

Negro Youth Shoots Himself Accidentally

John Bradford Howard Jr., 21-year-old Negro of Morehead City, accidentally shot himself Wednesday at his home.

Howard told his family and doctor the accident happened when he was cleaning a pistol he did not know was loaded. The gun went off and hit him in the left side of his chest, just below his heart.

Howard was admitted to Morehead City hospital. He is under the care of Dr. Ben Royal, who said yesterday Howard was getting a long fine, although he did not know when he would be discharged.

The gun, according to police chief Herbert Griffin, was a .25 caliber automatic pistol.

Drug Store Is Defendant In Civil Case

Filed with the clerk of superior court, A. H. James, is a complaint made by Thot Corp. of New York against W. C. Matthews, trading as Morehead City Drug Co.

The complaint alleges that the two companies made a written contract on June 1, 1953 for a period of twelve months. According to the complaint, the contract was to extend beyond the twelve months unless cancelled by either party upon thirty days written notice. The complaint alleges that the drug company owes the New York corporation \$542.50 for services rendered.

In the answer filed with the clerk, Mr. Matthews says, in behalf of Morehead City Drug Co., that this company terminated the contract under terms and law provided and does not owe Thot Corporation any money.

The case is docketed for trial in the October civil term of superior court, which begins Oct. 19.

Newport Home Dem Club Meets With Mrs. Adams

Mrs. Harvey Adams was hostess to the Newport Home Demonstration Club last week. There were nine members present. A message was brought by Mrs. Nina Lee Kelly.

Mrs. Victor Mannino, president, conducted the business session. The club will be hostess at orientation day Oct. 23. It was announced that the club won second prize with its booth at the fair, the theme of which was Abundant Family Life.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the coming year. The club decided to remember Mrs. Floyd Garner, home agent, with a gift before she leaves for a tour of the United Nations.

Mrs. Garner gave the demonstration, Young at Any Age. She emphasized the fact that age is not a matter of birthdays, but an attitude of mind. She urged the members to take time to live, keep active, watch their conversation, avoid a steady diet of self-sacrifice, have a good sense of humor and smile often.

Gaslight, Carteret Community Theatre production, will be given Oct. 24, announces the director, Jimmy Wheatley.

Elizabeth Gray Acquitted On Assault Charge Monday

Fourteen Divorce Cases Slated for Civil Court

Fourteen divorce cases are slated for Oct. 19, opening day of the civil term of superior court. Judge William J. Bundy will preside.

Cases slated are Callock versus Callock, Rowe versus Rowe, Boland versus Boland, Godwin versus Godwin, Willis versus Willis, Lawhead versus Lawhead, Daughtery versus Daughtery.

Lockhart versus Lockhart, Pittman versus Pittman, Fulcher versus Fulcher, Ausley versus Ausley, Proctor versus Proctor, Davis versus Davis and Gibble versus Gibble.

To Appear on TV

Mrs. Billie Joyce Guthrie of Morehead City will appear on channel 7 television Saturday night at 11:05 on the Master's Three Talent Hunt. She appeared two weeks ago and was declared a finalist.

Coast Guard on Alert

Lt. John E. Riddell, commander of the Fort Macon Coast Guard Base, said yesterday that the base had gone on hurricane condition 3 in preparation for hurricane Hannah.

Special Activities Planned For Business Women's Week Government Puts New Tax Rate on Gasoline

With the \$541 million a year increase in the federal gasoline tax that went into effect on yesterday, North Carolina car owners will be paying 54 cents in tax on every dollar's worth of gasoline they buy.

This was brought out today by N. W. O'Haver, chairman of the North Carolina Petroleum Committee, who noted that the new 4-cent federal tax added to North Carolina's 7½-cent state tax rate adds up to \$1.12½ in taxes on every gallon purchase, which he said is equivalent to a 54 per cent sales tax on gasoline.

O'Haver asserted that the so-called "penny-increase" will raise the average tax on gasoline in this state to \$88 a year per vehicle. Total motor fuel collections in the state will climb to an estimated \$152 million a year, of which \$55 million will go to the federal government.

"The constantly mounting tax burden on gasoline tends to obscure the fact that this is one product on which the national average consumer price has advanced no more than 6 per cent over the past ten years, although official indexes show that retail prices generally have gone up 21 per cent," O'Haver said.

"The only real inflation with regard to motor fuel costs has been the 55 per cent increase in average gasoline tax rate that has taken place nationally since 1949."

Oyster Season Opens Yesterday

The season for taking of oysters from waters under control of the State opened yesterday in all except a few areas.

In making the announcement, C. G. Holland, State Fisheries Commissioner and head of the Development, said, "we are looking for a normal season."

Holland said Bay River in Pamlico county will remain closed and that Jones Bay, Mouse Harbor and Oyster Creek, all in Pamlico, will be opened on and after Thursday for tonging only.

Able, Deep and Shells Bay in Hyde county will be closed to oystering. So will Back Bay, Turnagain Bay and Point of Marsh area in Carteret. South River in Carteret will be opened for tonging only.

Some of the closed areas will be opened later in the season, which closes next March 1, Holland said.

Mr. Holland said yesterday that threats of hurricanes Gracie and Hannah would probably keep the oyster boats in for several days. He said that recent weather has crippled commercial fishing all over the state.

All polluted areas in Morehead City and Beaufort will be closed to oystering at all times Mr. Holland stated. He also reminded oystermen that all boats must be properly licensed.

Mr. Holland reported that ten extra oyster inspectors were on duty in the oyster producing areas.

Mayors Proclaim Week for Hiring Handicapped

Mayor W. H. Potter of Beaufort and Mayor George W. Dill of Morehead City have proclaimed Oct. 4-10 as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week in their respective towns.

The proclamations remind folks that thousands of handicapped workers have demonstrated that physical handicaps are not an insurmountable bar to efficient and productive labor.

It also states that North Carolina employers have a unique opportunity to help rehabilitate the handicapped workers by employing their services.

On Aug. 11, 1945 Congress, by joint resolution, designated the first week in October of each year as National Employ Physically Handicapped Week.

Bob Montague Discusses Postoffice Monday Night

Program chairman Bob Montague showed films on the operation and mechanization of the United States postoffice department at the Monday night meeting of the Newport Rotary club. Mr. Montague accompanied the film with a short talk on the postoffice department.

Attending the meeting as visiting Rotarians were Harvey Joslyn Bill Carlton, Bob Howard and Al Chestnut, all of Morehead City.

Joe Garner of Newport attended the meeting as the guest of Bob Montague.

Port Calendar

Morehead City State Port

Marine Dow Chem—Due today to load cargo of glycol.

Esso Patterson—Due today with petroleum products for Standard Oil.

Patella—Due tomorrow with asphalt for Trumbull's.

Abbedyk—Due tomorrow to load tobacco for Europe.

The Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club will observe National Business Women's Week Oct. 4-10.

The club will begin the week of special activities with an inspirational breakfast Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Morehead Biltmore Hotel. Mrs. James Morrill will have the devotions, using the theme of the week, Right Turn to a Confident Future.

Each morning at 8:15 a B&PW club member will be interviewed over the Morehead City radio station and at 11:45 a.m. each day during the week a member will be interviewed at the Beaufort station.

Members attending the district meeting in Washington Sunday were Mrs. Marshall Ayscue, Mrs. Willie Johnson, Mrs. Virginia Sample, Mrs. Hazel Chadwick and Mrs. Julia Holt of Morehead City, Mrs. Martha Loftin, Mrs. Effie Gillikin and Mrs. Florence Beam of Beaufort.

Jaycees to Conduct Facial Tissue Sale

The Morehead City Jaycees announced at their Monday night meeting that the club will hold a Kleenex sale on Oct. 12. Club members will go house-to-house in Morehead City selling the tissues starting at 5 p. m. The price of the tissues will be \$1 for five boxes.

The club also announced that a stag party would be held in place of next week's meeting at the camp of Alvah Hamilton.

The club voted to participate in the Christmas parade this year and Herbert Phillips was appointed as chairman of the project.

Another committee appointment was the naming of Tommy Ballou as chairman of a committee to investigate the possibility of the club sponsoring a turkey shoot in the near future.

Atlantic Betas Hear Talk By Dr. Joseph DeWalt

The Beta Club of Atlantic high school met at the home of its sponsor, Mrs. Wayne Parker, last week. The president, Susan Lewis, presided.

Members gave talks on what Beta is and what its functions are. Dr. Joseph DeWalt spoke on the honor of being a Beta member. Members are Susan Lewis, president; Nancy Willis, vice-president; Jean Bell, recording secretary; Sandra Gaskill, corresponding secretary; Kay Harris, treasurer; Kara Jo Mason, program chairman; Ray Talient and David Hamner.

Mrs. Manly Willis is co-sponsor of the club. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Water Company Files Rate Increase Notice

● Increase Necessary To Cover High Costs

● Morehead City and Beaufort Affected

The Carolina Water Company has today filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission its notice for increased water rates affecting its 3,300 customers in Beaufort, Morehead City, Snow Hill and adjacent areas served by it. Domestic consumers can expect an average increase of about one and one half cents per day.

C. W. Williams, vice-president of the water company said the increase is necessary to take care of higher material and labor costs encountered in the past several years and to provide a reasonable return to the investors on the many system betterments which have been made to improve water, quality and service.

New deep wells were constructed in Beaufort and Morehead City to augment the supplies. Well pumps at Snow Hill, Morehead City and Beaufort were equipped with dual drives, both electric motors and gasoline engines to assure water service through hurricanes and other conditions affecting electric power.

Taste and odor control equipment was installed in Beaufort to improve quality, long a point of contention. Distribution systems in the three towns were bolstered to provide better fire protection, but more so to avoid adequate pressure and flows to some local domestic consumers who expressed complaints at various times.

The water company has had its last rate increase in effect since October 1955.

.62 Inches of Rain Falls During Week

Hurricane Gracie, which never developed in this area, nevertheless brought .62 inches of rain to Carteret County according to weather observer Stamey Davis, who said that that amount fell from Monday through Wednesday, mostly in the form of light drizzles which accompanied the high winds.

Temperature ranges during Gracie's stay were recorded as follows by Mr. Davis:

	High	Low	Wind
Monday	85	73	NE
Tuesday	83	76	SE
Wednesday	84	76	SE

Band, Majorettes Entertain Adults At Opening of Recreation Night



Pictured above are the majorettes of the Morehead City band who entertained Wednesday night at the opening of the adult recreation program at the Morehead City recreation center. Left to right the girls are Beth Mayo, Sally Bett Willis, Linda Lockhart, Suzanne Beck, Lorraine Hatcher, Faye Wallace, and Ann Sanderson.

Members of the Morehead City high school band and the majorettes entertained adults Wednesday night at the opening of the recreation center's adult recreation night.

The band presented a program of popular music and waltzes and were accompanied by the majorettes, who entertained with their twirling routines.

Program director George Jackson said that the event will be a weekly affair from now on and will begin at 7:30 each Wednesday night. The program is similar to that sponsored for young people at the recreation center throughout the summer, except that it is for the benefit of adults and entertainment will be geared to an adult level.

Highlights of future programs, according to Jackson will be dances, card games and the like. There is no charge whatsoever for the evenings entertainment and all adults in Morehead City are invited to attend the session and help make the program a worthwhile event.

Carteret Was Well Prepared, Alert for Hurricane Warning



Merchants on Front Street, Beaufort, were ready for the hurricane. This picture, taken Tuesday afternoon, shows how Western Auto and City Appliance had their windows protected. Hurricane Gracie hit the mainland near Charleston, S. C., and had killed 11 people by yesterday.

Although Carteret didn't feel the main force of hurricane Gracie, folks were prepared for anything she might have thrown this way. The storm hit the South Carolina mainland near Charleston and yesterday's death toll had mounted to 11.

Carteret was lashed with rain and wind, but did not experience the terrific weather accompanying the hurricane's center.

Some stores along Front Street in Beaufort and Arendell Street in Morehead City either boarded up their plate glass windows or taped them up. Storm windows were put up on houses and porch furniture and other loose articles were put in a safe place.

Windows on the ground floor of Morehead City Hospital were boarded up and sandbags placed against them to prevent flooding.

Fishing piers and the beach recreation areas were deserted except for a few people who went to look at the ocean. The ocean was unusually rough and waves were lapping at the sea wall at Atlantic Beach.

Fishing boats and yachts were moved to safer waters than the waterfronts of Morehead City and Beaufort and planes from Cherry Point were flown to inland bases.

Rescue squads, civil defense units and service personnel were on the alert and ready to go in case they were needed.

Power companies reported no damage to their facilities but their crews were prepared to go to work if necessary.

Yes, Carteret Countians were well prepared, and it's a good thing. Better to be boarded up and let a hurricane pass us by than to let it catch us unprepared. Carteret folks should be commended for their alertness and planning.

Oil Company Files Suit Against Inactive Firm

Scheduled for trial Thursday, Oct. 22, in civil term of superior court is the case Ocean Oil Co. versus Morehead City Shipbuilding Corp.

In the complaint, the oil company alleges that on Dec. 20, 1958 for value received, the shipbuilding corporation gave said plaintiff a promissory note for \$500, due 60 days after said date. The plaintiff charges the note is unpaid and overdue.

The plaintiff also alleges that on Dec. 20, 1958 the shipbuilding corporation gave the plaintiff a promissory note for \$500 due 90 days after said date. The plaintiff alleges this note also is unpaid and overdue.

Ocean Oil Co. seeks full payment of both notes, plus six per cent interest from Dec. 20, 1958.

In its answer to the complaint, Morehead City Shipbuilding Corp. denies that it owes money to Ocean Oil Co., and asks that the case be dismissed.

The shipbuilding corporation laid off the last of its workers early this year when its major stockholder, Kirschner and Arnold of Raleigh, was declared bankrupt. The investment firm's deficit was estimated at nearly \$4 million. Since then the shipyard here has been inactive.

Red Cross Meeting Slated Tuesday at Courthouse

Persons interested in the continuance of the Carteret Red Cross Chapter should attend a meeting Tuesday night at 8 at the courthouse.

The chapter will be dissolved because of lack of interest unless enough persons attend the meeting to warrant keeping the chapter here.

According to the area Red Cross office Carteret has received over \$100,000 in disaster and home service funds in the past seven years. An area office representative will be present at the meeting.

Club to Meet

Highway 101 Community Club will meet Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Roy Taylor, weather permitting. Members are to bring a covered dish and something for a white elephant sale. If the weather is bad, the meeting will be postponed one week.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar			
HIGH	Friday, Oct. 2	LOW	
7:44 a.m.		1:44 a.m.	
8:04 p.m.		2:10 p.m.	
	Saturday, Oct. 3		
8:26 a.m.		2:26 p.m.	
8:49 p.m.		2:55 p.m.	
	Sunday, Oct. 4		
9:13 a.m.		3:08 a.m.	
9:40 p.m.		3:41 p.m.	
	Monday, Oct. 5		
10:06 a.m.		3:51 a.m.	
10:37 p.m.		4:28 p.m.	
	Tuesday, Oct. 6		
11:04 a.m.		4:36 a.m.	
11:38 p.m.		5:20 p.m.	

Beaufort JC's Welcome Bobby Safrin as Member

Bobby Safrin of Beaufort was welcomed as a new member of the Beaufort Jaycees at their Monday night meeting at the Scout hall.

Taking up most of the evening's discussion was the possibility of the club sponsoring a horse show next spring. It was announced that the club would invite J. P. Harris to next week's meeting to advise the club on staging a horse show.

Dickie Dickinson and Bobby Safrin were named chairmen of the committee in charge of the project.

Plans Finished For Festival

By REBECCA GENTRY

Stacked away for the big day, Swansboro's 7th annual Mullet Festival, are twenty-five gallons of shortening and 10 gallons of cooking oil, 400 pounds of corn meal, 800 pounds of cabbage, 250 pounds of sugar and four cases of hot sauce, plus 2,500 pounds of mullet and 800 pounds of shrimp, dressed, frozen and waiting.

The menu, for the information of those who are not familiar with the traditional feast, will include mullet, barbecued shrimp, sweet potatoes, cole slaw, hush puppies and coffee or soft drinks. The festival will be held tomorrow.

Companies and organizations that indicated they will have an entry in the parade include White's Ice Cream Co., Pepsi-Cola, Jacksonville Moose Lodge Maola Ice Cream Co., Jacksonville American Legion locomotive, Post 78, American Legion; the Swansboro high school band, a drum and bugle corps from the Force Troop at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville Business and Professional Women's Club, and many others.

Mrs. Billy Jean Simpson, Mrs. North Carolina, will also greet visitors from a gaily decorated float.

Vernon Taylor, marshal, said many dignitaries have accepted invitations, including Bill Rhodes of Wilmington, state commander of the American Legion, generals from Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, and Sen. Graham A. Barden.

Helping to handle traffic will be the North Carolina state highway patrol and the junior police of Jacksonville. Speaking of the junior police, Taylor said, "Those kids have done a marvelous job in previous years, and we just couldn't get along without them."

After the parade guests will view a water and boat show at 2:30 p. m. and gather at the community building for free refreshments at 4 p. m.

Dinner will be served on the athletic grounds at the high school, and will be followed by the climax of the evening—a giant fireworks display.

Holders of tickets to the dinner also will be admitted to a dance in the high school auditorium, at which Betty Ann Cannon, Miss Swansboro will reign.

Master of ceremonies will be John Larkins, and co-chairman of the festival are Mayor M. N. Lisk and Maj. William H. Kay.

Tickets Still on Sale

Tickets for Swansboro's annual Mullet Festival are still on sale for \$1. The festival begins at 1 p. m. tomorrow with a parade and activities include water activities, boat trips, refreshments, dinner, fireworks and a sock dance. Children's tickets are 50 cents.