

Firemen Greet Christmas



Rhapsody in Blue might be the theme song of the West End fire station in Morehead City this Christmas. Its roof and front are outlined in blue lights, with Merry Christmas lanterns spanning the drive in front.

Duke Gets Two New Grants For Research

Durham — Duke university has been awarded two grants totaling \$57,573 to continue separate research on blue crabs and acorn barnacles. The work will be done at the Duke Marine laboratory, Beaufort.

The US Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has provided \$47,200 toward support for one year of studies on environmental factors and their effect on the survival and development of blue crabs. This edible seafood represents an annual multi-million dollar industry in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast areas.

The US Office of Naval Research granted \$10,373 for research on the physiology and development of the barnacles which annually foul oceanic vessels, necessitating dry docking, scraping and repainting. This grant is for a one-year period. Dr. John D. Costlow of the zoology department faculty, who works fulltime at the laboratory, is the principal investigator for both projects.

A research team headed by Dr. Costlow some months ago became the first anywhere to rear blue crabs to maturity in a laboratory. This feat was regarded by the scientific world as a working base toward the goal of raising them commercially and breeding a larger crab.

However, the survival rate in the laboratory was not as high as had been hoped. Hence, the continued studies will try to determine the best diet, salinity and temperature for larval development in an effort to raise the survival rate, Dr. Costlow said.

Designed to learn everything possible about barnacles, the second project also is basic research. Dr. Costlow feels, however, that the studies should give the paint chemist a background, previously lacking, which will result in greater control of the barnacles.

Paint chemists make up paints poisonous to barnacles which are applied to ships to lessen damage from the barnacles.

Night Driving Harbors Danger

December nights are the longest of the year and the most deadly for motorists, state highway patrolmen of the county point out.

"But shorter days and longer nights are menacing only to the drivers who fail to adjust their driving speeds to account for the extra hazards involved," says patrolman R. H. Brown.

December traffic accidents throughout the nation last December claimed 3650 lives, or a daily average of 121, making the last month of 1959 the worst traffic month of the entire year, according to the National Safety Council.

"Here in North Carolina," patrolman Brown observed, "traffic accidents last December took 124 lives. To our way of thinking it is a distinct moral responsibility of all drivers to do everything in their power to prevent highway mishaps. In traffic you are your brother's keeper."

Rescue Call

Beaufort firemen, in their rescue ambulance, took Guy Smith, Fulford street, to the Morehead City hospital at 10 p.m. Sunday. He had suffered a heart attack.

One Hundred Years Ago South Carolina Seceded

By F. C. SALISBURY

One hundred years ago today, December 20, 1860, in the city of Charleston, S. C., occurred one of the greatest crises in the history of our nation, the seceding of the state of South Carolina from the Union, thereby bringing about four years of Civil War.

In the south the right of secession was regarded as one of the reserved powers of the states, there being no prohibition in this respect in the Constitution nor any power conferred upon the federal government to compel a state to remain in the Union against its wishes. The remote causes of this epic movement between the Union and the other states which seceded, were the questions of state rights and slavery.

On Monday preceding election day in Nov. 1860, Governor Gist of South Carolina, presiding over the state legislature at Columbia, presented to the legislators the matter of choosing presidential electors. The matter was soon disposed of and a matter of far greater importance was presented, that of secession of the state from the Union.

Governor Gist, in presenting the matter to the assembly stated, "I would earnestly recommend that in the event of Abraham Lincoln's election to the presidency, a convention of the people of the state be immediately called to consider and determine for themselves the mode and measure of redress." In his judgment the only alternative left was secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union. The legislature remained in session until the result of the election was known.

The regular machinery by which the work of secession was accomplished was a state convention, called to be held in the early part of December in Columbia but on account of an epidemic of smallpox in the city, the assembly reconvened in Charleston at Institute Hall on the 18th.

There at 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 20 the Ordinance of Secession was passed without a dissenting vote among the 169 delegates, declaring: "The union now existing between South Carolina and other states under the name of the United States of America is hereby dissolved." This action was tantamount to a declaration of war.

"There was an impressive public ceremony in Charleston that evening when the delegates came up to sign the ordinance of secession. After the last name was affixed, chairman D. F. Jamison announced: "The Ordinance of Secession has been signed and ratified and I proclaim the State of South Carolina an independent Commonwealth."

The one sentiment, everywhere expressed by the vast majority of the people of South Carolina was the sentiment of independence, and the universal resolve was the determination to maintain the secession of the state at any cost. The militia of the state was at that time her only arm of defense, and every part of it was put under orders.

But the South was far from "sold" in the desire to leave the Union. As a matter of fact, in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana a strong opposition to secession had appeared in a large minority vote against it. In Virginia, western counties were so opposed to it that they withdrew from the state and later entered the Union as the State of West Virginia.

Although the early months of the Confederacy were marked by or-

ganization and preparation for conflict, a futile effort at a peaceful adjustment was made. As yet neither side had committed any act of violence. Only words had been spoken, papers written, and pacific measures employed.

For more than a month uncertainty as to the outcome of secession prevailed. A peace convention met at Washington in February, 1861, delegates being present from seven slave-holding states. Through misunderstanding involving charges of breach of faith as to the relief of Fort Sumter, this effort failed, and the commissioners withdrew from Washington.

In February 1861, delegates from the seceded states met at Montgomery, Ala., formed a new union called the Confederate States of America, drew up a permanent constitution, and chose as their president Jefferson Davis of Mississippi. The action of the delegates was ratified by the seceded states.

In taking this action secessionists based their expectations on one or both theories. The first was that the North would permit the Confederate States to secede in peace and establish friendly relations with their government. The second was that, if permission was denied and war came, the South would maintain its independence by arms. War came.

Newport Resident Helps Californian in Weed Show

A Newport resident, Mrs. Carrie Winger, helped a woman's club member in California win three awards in a recent weed and flower show.

The winner, Mrs. R. A. Bjorson, 73089 Sunnyvale, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., tells of the event in the following letter:

To the News-Times:
The Spirit of Christmas came a little early to a small desert town situated 50 miles from the fabulous resort city of Palm Springs, California.

Twenty-nine Palms is a high desert town ideally located in the great Mojave Desert. It is a retired people's haven due to its year-round climatic conditions. Nearby is the Marine Corps largest base covering an area of 960 square miles.

Gordon Willis Heads Realtors

Gordon C. Willis, Morehead City, was elected president of the Morehead-Beaufort board of realtors at its recent meeting at the Rex restaurant.

Mrs. George McNeill, Morehead City, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Prior to the meeting, Bobby G. Wrightberry was elected a state director for 1961.

W. B. Chalk, publicity chairman, was in charge of the program. Discussed was a portion of the realtors' code of ethics. Garland Scruggs, outgoing president, was commended for his work during the past year.

Oil Firms to Close

Oil companies announce that they will not be open Saturday, Dec. 24. They will close at the end of business this Friday and will not reopen until Tuesday morning, Dec. 27.

William F. Willis Killed Sunday At Otway by Blast from Shotgun

Sheriff Holds Stepson, Elmo Lawrence, Jr.

Elmo Lawrence, 25, Otway, is being held in the county jail, pending outcome of the investigation of the murder of his stepfather, William Finley (Bill) Willis, 41. Willis was killed at 1 a.m. Sunday at his home in Otway while lying in bed.

No bond has been set for Lawrence. Sheriff Salter said that he was called to the Willis home about two hours after the shooting and found Willis dead when he got there.

Lawrence told him that the gun went off accidentally. Coroner David Munden said that there were three shotgun wounds in Willis's body. Lawrence claims that both barrels of his double-barreled 12-

LATE BULLETIN: Sheriff Salter reported yesterday afternoon that Lawrence has been formally charged with murder.

gauge shotgun went off at the same time. The gun was loaded with No. 1 buckshot.

Two wounds were in the victim's back and one under his left arm. Lawrence told officers that he walked into the bedroom to ask Willis something about the gun when it went off. The body was found lying on the floor. The coroner says that Willis probably died instantly.

The body was taken to the Bell-Munden funeral home, Morehead City. Funeral arrangements were not definite by press time yesterday. Besides his wife, Annie Lawrence Willis; his stepson, Elmo, and a stepdaughter, Willis is survived by a number of brothers and sisters.

Assisting sheriff Salter and deputy Bruce Edwards in investigation of the shooting is John Edwards of the State Bureau of Investigation, Kinston.

Dr. Robert Humber To Present Report

Robert Lee Humber, promoter of the World Federation movement, will give his annual report in Beaufort at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Humber's presentation this year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the World Federation movement on Davis Island in this county.

All the persons who attended the organizational meeting, as well as any others interested, are invited to hear Dr. Humber's 1960 report.

Dec. 23 Issue Will Go to Press Early

THE NEWS-TIMES Christmas issue (Dec. 23) will go to press tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday. It will be available on newsstands that night and will reach mail subscribers by the regular publication date, Friday — if postoffices aren't too bogged down with the Christmas rush.

Classified ads (lost and found, want ads, etc.) must be in the newspaper office by 10:30 a.m. Wednesday if they are to be included in the Dec. 23 paper. Information for newstories should be in by 11 a.m.

Court Issues 11 Judgments In Recent Suits

Eleven judgments in civil cases and an order lifting probation have recently been recorded by A. H. James, clerk of superior court, Beaufort.

In the suit E. J. Smith and Sons Co. vs. Leroy Guthrie, trading as Atlantic Beach Marina, the court ruled breach of contract and ordered that the Smith firm be paid \$678.05 by Guthrie, plus interest from May 1, 1959. Guthrie is also to pay costs of court.

It has been ordered that M. L. Mansfield shall recover from P. D. Brewington \$28.73 plus interest from July 10, 1958 and Brewington is also to pay costs.

In the suit, Morehead Block and Tile Co. vs. Goodwin Construction Co. Inc. and Bruce L. Goodwin, Goodwin is to pay \$2,286.26 plus interest from Aug. 5, 1959 until the debt is paid.

Parnell Tool and Supply has obtained a ruling ordering East Carolina Building Supply Co. Inc. to pay \$403.48 plus interest from April 30, 1960.

In the case, E. G. Phillips, trading as Carteret Plumbing and Refrigeration vs. G. C. Greenfield and wife, Genevieve, and Emile, the dispute was settled and Phillips agreed to non-suit.

The issues were compromised by a separation agreement in the suit, Vivian D. Gillikin vs. Lester W. Gillikin.

The restraining order was dissolved and the action non-suited in the case, Grace S. Walker, M. A. Walker Jr. and Marian Walker, as landlords, and W. C. Matthews and J. C. Mizelle as lessees, vs. the North Carolina Pulp Co.

Provisions of the remaining period of probation were lifted in the case of William Billy Willis. Willis wanted to join the Army and could not do so as long as he was on probation. He pleaded guilty in March 1959 to breaking, entering and larceny. He was put on probation for five years.

The court found that he had satisfactorily complied with the conditions of probation since that time.

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Licenses to Wed Issued to Eight

Eight couples applied for marriage licenses at the office of the register of deeds, Beaufort, from Nov. 29 through Dec. 16. Applicants follow:

Nov. 29: Fred H. Foster, 21, Havelock, and Elizabeth Tucker, 22, Havelock; Charlie Smith, 71, Morehead City, and Helen P. Noe, 65, Morehead City.

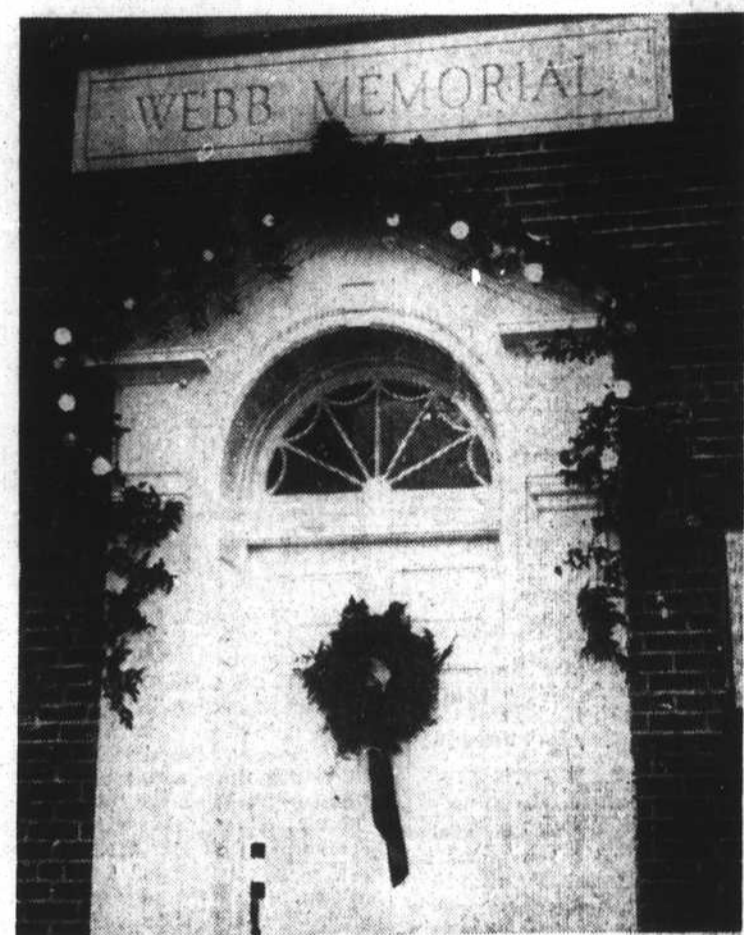
Dec. 3: Arthur Taylor, 21, Morehead City, and Mary Alice Smith, 21, Morehead City; Elzie Tosto, 24, Beaufort, and Marsha Kay Hill, 19, Beaufort.

Dec. 6: Primo Carnary Johnson, 21, Havelock, and Eleanor Marie Andrews, 20, Havelock.

Dec. 8: Ernest Glenn Conway, 21, Beaufort, and Judy Rebecca Steed, 19, Morehead City.

Dec. 16: Henry Clark Eubanks, 23, Beaufort; and Jean Carol Gillikin, 23, Williston; Edward Frank Mikrut, 25, Uniontown, Pa., and Marie Brooks, 19, Beaufort.

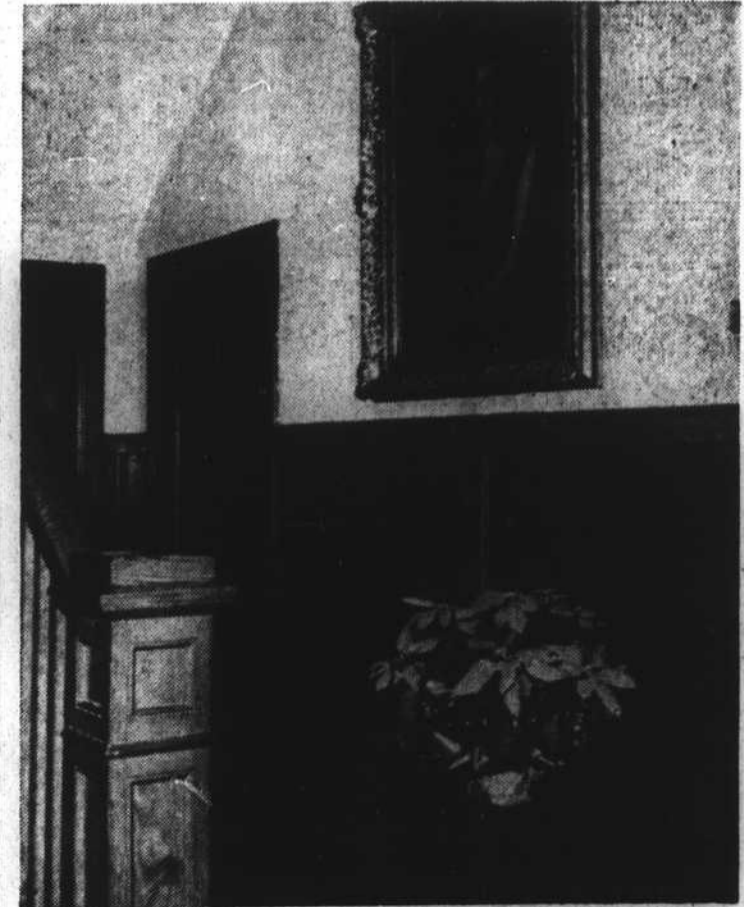
It's Christmas Time



The Webb Memorial civic center, Morehead City, is decked in holiday attire. This is the doorway on 9th street.



On the second floor, where many organizations meet for Christmas parties, is a beautiful Christmas tree with blue lights. Mrs. E. A. Council supervised placement of the decorations.



Beneath the portrait of Mrs. Earle Webb, in whose memory the civic center was built by her husband, is a pink poinsettia.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Dec. 20	LOW
9:32 a.m.		3:21 a.m.
10:09 p.m.		4:03 p.m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 21	
10:31 a.m.		4:11 a.m.
11:10 p.m.		4:52 p.m.
	Thursday, Dec. 22	
11:30 a.m.		5:04 a.m.
		5:45 p.m.

J. A. Clark to Receive Five-Year Service Pin

Johnnie A. Clark of Morehead City will become eligible this month for a service emblem representing five years of telephone company service. The award is in the form of a gold pin.

Clark is employed by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. as an installer-repairman in the plant department, Morehead City.

Directors Name Skinner Chalk As President

● Chamber Directors Meet Thursday Noon

● 1961 Program, Budget Will be Distributed

Skinner A. Chalk was elected president of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce at a meeting at noon Thursday at the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant. Attending were present directors and those who will serve next year.

Edgar Swann was elected vice-president, J. R. Sanders treasurer, and J. A. DuBois, manager.

Rufus Butler, president, thanked Shelby Freeman and J. M. Davis, retiring board members, for their service to the chamber, and welcomed the new directors, George Huntley Jr., Moses Howard, Elmer Willis, Dom Femia, W. L. Derrickson, and W. E. Baughman.

Director Jimmy Wallace praised Mr. Butler, who retires as president Dec. 31, for his leadership during the past year.

Mr. Butler gave a report on the ferry hearing at Raleigh Dec. 14, and thanked the organizations and individuals who rallied to the support of the Ocracoke-Atlantic ferry service.

He distributed copies of a proposed budget for 1961 and requested the board members to examine it prior to the next meeting when it will be brought up for approval.

A proposed program of work for 1961 was read, which, along with the budget will be mailed to members with a request for comments and suggestions.

Due to the first Monday in January being a holiday, the next meeting of the board was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9th, at the Hotel Fort Macon, the time 6:45 p.m. instead of the customary 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Willis suggested that the spring membership meeting be held at a "down east clam bake." The suggestion met with enthusiastic approval.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Garland Scruggs, George McNeill, and Dr. S. W. Hatcher.

Officer Reports Two Accidents

A car turned over Saturday near Newport and a station wagon collided with a bus in two accidents investigated over the weekend by state highway patrolman W. E. Pickard.

David R. Raciti, Cherry Point, was charged with driving drunk after he wrecked a 1950 Ford on the Nine-Foot road a mile and a half from Newport. The accident happened at 2:45 p.m. Saturday.

Patrolman Pickard said Raciti lost control of the car. It turned over several times and was demolished. He left the scene, ran through the woods and was picked up a short time later by the patrolman. He was walking along highway 70 when the patrolman spotted him.

The car belonged to another person whose identity was not known at press time. Raciti was alone in the automobile at the time of the accident.

A 1960 Falcon station wagon hit the left rear of a Seashore Transportation Co. bus at 5:50 p.m. Sunday on highway 70 west of Morehead City. The accident occurred in front of Bryan's grocery as the bus stopped to pick up a passenger.

Patrolman Pickard said Herbert Griffin, route 1, Dover, was driving the bus. The station wagon was driven by Edward C. Nelson, route 1 Newport. Both were headed west.

Damage to the Falcon was estimated at \$350 and to the bus \$100. The patrolman said Nelson didn't realize the bus had stopped and turned out too late to avoid it. No one was hurt.

Tree Re-Set

Fire engineer Elmond Rhue has expressed his thanks to Thomas Eure, Beaufort contractor, for lending equipment to re-set the town Christmas tree on Front street. It was blown down in a high wind about a week ago. Firemen are also having trouble keeping the street decorations lighted. Mr. Rhue says the lines keep shorting out.