

## 90 Passengers Enjoy Trial Run on Car Ferry Tuesday

By NORWOOD YOUNG

Citizens of Ocracoke had their first look at the luxurious auto ferry, Sea Level, Tuesday, and apparently liked what they saw. "Wonderful!" exclaimed Mrs. Stanley Wahab. "We've waited a long time for this." Said C. F. Boyette: "It's the greatest thing that ever happened to Ocracoke." Other islanders voiced similar comments.

The Sea Level arrived at Ocracoke around 1:30 p.m., on its first trial run from Atlantic. Aboard were approximately 90 passengers, 11 autos, a station wagon and a pickup truck. There was room for several more cars.

For many passengers the journey marked their first visit to Ocracoke. A biting northwest wind kept everyone inside the vessel's two heated passenger lounges during most of the journey.

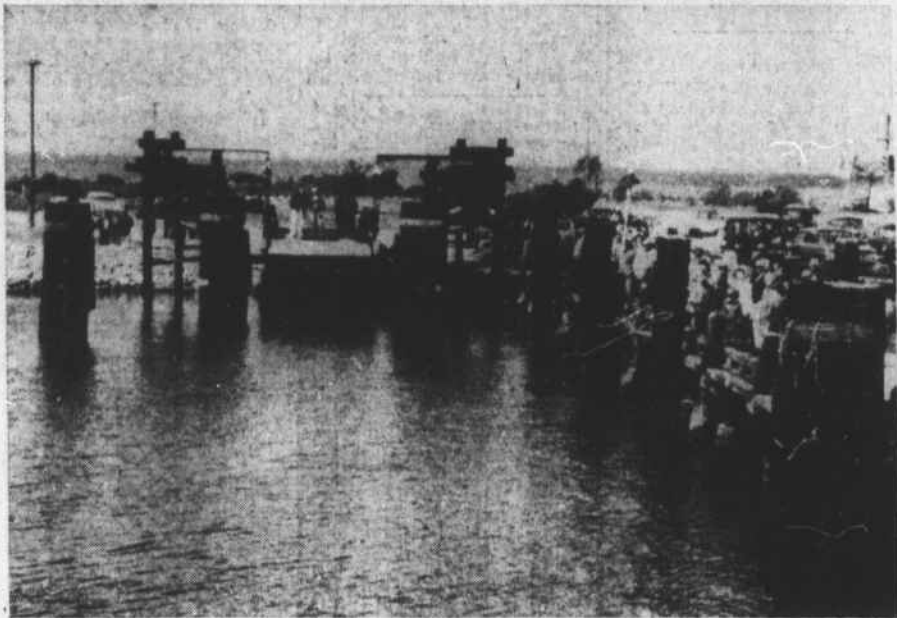
F. C. Noyes, Sea Level, superintendent of operations, said the ferry was forced to "literally creep" through Core Sound, particularly Wainwright channel, because of shallow water. The channel, he said, is supposed to be maintained to a depth of seven feet at mean low water.

The Sea Level was drawing only 5 1/2 feet of water, but struck bottom several times. Noyes said a number of expected minor troubles developed during the shakedown cruise, all of which can and will be corrected without difficulty before the Sea Level goes into regular service.

Ansley O'Neal, operator of the Ocracoke-Atlantic mail boat for many years, served as pilot during the test run. Capt. W. T. Skitlietharp, of Bridgeton, was in command. Roland Styron, of Sea Level, was chief engineer, and William R. Robinson, of Sea Level, assistant engineer. Aboard also was George J. Brooks, Beaufort, engineer in charge of construction of harbor facilities.

Among the guests were Dick O'Neal, state representative from Hyde county, and Wayland Sermons, state representative from Beaufort county.

Owned and operated by the Sea Level-Atlantic-Ocracoke Ferry Co., Inc. of Sea Level, an enterprise of the Taylor brothers, the auto ferry will soon go into regular service between Atlantic and Ocracoke.



A crowd at Ocracoke awaits the ferry, Sea Level, as it heads for the island slip on its trip from Atlantic. Photos by Norwood Young

## Willie Willis Rites Conducted At Sea Level

The funeral service for Willie Willis, 58, Sea Level, who died in an auto accident Monday night, was conducted at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon in the Missionary Baptist church, Sea Level.

Mr. Willis was driving a 1955 Chevrolet which collided with a 1954 Oldsmobile driven by Lionel D. Gilgo, Atlantic, at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

According to patrolman J. W. Sykes, Mr. Gilgo said that he and his wife, Emma, were headed west on highway 70 at Sea Level and just as they got opposite the Willis residence, Mr. Willis, who was headed east, made a sharp left turn in front of the Gilgo car. He intended to turn into the driveway to his home.

The Willis car was turned around, went back across the highway to the opposite side and headed first into a canal.

Mrs. Gilgo had cuts on her face and an injury to her left shoulder. Mr. Gilgo had a bruised and cut knee.

The Chevrolet was termed a total loss. Damage to the Oldsmobile was estimated at \$900.

Mr. Willis' death is the first highway fatality this year. There is some conjecture that he may have died of a heart attack, but this could not be established conclusively without an autopsy.

Officiating at the funeral was the Rev. Wayne Steadman, pastor of the Missionary Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. Phil Quidley, the Rev. James Lineberger and the Rev. J. F. Floyd.

Interment was in the Simmonsville cemetery.

Mr. Willis is survived by his wife, the former Carolyn Golden; one son, Dallas R. Willis; and his stepmother, Mrs. Hettie Jane Willis, all of Sea Level; one half-brother, George Willis, of Morehead City, and one grandson.



Passengers ride in comfortable seats in one of the heated lounges.

## A Man Called Peter Plays To Full House Tuesday

A large and responsive audience saw the Carteret Community theatre play, A Man Called Peter, Tuesday night at the recreation building, Morehead City.

With a cast of 15, the play was one of the largest "regular season" productions ever staged by the theatre.

Playing the leading role of Dr. Peter Marshall was the Rev. Jack P. Mansfield, pastor of Camp Glenn Methodist church. Mr. Mansfield gave an inspired and commanding performance as the Presbyterian minister, a Scottish im-

migrant, who became chaplain of the United States Senate. The role of his wife, Catherine, was sympathetically portrayed by Georgette Beaver, who made her Carteret Community theatre debut as the housekeeper in this season's first production, Angel Street.

Johnny Fussell, with pep, and the aplomb of a professional, played the role of Peter John Marshall, young son of Dr. and Mrs. Marshall.

Lillian F. Giddens, outstanding personality in many theatre productions, again turned in a sparkling performance as Miss Judith Biekle. Her timid sister, Jesse, was realistically played by Miss Hortense Boomer, who also directed the play.

Wayne King returned to the cast of a community theatre production for the first time in six years and gave a stellar performance as Alvan Talbot. He made his debut in One Foot in Heaven.

Senator James Polk, a blustering politico, was played by Thomas Respass, veteran of many successful Carteret theatre plays. Jimmy Wheatley capably portrayed Joe Keating, a wayward youth.

Jean Holt lent a comedy note as the independent, lazy housekeeper, Hulda. Bill Davis portrayed the part of Steven Grant, taking at

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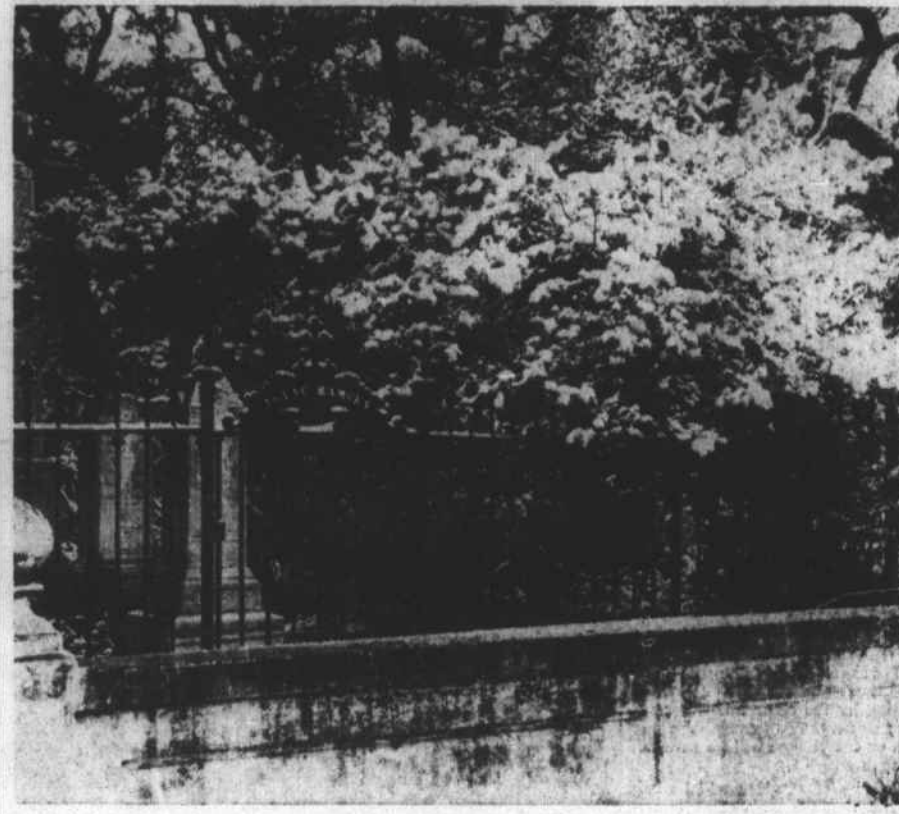
## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, March 4	LOW
12:59 a.m.	7:17 a.m.	
1:20 p.m.	7:32 p.m.	
Saturday, March 5		
1:46 a.m.	8:28 a.m.	
2:11 p.m.	8:41 p.m.	
Sunday, March 6		
2:38 a.m.	9:29 a.m.	
3:08 p.m.	9:43 p.m.	
Monday, March 7		
3:35 a.m.	10:23 a.m.	
4:11 p.m.	10:36 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 8		
4:36 a.m.	11:12 a.m.	
5:11 p.m.	11:25 p.m.	

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## Surprise Snow Storm Hits Wednesday Afternoon



Snow put fluffy blossoms on trees in Ann Street church cemetery Wednesday afternoon. This is a view of the Ramsey family plot on Ann Street. News-Times Photos by McComb

## Cars Crack Up As Snow Makes Driving Risky

While the snow was a delight to many, it brought slippery road conditions and a flurry of highway accidents.

Five accidents were investigated Wednesday night by patrolman J. W. Sykes. In addition, a couple cars skidded into ditches and accident reports on them had not been completed by press time. No one was seriously hurt in any of the mishaps.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday, a 1959 Plymouth station wagon driven by Seymour Bush, Wolcott, Conn., crashed into the rear of a 1952 Ford driven by Mrs. Clara Blakeney, route 2, Newport.

The accident occurred on highway 24 at the Bay Shore Park development. Both cars were headed east. Mrs. Blakeney, according to the patrolman, was getting ready to make a right turn when Bush crashed into her from the rear.

Damage to the Blakeney car was estimated at \$200 and to the station wagon \$450. Charges are pending.

At 5:55 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Mansfield Parkway and highway 70, west of Morehead City, a 1957 Plymouth driven by Art F. Taylor, Mansfield Parkway, was struck in the rear by a 1954 DeSoto driven by Coy T. Wray, route 1 Newport.

Patrolman Sykes said that Taylor had just pulled out of the parkway and had started west on highway 70 when the DeSoto came up from the rear and hit him.

Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$350 and to the DeSoto, \$350. Wray has been charged with driving too fast for road conditions.

At 5:35 p.m. a mile east of Gales creek on highway 24 a 1955 Plymouth driven by Norman E. Salter, Salter Path, collided with a 1959 Mercury driven by Richard Skinger, Concord.

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## Morehead School Announces Science Fair This Month

Allan Taylor, science teacher at Morehead City school, announced this week that the science fair at Morehead City school will be held Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18.

This will be the third annual science fair at the school. Pupils in grades 5 through 12 will enter exhibits.

The Northeastern District science fair will be held April 1 at East Carolina college in Wright auditorium.

Clarence Styron Jr., Morehead City school, now a freshman at Davidson College, was one of the winners in the senior division, biological sciences, at the district fair last year.

He represented the northeastern section at the state science fair.



Dennis Wade, 8, left and Gray Willis Jr., 7, right, Morehead City, built this fine snow man in the Willis yard on Shepard street, Morehead City.



The snow made crepe myrtle trees on Ann Street, Beaufort, look like fine etchings. It lay heavily on grass and trees but melted on streets and sidewalks.

## Newport Board Orders \$10 Water Deposit from Those Renting Homes

Newport town board, in session Tuesday night at the town hall, ordered that a \$10 deposit be collected from all persons moving into rental property where city water is used.

The ten dollars will be applied to water rent. If the occupant should move before the \$10 for water has been used, he will be reimbursed.

The board felt this necessary because some renters move in and

out of a place and never pay the water bill. Junius Creech, water administrator, was authorized to have water cut off at homes or businesses where the water bill is two months overdue. Either the water is to be cut off or the money collected, the commissioners said.

The board also authorized placing a lock on the dial of the phone in the town hall. No long distance calls may be charged to that num-

ber in the future. This action was taken because some long distance calls have been on the bill, which cannot be traced to anyone authorized to make them.

Commissioner Leslie Bercegeay was asked to determine the number of privies in town. Owners will be notified that they have until March 1, 1961 to get rid of them.

Commissioner Bennie Garner

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## Hit-Run Case Sent Tuesday To Higher Court

Probable cause was found in county court Tuesday in the case against William H. Neighbors and the case was transferred to the next term of superior court.

Neighbors was charged with hit and run, careless and reckless driving and drunk driving. He was the driver of a car which hit Marine MP Ronald A. Goff while Goff was on duty at another traffic accident Friday night near Swansboro. Judge Lambert Morris set bond for Neighbors at \$500.

Eddie Lee Collins, convicted of non-support, appealed his case to the superior court. Bond for his appearance was set at \$100.

Other defendants, their charges and the findings of the court were as follows:

Joseph G. Quirk—Failing to stop at a stop sign, \$5 and court costs.

Gilles Jack Vallieres—Speeding, costs.

Thomas Adolph Jones—Drunk and careless and reckless driving. Found guilty of careless and reckless driving only, \$25 and court costs.

Glenda Kay Mizelle—Having no operator's license, costs.

Louis Gene Osborne—Having no license on trailer, costs.

Emma Pearce Gaskill—No operator's license, costs.

Larry McComb—Speeding, improper operator's license, costs paid.

Alexander Godette—Speeding, \$10 and court costs.

Harold Eugene Ascue—Having expired license plates. Not prosecuted.

Josephine Pyrrtherch—Failing to stop at a stop sign resulting in an accident, court costs.

Obelia Wilson—Assault. Malignant prosecution. Prosecutor to pay court costs.

Elvin Henry—Failure to comply with a former court order. Dismissed.

Morgan Bell Stewart—Speeding, \$15 and court costs.

Eddie Lee Collins—Failure to comply with a former court order. Dismissed.

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