Lodge No. 320 A.F. and A.M., Selma.

Mr. Jernigan's duties will be closely related to those of Fred G. Lewis, county elementary supervisor.

Sheriff Investigates Two County Break-ins

Sheriff Hugh Salter reports one person in jail and one case still unsolved as the result of two break-ins in the county.

Bruce Lavern Merrill, a Marine stationed at Cherry Point, is being held on a charge of breaking and entering. He allegedly broke into a cottage at Gloucester, owned by Sarah Meadows of New Bern, Wednesday. Nothing was taken from the cottage the sheriff reports.

Dudley's Gulf Servicecenter, just east of Swansboro, was entered Thursday night and between \$50 and \$65 in cash was taken. No arrests have been made, according to the sheriff.

Red Cross Meeting

The fall meeting of the Carteret Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Oct. 6 at 8 p. m. at the courthouse, Beaufort, according to Mrs. J. D. Rumley, home service secretary.

Newport Beta Club Elects New Officers

New officers of the Newport Beta Club, elected Wednesday are Johnny Turpin, president; Lewis Forrest, vice-president; Joan Sears, secretary; Eddie Lynn Garner, Treasurer; Jenny Lynn Garner, reporter.

To gain admittance to the club juniors and seniors must have a 90 or above average and meet certain character requirements. To remain in the club, an 88 average must be maintained.

Senior members of the club are Judy Hardesty, Florida Simmons, Martha Pollard, Shelva Jean Mann, Lauretta Simmons, Jean Sears, Eula Warren, Linda Edwards, Sherrill Garner and Johnny Turpin.

Junior members are Eddie Lynn Garner, Lana Faye Linbarger, Bette Green, Jenny Lynn Garner, Sterling Mann, Lewis Forrest, Joe Garner.

420 Persons Register For Annexation Vote

Ronald Earl Mason, Beaufort town clerk, announced yesterday that roughly 420 persons registered to vote on Beaufort's proposed annexation. Saturday was the last day for registration.

Mr. Mason said 420 is a good percentage of the folks who live in the area proposed for annexation and are eligible to vote. As near as he can determine, Mr. Mason said, there are between 450 and 500 eligible voters.

The vote will be taken at the town hall Oct. 10 from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Recruiting Office Open

Sgt. Frank Fernley, Air Force recruiter, has announced that his office is now located in the post-office building, New Bern, and is open Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Names Incorrect

Judges of the county fair exhibits were listed in Friday's paper and two names were incorrect. Mrs. Thelma McCotter is Pamlico home agent and Mrs. Ulma Garris is former Beaufort County assistant agent.