

Wreck Severs Head from Body Of 7-Year-Old

● Accident Happens
Thursday at Harlowe

● Driver Charged With
Manslaughter

A 7-year-old Negro boy, Edward Ray Gaskill, was decapitated at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Harlowe when a car, out of control, left highway 101 and shot into a yard where the youngster was playing.

Patrolman Nathan Robinson, who investigated, said the car, driven by Cpl. Cobren F. Pack, Cherry Point, knocked the boy 39 feet, hit a three-quarter ton pickup truck and shoved it a distance of 30 feet.

He said he could not state definitely what caused the child's head to be completely severed from the body. The driver was charged with driving drunk, careless and reckless driving and manslaughter.

The patrolman quoted Pack as saying that he had had two beers, was going toward Beaufort at between 50 and 55 miles an hour and was lighting a cigarette when ashes fell down his shirt. As he was trying to get the lighted ashes out of his shirt, he lost control of the car, he told the officer.

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Moose Announce Dinner, 7:30 Tonight

Members of the Morehead City Moose lodge will celebrate their seventh anniversary with a dinner at the Moose home, Atlantic Beach, at 7:30 tonight. All members and their ladies are cordially invited.

The lodge promises an outstanding program and dinner. The event will welcome new members and their wives, as well as honor members who have obtained the higher degrees of the order.

Mrs. Philip K. Ball Heads County Heart Fund Council

Mrs. Philip K. Ball of Morehead City has been named chairman of the Carteret County Heart Council by Eric Korosy, field director for the North Carolina Heart Association.

Mrs. Ball, a native of Morehead City, is active in civic and religious work. She is secretary of the Garden and Civics Department of the Woman's club, has served as president of the department and of the American Legion auxiliary.

She serves on the bishop's committee of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, where she is a member. She is a past president of the Episcopal Churchwomen and was the first organist and choir director.

Mrs. Ball and her husband, who is the county surveyor, have lived in Morehead City since 1944. Prior to that they made their home in Washington.

The new chairman has three children, Mrs. Graham Elliott of Washington, Mrs. Alec Bonner of Irving, Tex., and Bill Baughman of Morehead City. She also has five grandchildren.

Donations to the heart fund, checks for memorials and other

Traffic Island Built



The traffic island above, erected during the past week, is located on Cedar street, Beaufort, at Live Oak. A reminder of where motorists might land, if they don't heed the traffic signs, appears in the background.

Town Considers Resumption Of Court Headed by Mayor

Choral Club To Give Program

The Choral club of Queen Street high school, Beaufort, under the direction of Miss E. E. Vines, will present a Christmas vesper service Sunday at 4 p.m. in the school auditorium.

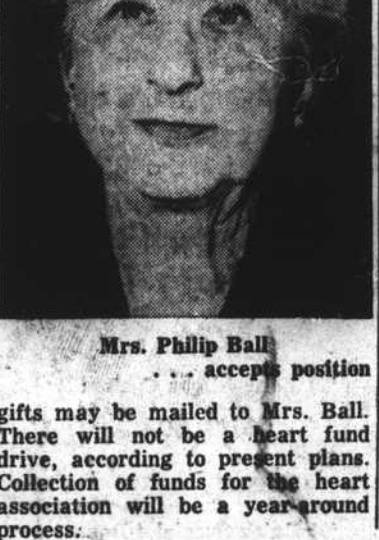
The vesper service will be divided into two sections. The first part, entitled "The Coming of the King," will include the following selections:

The Lord's Prayer, Marlotte; Christmas Lullaby, Mozart; Sheep May Graze, Bach; Silent Night, Seymour; Angels We Have Heard, French carol; Go Tell it on the Mountain, spiritual.

The second part of the music, Adventures in Caroling, will include:

Echo Carol, German; Ukrainian Bell Carol, Leonvitch; The Bells of St. Mary's, Adams; Hark to the Angels, Hungarian; The First Noel, English; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Bach; O Holy Night, Adams.

The public is cordially invited to hear the Christmas music, announces Miss Vines.



Mrs. Philip K. Ball... accepts position

Beaufort town commissioners decided Monday night to look into the possibility of resuming mayor's court.

Mayor's court is not the same as the recorder's court, which the town operated several years and then discontinued. Claud Wheatly, town attorney, described it as somewhat like a justice of the peace court, with the mayor as presiding officer.

The town did away with mayor's court when it entered on the recorder's court plan. When that proved too expensive, the town sent its cases to county recorder's court where it received, by agreement with the county, a portion of the court costs levied.

The court subject arose when mayor W. H. Potter read a letter from Odell Merrill, clerk to the county board of commissioners, which stated that the county decided that after July 1, 1960 it would no longer split court costs with the town.

The attorney said statute permits the county to withdraw from the arrangement just as it likewise permits the town to withdraw if it wishes.

The board requested the clerk, Ronald Earl Mason, to look up records on mayor's court and report to the board at a later meeting.

The board approved purchase of two citizen band radios for the fire department. The cost, \$275, is to come from the fire department budget. Dr. David Farrow, fire commissioner, said the radios could be used by the street department too.

Fireman Frank Lewis, who attended the meeting, said the towns of Bridgeton and King use citizen band radios in their fire department.

The board authorized purchase of a six-cylinder four-door police car from Parker Motors. The clerk presented informal quotations from three dealers.

Mayor Potter, disgusted because the county has declined his invitation to "restore and maintain" the dump on Lennoxville road as it should be, asked the board to order that the gate across the road be moved back from the Lennoxville road to the point where town trucks dump trash and open the area now closed.

After concluding that the town dumps trash in the area by consent only of private property owners, commissioners made no move to comply with the mayor's suggestion.

The clerk reported that residents on Pollock between Broad and Cedar have expressed interest in having the street paved. The petition,

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Hunt Continues For Missing Man

Still missing at press time yesterday was L. Hugh Marshburn Jr., 42, of Carolina Beach, brother of Mrs. John Bordeaux of Morehead City. Since early Friday, planes, boats and skin divers have been searching Snow's Cut, on the inland waterway near Carolina Beach, and the surrounding area for the missing man.

Mr. Marshburn was last seen about 11 p.m. Thursday as he drove away from his office in Wilmington in the direction of his home. Officers believe his car left the highway and plunged into the water at Snow's Cut. They have confined their search mainly to that area.

A woman resident reported hearing a splash shortly before midnight Thursday and, coupling that with other evidence at the scene, officials have concluded that a car definitely went into the water.

The missing man is 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds and has close-cropped grey hair. He wears dark-rimmed glasses. When last seen he was wearing a white shirt, bow tie, gray trousers and a red corduroy jacket.

Judge Upholds Order That Stopped Removal of Cattle

Jurors Named For Civil Court Next Month

Names of the following county residents were drawn Tuesday for jury duty in the Jan. 16 term of civil court:

Morehead City—Carl Gunnerson, Eugene Edwards, Ethan Davis Jr., J. A. Durham, John Tilley, Joe Earl Roberts, Eugene D. Lamplsey, Ronal Earl Willis, Edward L. McLawhorn, Shirley Meadows Scott, Lucy K. Wade, Robert I. Barts, Plymouth Willis, James B. Macey Jr., William L. Yeager, J. C. Haney, S. D. Weeks.

Beaufort—Clinton T. Lewis, Marvin G. Taylor, Henry Kirk, Reginald Gillikin, Adrian L. Gillikin, Joseph L. Goodwin, Peter C. Beam, Charlie S. Smith, Roy Keller, Margaret S. Davis, Ralph L. Phillips, Ralph Kittrell, Jack O. Chadwick, Robert M. Lewis Jr., Dan Smith, Ethel Davis, James Stewart, Margaret S. Simpson, H. I. Carraway, John S. Johnson, Guy Edwards, Roland F. Salter, Alton Cole, Theodore Willis.

Newport—Robert Thomas Adams, Edward C. Nelson Jr., Luther Edward Turner, W. J. Hardesty, Asa Mann, Albert Cannady, C. L. McCabe, Andrew J. Hunter.

Harkers Island—Charles W. Hancock, Walter Yeomans Jr., Johnnie A. Willis, Garrison Gray Lewis, Charlie Nelson, George Perry Willis, Allen Moore, Dallas Guthrie.

Atlantic—Mrs. Katherine C. Davis, E. V. Morris, Ben B. Salter, John Stewart McCormack, Jordan Mason, Lloyd H. Mason, Ira S. Morris Jr.

Williamston—T. C. Willis, Grayden Paul Fulcher.

Marshallberg—Earl D. Johnson, Elwood R. Willis.

Davis—Charlie Willis, Edna Bell Piner, Violet Lane Styron.

Salter Path—Joseph Zajac; Merimian—William R. Wallace, J. H. Wallace, Virgil M. Tosto.

Gloucester—Lela R. Leffers; Straits—Ben T. Watson; Sea Level—James Styron; Stacy—Ross Harris; Lola—Woodrow Daniels.

County commissioners met in special session Tuesday at the courthouse to draw the jury.

Mayor Believes He'll Run in May

While there's many a day between now and May, W. H. Potter, mayor of Beaufort, said yesterday that he is considering running for re-election.

"It seems required to assist and help keep in motion the cooperative spirit in this area, I will; if I feel that I can't be of any help, I won't," the mayor remarked.

Mayor Potter succeeded mayor C. T. Lewis in 1959. Town elections occur every two years in May.

Driver Appeals Penalty Given For Speeding

Tim Dayton Lawrence, convicted of speeding in county court Tuesday, entered a notice of appeal. His sentence was a \$10 fine and court costs. Lawrence's case was transferred to the next term of superior court. Judge Lambert R. Morris set bond for the defendant at \$100.

Six defendants, charged with speeding, were ordered to pay court costs. They are Richard Robert Ridenhour, Brake Jackson Taylor, Albert Clayton Sharpe, Arthur Davidson Carr, and Richard Carroll Morris.

Four other defendants, Paul Edward Kilfeather, Richard Gordon Batdorf, James Revel Ping, and Gerald Arthur Focht, were fined \$5 and costs for speeding.

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

Thomas Noe, Beaufort, public drunkenness, costs.

Hooker Morris, engaging in a fight, \$5 and costs.

L. C. Mason, violation fishing laws, bond forfeited.

James Riley Johnson, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Darrell Lawrence, driving on the wrong side of the road and improper registration, \$10 and costs.

Paul Wingate Lewis, failing to stop for a stop sign, costs.

Bobby Gene Mason, failing to keep a proper lookout, resulting in an accident, costs.

Gene Corbitt Norris, speeding, \$15 and costs.

Bert Copeland, larceny, one year in jail and roadwork, suspended on

Attorneys Argue Case In Courthouse Tuesday

Judge W. J. Bundy upheld Tuesday the temporary court order restraining sheriff Hugh Salter and the state attorney general from removing or shooting cattle on Shackleford banks.

The judge presided at a hearing in the county commissioners' room of the courthouse, Beaufort. Ralph Chadwick and Mrs. Olive Willis, petitioners in the suit against the sheriff and the attorney general, were represented by attorneys Harvey Hamilton Jr. and Charles W. Stevens.

Mr. Chadwick, a resident of Straits, and Mrs. Willis, a resident of Harkers Island, jointly own, they say, about 30 head of cattle on Shackleford. Mr. Chadwick attended the hearing.

Sheriff Salter and the attorney general, Wade Bruton, were represented by Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney.

After hearing arguments from both sides, the judge said he would take the matter under advisement, and recessed the hearing. He said he expected to make a decision "within the next few days." Meanwhile the restraining order would stand.

The judge agreed to hear the case on its merits rather than consider the restraining order alone. Attorneys for both parties agreed that the big question to be answered is, "Is the 1959 statute, making cattle on Shackleford the property of Carteret county, unconstitutional?"

Luther Hamilton denied the complaints set forth by attorney Harvey Hamilton, who read the recent laws on cattle.

Statute 1057 of the session laws of 1957 states that after July 1, 1958 it shall be unlawful to let livestock run at large on the outer banks; exempt are ponies on Shackleford and Ocracoke.

The law gives the director of the department of conservation and development authority to move or confine the ponies behind fences when he believes such is necessary to prevent erosion of the outer banks.

Although the laws do not spell out the reason for passage, Luther Hamilton contended that it is general knowledge that they were passed to prevent destruction of vegetation on the banks by livestock and thus preserve the banks as dikes that keep the sea back from the mainland.

The law further states that anyone who violates it by not getting livestock off, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, liable to \$100 fine and 30 days in jail.

Harvey Hamilton read chapter 782 of the session laws of 1959. This law states that all animals on the banks after July 1, 1959 shall become the property of Carteret county. It further directs the sheriff of the county to remove, by any method he deems necessary, any animals remaining after that date and turn them over to charitable institutions of the county, as the county commissioners direct.

Harvey Hamilton emphasized that the law says the sheriff should remove, not shoot the cattle. The sheriff, by direction of the governor and county commissioners, promised several weeks ago, that he would shoot the cattle, since that seemed to be the only way to get rid of them.

Attorney Hamilton and Stevens contended that cattle owners were

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Mayor Pleased With Reception Of Ferry Request

Mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort, who headed a committee that conferred Wednesday with J. Melville Broughton, chairman of the state highway commission, was well pleased with the reception given the committee at Raleigh.

Resumption of ferry service between Atlantic and Ocracoke was sought. He said Mr. Broughton was most gracious, as were W. F. Babcock, director of secondary highways, and Sam Beard, public relations officer with the State Highway commission. Ralph Morris, highway commissioner from New Bern, also attended the conference.

Mr. Broughton said he would inform the other highway commissioners of the committee's proposal that the state acquire the ferry under long-term purchase agreement or operate it under long-term lease, with tolls continuing.

The highway commission could act on the proposal at its Jan. 31 meeting, or in special session prior to that, the chairman said.

Whether the committee's proposal

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State Purchases Island Property

The Council of State approved funds Monday at Raleigh for hurricane repair to Fort Macon and for acquisition of 914 acres of land on Portsmouth island owned by Roland McClamroch, F. M. Simms, and W. J. Long.

The state paid \$18,280 for the island property. It hopes to acquire more than 20,000 acres on the outer banks between Ocracoke and Cape Lookout. Four hundred thousand dollars to finance the buying was appropriated in the 1959 general assembly.

A state sand-fencing project for a 14-mile stretch on Portsmouth is nearing completion.

The state and federal government are cooperating on a plan to prevent further erosion of the outer banks, which have been seriously damaged by storms in recent years.

The council appropriated \$35,000 for repairs of state parks damaged in hurricane Donna. The parks are Fort Macon, Jones Lake, Pettigrew and Singletary.

Since damage at Fort Macon, in this county, far exceeded that at the other parks, it is assumed that the major portion of the funds will come to Fort Macon.

Ray Purdie, superintendent of Fort Macon, said yesterday he has not been told the exact amount to be used here.

Officials at Hearing



Among the officials at the commercial fisheries hearing Saturday morning at Morehead City were Eric Rodgers, left, chairman of the state commercial fisheries committee; Lorimer Midgett, Elizabeth Cate, member of the committee, and John Rodman, Washington, N. C., attorney for the North Carolina Fisheries association.

Beach Mayor Hears Four Cases Tuesday Night

Four cases were heard in Atlantic Beach mayor's court Tuesday night at the town hall.

Four defendants, all from Camp Lejeune, were found guilty of disturbing the peace. The mayor ordered them to pay costs. They are Eugene L. Knutson, William Evans, Arthur C. Smith Jr., and Robert J. Leaper.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 16	LOW
6:09 a.m.		12:43 a.m.
6:32 p.m.		
Saturday, Dec. 17		
6:57 a.m.		12:48 a.m.
7:24 p.m.		1:35 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 18		
7:46 a.m.		1:40 a.m.
8:16 p.m.		2:25 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19		
8:37 a.m.		2:31 a.m.
9:10 p.m.		3:14 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20		
9:32 a.m.		3:21 a.m.
10:09 p.m.		4:03 p.m.

Agriculture Leaders Continue Try To Improve Legion's 'County Fair'

October minutes of the County Agricultural Workers council, which pertain to the annual American Legion fair, Beaufort, were ordered sent to C. L. Beam of the American Legion when the council met last Thursday afternoon at the postoffice building, Beaufort.

A letter was to be sent accompanying the minutes. The minutes specified that a meeting be held with Legion representatives to discuss the type of program the fair puts on.

Mrs. David Beveridge, member of the council and vocational home economics teacher at Beaufort school, read a letter giving the amount of prize money paid on winning booths and exhibits at the fair in Beaufort county.

According to the council, the prizes are considerably higher than those paid at the Carteret fair. She stated that in the case of one booth at the Carteret fair this year, the premium paid by the fair was not enough to cover the cost of

crepe paper used at the booth.

Mrs. Beveridge stated that if the premiums were not raised by the next fair (assuming there will be one), her home economics department would not participate.

The council asked its secretary to request a reply to its letter from Mr. Beam, who the council says is head of the Legion. It was suggested that several Legionnaires meet with the council in January to work out reorganization of the fair program.

R. M. Williams, council member and agricultural agent, reported on the Dec. 5 meeting of county commissioners and Mr. Beam. Mr. Williams attended the meeting and stated that there should be a new and better fair program and "better timing." Agricultural leaders said they were not notified until a week before this year's fair that there was going to be a fair and that they were expected to put on their usual exhibits and get farm people to exhibit.

Mr. Williams told the council that

Woodmen to Celebrate Christmas at 7 Monday

Woodmen of the World, Camp 188, Morehead City, will have its Christmas party at 7 p.m. Monday at the lodge hall. Members and their families are invited.

There will be gifts for the children, refreshments and carols. Santa will pay a visit at 8 o'clock. A 12-gauge automatic shotgun will also be given away.

Money raised from the shotgun project will be used to pay cost of repairing toys for needy children and to pay for Christmas parties at 19 orphanages throughout the state.