

# Crissy Wright

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As they did this, they could hear the cries of the men on shipboard. Many of the women carried food and made coffee for the men on the beach during their watch. Time wore on, the men were helpless in their rescue attempts, and the cries of the ship's crew grew weaker and thinner, making it obvious that some had not survived their ill-fated plight.

The Shackleford Banks residents kept watch on the ship from the time it was sighted at daybreak until late afternoon of the following day. It was this long before a rescue could be attempted, due to rough seas and high waves breaking on the shore.

Time dragged on, and finally when the seas subsided, the men launched the boat and made their way to the ship, only to find the crew dead except one. There were seven men on the Crissy Wright... a captain, mate, cook and four deck hands. Two men took to the shrouds of the mainmast, which broke off, and they fell into the sea.

Later the bodies washed ashore, and were buried on the Banks. Three men were cut loose from the shrouds of another mast, frozen. One crew member had made his way out on the jib boom and worked his way into the folds of the jib.

A second man followed the first on the boom, and stretched himself out on top of the first man. He was the only survivor. Evidently the other members of the crew had lashed themselves to the shrouds to keep from being washed overboard or killed by lumber which was awash on the deck.

The sole survivor, and the bodies of the other men were cut loose from the rigging and taken ashore to Diamond City. The survivor had presence of mind enough to tell the men not to take him close to the fire, so they walked him and massaged him until he had thoroughly thawed out. He was then taken to Mr. Tyra Moore's house at Wade Shore (grandfather of L. W. and E. O. Moore), where he spent the night.

The next day the steamer Nellie Dey, manned by Capt. Mark Mason, his sons, John Wash, Dick, and Holloway, and possibly Capt. Sam Howland, picked up the bodies and brought them into Beaufort. Residents crowded around at the shore, to behold a sight not to be forgotten easily.

The survivor was brought to Beaufort by the folks at Shackleford, and after spending a few days, was sent to the hospital in Norfolk.

After a short while, word came to Beaufort that his mind had gone bad and he soon died. In the meantime, the four corpses were kept in the old Town Hall near the city dock for three days. Local people were trying to locate relatives, and failing to do so, they decided to have burial services for them.

The town fathers said they had no money for that purpose, so Capt. Mark Mason directed them to get the necessary lumber and he would pay for it. The timber was purchased, Mr. John Noe built the coffins, and they were buried in the church cemetery on Ann Street.

Not too long after the burial, the captain's brother was located and came to Beaufort. He took the bodies of his brother and brother-in-law to their home in New York, leaving the remaining bodies in the old cemetery.

The legend of the Crissy Wright lives on. Whenever we have a hard freeze people will say, "This is a Crissy Wright time." Further proof of the great catastrophe is portrayed by the mural in the Beaufort postoffice, depicting scenes of this tragedy.

It's well to note here that as a direct result of this, the need for a Life Saving Station was further emphasized. One was begun the following year at Cape Lookout, and the first patrol boat was brought into use on Jan. 24, 1888.

## Cub Scouts Begin Work On Neckerchief Slides

Den 4 of Cub Scout pack 371 met Thursday. We opened the meeting with the Cub Scout promise. After that we had refreshments. Mrs. Herring, our den mother, gave us a piece of leather to make a neckerchief slide.

We played all-passover. The boys in the den are Rodney Hunter, Artie Baugus, Durwood Daniels, Dewey Willis, Wayne Herring and Darryl Deibert.

—Dewey Willis, Reporter

## Teen Topics

### Morehead Chorus Travels To Smyrna High for Concert

By ANDREA McENIGITT

Well, it looks like spring has "flown the coop." Just when every body was getting a good tan. The Easter holidays spoiled most of us, because it is so hard to come back to school after a vacation. But only one more month and we will be out for three months' vacation!

Last Wednesday, April 13, the traveling chorus, under the direction of Mr. Ralph Wade, visited Smyrna high school. The members went caravan style and sang for the school at 10:30 a.m.

Among the songs they sang were the Processional Hymn; Hallelujah, Amen; The King and I; Buggy Ride; Red Wing; 76 Trombones; Magic Moments. The girls' glee club sang four numbers: Little David, Play On Your Harp; The Swing; Ay, Ay, Ay; and I Hardly Think I Will.

The chorus thoroughly enjoyed being at Smyrna; we only hope they enjoyed our singing as much as we enjoyed visiting them. At lunch time, all the chorus members had a picnic on the ground after which they all joined

### Straits Church Presents Drama

An Easter drama, A Great Inheritance, was given Thursday night at Straits Methodist church. The drama was a sequel to the Bible story of the rich young ruler who asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life.

Mrs. H. D. McFarlane directed the play and planned the authentic costumes worn by the cast. Because of the death of her mother Mrs. McFarlane could not attend the last week of rehearsals, or the production Thursday night. Mrs. Ray West acted as substitute director.

Mrs. Florence Pigott was prompter and stage manager and Mrs. West acted as announcer. Miss Bobbie West read the scripture and the Rev. Ray West gave the benediction. Mrs. Al Hubbard was pianist.

The play took place at Abdon's home. The first two scenes took place in March, before the crucifixion of Jesus, and the last scene took place three days after the crucifixion.

Characters were Abdon, the young ruler—Norman Chadwick; Tarzah, his wife—Mrs. Fate Chadwick; Hannah, his mother—Mrs. Ben Watson; Nicodemus, his friend and a follower of the Messiah—Bill Pigott; Abigail, a maid servant—Mrs. Gerald Whitehurst; Rhoda, a maid servant—Mrs. Werman Hansen; Cleophas, husband of the other Mary—James Mears.

### Marine Air Reserve Looks for Former Corps Members

Openings are now available for former Marine fighter pilots and non-commissioned officers of the Virginia-Carolina area who hold an aviation military occupational specialty.

Lt. Col. Bruce J. Matheson USMC, commanding officer of the Marine Air Reserve training detachment, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., announces that applications are invited from ex-Marine officer pilots holding the rank of captain or below and staff NCO's with prior active service with Marine aviation who desire to reaffiliate with the Marine Corps through the Marine Air Reserve.

For those for whom the distance to Norfolk makes driving impractical there are available three airlifts in the Virginia-Carolina area. The first leaves Cherry Point at 5 p.m. EST on the Friday before a drill. Another leaves the Raleigh-Durham airport at 6 p.m. EST and the third leaves Woodrum field in Roanoke at 5:30 EST. All return to point of departure Sunday afternoon.

Former Marines interested in additional information should contact the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, Naval Air Station, Bldg LP-74, Norfolk, Va.

The town of Ystradgynlais in South Wales makes about 20,000 watches and 5,000 clocks a week.

in games. You should have seen Kay Canipe when she was playing A Tisket, A Tasket. Boy, she can really take off running! Then Robert Eure, trying to be polite by throwing some paper in a waste paper basket, walked through some mud and left his shoes behind him! His feet were made out of mud (or at least it looked as if they were). But it was all in fun!

The chorus also sang for the MCHS students Friday, April 22. They presented the same numbers that they sang at Smyrna. The audience tended to like Buggy Ride the best because of the "clip clopping".

The Alpha Tri Hi-Y met in the elementary library Wednesday to nominate officers for next year. Devotions were given by Virginia Thompson. The girls nominated are secretary, Shirley Frederick and Eleanor Conner; treasurer, Natalie Kilmon and Ruth Fussell; vice-president, Doris Phillips and Elizabeth Taylor; and president, Sylvia Thompson and Pat Hummer.

Business discussed concerned the white Bibles given to the seniors each year. The meeting was adjourned with a Bible verse.

And now to Mr. and Miss Senior of the Week.

This week Gloria Jeanne Byrd is Miss Senior. Jeanne was delivered to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Byrd, on Feb. 23, 1942. She must have had a little bit of brown hair because today her hair is even more beautiful. She has the color of hair you cannot pinpoint.

It is neither brown nor red. But it isn't blond either. It is a rather becoming mixture of all three—and naturally curly.

Jeanne stands 5'5" tall, weighs 112 lbs. and has brown eyes. She is a faithful member of the Parkview Baptist church. Like most southern girls she can eat fried chicken alright. Her favorite sport is football; subject, bookkeeping; singers, the Platters, and song, When You're Sincere.

When summer time comes Jeanne's hobby is going to the beach and it pays off because she ends up with a pretty tan for the winter. Her pet peeve is "people who don't want to do what I want to do." Are you one of her pet peeves? And her ambition is to get rich.

Jeanne is an excellent typist and takes shorthand fast too. Her favorite saying is "words, words and more words." Being such a fine commercial student she is planning on continuing her study so that she may serve in that field.

During the four years she has been in high school, Jeanne has participated in the FBLA, Tri-Hi-Y, FTA, Annual staff, Eagle staff, Latin club, and has been an office assistant.

Mr. Senior this week is Wayne Allen Stocks, born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stocks Dec. 25, 1941. He is an even 6' tall, weighs 145 lbs., has brown hair and sees with two green eyes. Now Wayne is more or less the quiet type (at least he is around girls).

He really enjoys eating hamburgers and watching basketball. His favorite subject is French II; singer, Conway Twitty; song, Big Iron On His Hip.

That's a good one. It reminds you of Matt Dillon, doesn't it? Wayne is one of the many students whose hobby is watching television and getting homework at the same time.

His pet peeve is English class, and his ambition is to get out of high school. Wayne has a cute pet saying, "That always helps."

What, Wayne? In high school Wayne has been a member of the Hi-Y and Library club. This is one boy who plans to go into the navy after graduation and sail the ocean blue! Good luck, Wayne!

### School Lunch Menus Listed

Smyrna School

Monday: Peanut butter and pimento cheese sandwiches, vegetable-beef soup, cake with icing, milk.

Tuesday: Beef hash, sliced cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, peaches, hot biscuits, milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue, candied sweet potatoes, cole slaw, pickles, cookies, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Shepard pie, sliced cheese, green peas, orange jello, bread, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, candied sweet potatoes, cole slaw, plums, cornbread, milk.

Camp Glenn School

Tuesday: Cheeseburgers, cabbage slaw, green lima beans, jello with whipped cream, milk.

Wednesday: Pork patties, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, rice, pudding, bread, milk.

Thursday: Chili beans, cheese, sticks, cabbage slaw, fruit pie, homemade rolls, milk.

Friday: Luncheon meat, potato salad, cheese sticks, vegetable, cake.

Morehead City School

Tuesday: Hamburgers, buttered sweet potatoes, string beans, fruit jello, bread, butter, milk.

Wednesday: Corned beef hash, cheese strips, pepper corn, snap and shell peas, cherry cobbler, bread, butter, milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, potato sticks, peaches, bread, butter, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, cabbage slaw, buttered potatoes, carrot sticks, pound cake, bread, butter, milk.

Monday: Ham with big limas, pineapple salad, carrots, hot biscuits, butter, candy, milk.

Beaufort School

Tuesday: Chicken salad, lettuce and tomato, butter beans and corn, bread, milk, dessert.

Wednesday: Lunchmeat, cheese wedge, mashed potatoes, string beans, bread, milk, applesauce.

Thursday: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, salad greens, bread, butter, milk, dessert.

Friday: Barbecue on buns, slaw, pimento cheese sandwich, pickle, milk, cookies.

### Chairman Gives Report on Funds

Final figures on the Easter Seal drive for Crippled Children's funds have been announced by Mrs. Thomas Noe, publicity chairman. Mrs. Champ Lewis was chairman of the drive, which ended Easter Sunday.

Campaign letters mailed to residents brought a return of \$669, with some letters still to be returned. Other amounts received were as follows:

Coin containers, \$105.51; coffee day, \$62.19; schools, \$177.52; Lily day, \$71.58; Mothers' March in Beaufort, \$92.58; Mothers' March in Morehead City, \$79.68. Approximately \$300 was raised by the Civitan club and Junior Woman's club on their give-away.

The amount received totals \$1,458.06. It is hoped that campaign letters still out will bring forth enough to reach the goal of \$1600.

### Toastmasters Will Meet Tomorrow

Carteret County Toastmasters will meet tomorrow night at the civic center at 7:30. Dr. W. L. Woodard will act as topic master. Toastmaster will be William Wilkins.

Prepared speakers will be L. B. Ambrose, William J. Motes Jr. and Maynard Owens. Thomas J. Price is the alternate prepared speaker. The panel of critics will be Clifford Faglie, Dr. T. R. Rice, and Kenneth Fischer. E. G. Phillips will act as master critic.

## Negro News

Birth at Morehead City Hospital: To Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons, Beaufort, a son, Tuesday, April 19.

Morehead City Hospital

Admitted: Tuesday, Mr. Glenn Williams, Havelock; Mrs. Annie White, Morehead City.

Thursday, Mrs. Robena George, Havelock; Mr. Clyde Jones, Morehead City; Mr. Willie May, Beaufort.

Discharged: Friday, Mr. Curtis Gillespie, Mrs. Annie White, Morehead City.

Beaufort—Mrs. Bessie White and daughter of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent Easter with Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chadwick. They returned home Saturday.

Miss Florence Gorham spent the weekend at home from the Oxford Orphanage, where she is employed. She visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gorham of Beaufort.

Club to Meet

The Ladies Home Instruction club will meet Thursday night at 8 at the home of Mrs. Bernice Dunn, 519 Bayview Homes. All members are asked to attend.

### Symphony Society Sponsors Movie At City This Week

To raise emergency funds for the North Carolina symphony, the Carteret symphony society will sponsor the movie, Seven Hills of Rome, this week.

The movie, Mario Lanza's last, starts Thursday at the City Theatre, Morehead City.

Advance tickets are on sale now. They may be bought by contacting band and glee club members of the Beaufort and Morehead City high schools.

Snow prevented the state symphony from fulfilling its complete schedule this winter. The season will end with a deficit unless more funds are raised. The Rev. C. Edward Sharp, president of the county symphony society, said each chapter has been asked to give \$100.

### State Issues New '60 Highway Maps

Raleigh—"From the mountains to the sea" is the theme of the all-new State Highway color maps for 1960.

The front cover of this year's color map shows a view of western North Carolina, near Mount Mitchell, and the back cover features a coastal scene showing a fisherman with his nets and two small children looking on.

The phrase "Variety Vacationland" appears on both covers in red and black lettering. Three hundred thousand copies are ready for free distribution by the State Highway department.

Information on the map includes the location of roadside parks, as well as departure times for the three toll-free ferries and the new privately-operated ferry.

## Troop Scoop

### Girl Scouts, Brownies Report Recent Activities

The second grade troop, 293, met at Camp Glenn school April 11 after school with its leader, Mrs. Ed Weeks. We finished painting paper mache rabbits we have been making for Easter gifts.

### News Briefs

To Convene Here The North Carolina Education Association will hold its annual dinner meeting at Camp Glenn School, Friday, May 6, at 8 p.m. Dr. Amos Abrams of Raleigh, editor of the North Carolina Education magazine, will be the speaker.

Attend Meeting

Mr. George Jackson, Morehead City Classroom Teachers Association president, and Mrs. Julia Herndon, district CTA vice-president, both of Morehead City, attended the eastern district council meeting in Kinston Saturday.

Couple Arrested

Beaufort police are holding Leroy Sharp, 30, and his wife, who were arrested Saturday night for fighting and disturbing the peace. Mrs. Sharp was also charged with assault on an officer. The pair is in the county jail.

Request Made

The Marine Corps has asked permission to close the inland waterway between New River and Bear inlets from 6 a.m. Saturday, July 30, through 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31. Persons objecting to closure should file their objections with the Corps of Engineers, Wilmington by May 12.

Christine Reintjes, Scribe Girl Scout troop 106 of Beaufort met. The meeting was called to order by president Dawn Hassell. Mary Thompson served refreshments of cookies and chocolate milk.

Ann Viek took up dues. Mary Thompson read minutes of our last meeting. Then we went outside to learn parts of trees. —Mary Thompson, Scribe

Brownie Troop 77 of Beaufort met Tuesday, April 19. Mrs. Smith served ice cream.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Young took us over to the beach to collect shells. Mrs. Smith took up our dues. —Norma Thompson, Scribe

Girl Scout troop 121, Beaufort, met at Mrs. Vance Fulford's Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order and dues were collected.

Committees were heard from and business discussed. We played games outdoors and refreshments were served. We closed with the Girl Scout promise. —Susan Nelson, Scribe

Hotel Damaged

Fire in an upstairs room damaged the Edgewater Hotel, Morehead City, about 5:25 a.m. Sunday. Three trucks answered the alarm. Firemen said the fire was confined to the one room. It was not determined how the fire started. A man who jumped from an upstairs window was treated at Morehead City hospital for cuts and bruises, and discharged.

### Sixth Graders Visit Newspaper

Sixth graders of Beaufort school, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Maud M. Green, and several mothers, toured THE NEWS-TIMES plant Friday morning.

Making the tour were the following:

- Mrs. Norwood Young
- Beatrice Jones
- Barbara Dudley
- Faye Styron
- Catherine Mason
- Tony Warren
- John Young
- Leslie Moore
- Julius Adair
- Susan Nelson
- Ginny Thomas
- Kay Lewis
- Patsy Chunn
- Barbara Williams
- Roy Piver
- Frank Joyner
- Robert McKee
- Mrs. Jane McKee
- Marsha Grant
- Kay Fulford
- Sandra Tuck
- Mrs. Earl Lewis
- Robert Lewis
- Sherrice Garner
- Nancy Hooper
- Brenda Sewell
- Joseph Simpson
- Daniel Rumer
- Barbara Pittman
- Elsie Warlick
- Ricky Taylor
- Thompson Lewis
- James Dickinson
- Freddie Hunter
- Martin Cieszko
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Leamon Hughes Garner of Newport has had his driver's license revoked by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for driving under the influence.



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It is evident that the years immediately ahead will be as critical as any in the history of Eastern North Carolina.

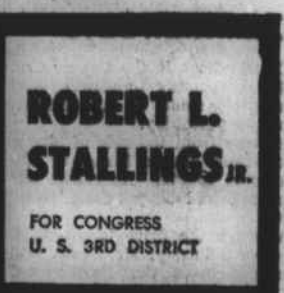
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