

Two Otway Boys Killed in Crash

Funerals Held At 2, 4 Sunday

Funeral service for Thomas Pickett Gillikin were conducted at Otway Christian church Sunday at 2 p.m. by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Funk. Burial was in the family cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zelva Gillikin; one sister, Hilma, of the home; one brother, Billy Earl, of the home; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Maude Piver of Morehead City, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Gillikin of Otway.

The funeral for William Clyde Lawrence was conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Otway church with Mr. Funk officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery on highway 70 near Otway.

Surviving are his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Arletta Gillikin, with whom he lived; his mother, Mrs. Carla Hill, and two brothers, Perry and David.

John Mason Hurt In Car Crash

John Mason, son of Dr. and Mrs. Manly Mason, Newport, who was injured in an auto accident about midnight Saturday, underwent brain surgery at Duke hospital Sunday morning.

He is reported to be recovering satisfactorily. Mason and another youth were in Mason's '56 Plymouth when it turned bottom-up on highway 70 a couple hundred yards west of the Carteret county line.

Patrolman W. E. Pickard arrived soon after the accident happened and found the boys still pinned in the car. It had landed on its roof in a ditch. By-standers said they couldn't get the boys out. The door that was most accessible was locked.

Patrolman Pickard said that the boy with Mason (name was not available) was able to unlock the door and the patrolman got them out. Mason had a gash on his head and had apparently lost a lot of blood.

He was taken to the hospital at Cherry Point, then to Morehead City hospital and from there to Duke. He suffered a concussion. The operation was performed to relieve pressure on the brain.

Mason's companion was not hurt.

Special Session of Court Ends; Damage Suits Closed

The special two-week session of civil court closed Friday. Settled was a suit of long standing which arose from an auto accident at Otway in March 1959. The cases were compromised.

In the suit, Tennie W. Willis, friend of Gene Autry Willis, vs. Charlie Hancock, Alice Jones Rose and William C. Rose, the court ruled that the Willises shall collect \$980 from Hancock and \$390 from the Roses, the defendants to pay court costs.

From the damages awarded, \$350 is to go to C. R. Wheatly, attorney for the plaintiff; \$89.70 to the Morehead City hospital and \$120 to Dr. John Way.

The Roses and Hancock were also ordered to pay a total of \$4,400 to Ervin Gillikin, friend of Nancy Fay Willis, as well as costs. Of that amount \$1,250 was ordered paid the plaintiff's attorney, Mr. Wheatly; \$67.15 to the hospital, \$70 to Dr. Way and \$385 to Dr. Lawrence Rudder.

In the suit brought by Ervin Gillikin on behalf of Belma Gillikin Rose, Hancock was ordered to pay \$1,400 and the Roses \$760, of which \$400 was ordered to be paid attorney Wheatly; \$59.15 to go to the Morehead City hospital and \$90 to Dr. Way.

The court awarded Charles Edward Springle \$1,000 damages in a suit brought against T. T. (Tom) Potter, T. H. Potter and Rudolph Mason.

The jury ruled that T. T. Potter did not assault Springle, but that T. H. Potter had. Springle had requested \$27,000 in damages.

Springle filed suit against the Potters and Mason as the result of a fight which took place at the Sinclair Refining Co., office, Morehead City, Aug. 5, 1959. All four men involved gave testimony.

Springle testified that he went to the Sinclair office in response to a telephone call from Mason, who asked that he come down and settle a bill as he had promised to do two weeks earlier. At the office he was given a bill for \$22, while only about \$12 worth of the tickets were signed by Springle.

Springle said he told T. T. Potter, who waited on him, that he had an arrangement with the manager of the service station, where

Thursday is Groundhog Day

If the groundhog wakes up Thursday morning and sees his shadow, that means there will be six more weeks of winter. If it's a cloudy day and he doesn't see his shadow, spring is right around the corner—so the story goes.

How the groundhog gained the reputation of being a weather forecaster is a puzzle. Some believe it originated in Colonial times and has its roots in the old European belief that a sunny Candlemas

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means, "Ha-ha-ha. Guess you can't get me now!"

According to Jack Dermid, in the current issue of state Wildlife magazine, when the groundhog's temperature goes down to 45 as he hibernates, and his pulse and breathing rate slow, he can be dug from the ground and handled without being awakened!

While cautious, and one that will retreat if he can, the groundhog can put up a rousing fight. The largest member of the squirrel family, the groundhog weighs 5 to 10 pounds when full-grown.

If you want to know whether the groundhog is going to see his shadow Thursday, get up when the sun does, go outdoors and see if you can see your own. But don't let anybody know, because you might steal Mr. Groundhog's thunder, and after all, as Mr. Dermid points out, he IS the only American animal with a day named in his honor!

Several Snow Flakes Fly

A few snowflakes fell Sunday morning, but a bright sun shone the rest of the day and clouds fled.

E. Stamey Davis, weather observer, has reported temperatures and wind direction for the week, Jan. 22-29, as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Jan. 22	48	18	WNW
Jan. 23	52	26	SW
Jan. 24	55	43	SW
Jan. 25	29	22	WNW
Jan. 26	38	23	WNW
Jan. 27	37	25	W
Jan. 28	40	26	NW
Jan. 29	43	27	N

Rainfall Thursday, which froze on everything it touched, totaled .62 inches. The icy walks sent about 20 people to the hospitals for treatment of sprains and broken bones.

Morehead Rotary Elects Officers

Albert Gaskill, Morehead City accountant, was elected president of the Morehead City Rotary club at the meeting Thursday. He succeeds Edgar Swann and will assume office in July.

Other officers elected, include D. Cordova, vice-president; Bill Baughman, secretary; R. W. Davis, treasurer, and George Lore, Dr. John Gainey, Dr. Jerry Norris and David Lindsay, directors.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Corbin Cooper, of the First Baptist church, Morehead City. Mr. Cooper spoke on the topic, "To Know How to Live."

Guests at the meeting included C. S. Halfhill of Charlotte and Lloyd Wygant, Ashland, Ohio.

Lions Meet

Morehead City Lions met in the dining room of the Hotel Fort Macdon Thursday night. They adjourned early so members could attend the chamber of commerce membership meeting at the high school.

Omer Potter Studies at State



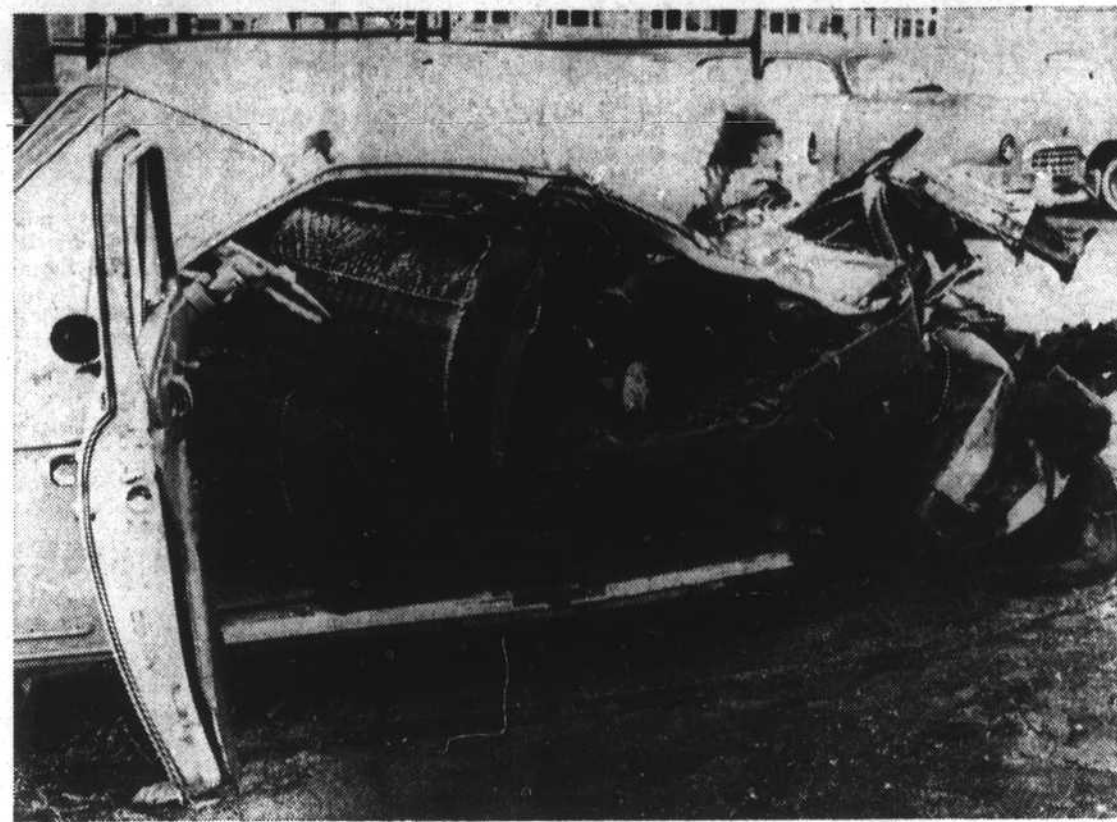
Omer Potter, Newport RFD, center, left yesterday to attend the ninth annual short course in modern farming at State college. The course is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers association in cooperation with State college.

Mr. Potter's expenses are being paid by the banks in this county. Representing Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., left, is Rufus Butner, vice-president, and

right is J. R. Sanders, assistant vice-president of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., who is county Key Banker.

The farm course will end Feb. 10. One hundred fifty are expected to enroll.

The course is one of the agricultural programs that has earned Tar Heel Bankers the top national award from the American Bankers association for 16 consecutive years.



News-Times Photo by McComb

Instant death came to two Otway youths Friday who were riding in the back seat of this car when it skidded at high speed and slammed into an oil truck on the Harkers Island road. The force of the impact almost disintegrated the rear and end of the car.

Slim Crowd Helps Launch '61 Campaign

'61 Tag Sales Move Slowly

State license tag sales are running considerably behind last year's, according to figures released Saturday by the tag office of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

So far, only 2,258 auto tags have been sold while 4,333 had been sold last year by Feb. 10. The deadline for purchasing the 1961 orange-on-black tags is Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Tag sales total 2,846, which include 258 trailer tags, 47 farm truck tags, 279 private truck tags and 2 motorcycle tags. Total sales by Feb. 15 in the county last year were 7,974.

City tags in both Beaufort and Morehead City are lagging too. City tags sold in Morehead total 588 while only 145 have been sold to date in Beaufort. The deadline for the city tags is also Feb. 15.

Salvage Efforts Fail

The 80-foot trawler, Sarah J., which went aground on shoals in Oregon inlet during a storm Jan. 15, is still there. Efforts to break her loose have failed, so the trawler will be abandoned. The Sarah J. is owned by Earl Holton, Vandemere. Its captain and crew were rescued by the Coast Guard.

Although the crowd was slim, chamber of commerce officials were pleased with the meeting that launched the 1961 membership drive Thursday night at the Morehead City school.

A panel of seven answered questions from the audience, and brief talks were made by A. B. Cooper, chairman of the membership drive; Rufus Butner, immediate past president of the chamber, and Skinner Chalk, president.

Mr. Chalk, in his remarks, pointed out that the state has recognized the importance of the All-Sea-shore highway, a project the chamber has diligently backed. He reported that as the result of a chamber of commerce contact an official of the Owens Yacht Co., Baltimore, has expressed interest in this area from the boat-building aspect.

Mr. Chalk stated that he is extremely interested in seeing the chamber go after light industry that will not interfere with resort development.

He listed as another objective a clean town and a clean county. "We'd like people to feel as soon as they entered our area the way you feel when you cross the northern boundary into Florida. You immediately know you've come to a place that's pleasant and different," he observed.

"Our community doesn't look the way it should. Waterfronts and other areas should be clean. We want suggestions on how to improve in that respect," the president remarked.

He spoke of Spooner's Creek harbor as a "wonderful development that is going to mean a great deal to us." Enlargement of the Biltmore Motor hotel will mean, Mr. Chalk remarked, that this area will have the only large convention facility on the North Carolina coast.

Mr. Butner said that the chamber's byword last year was unity. He expressed hope that this would continue to be the theme this year. Membership increased 250 per cent last year and income was up 150 per cent.

Mr. Cooper expressed displeasure with the amount of dues paid the chamber last year by A&P and Colonial store. He said no business is assessed more than a fair amount, based on the volume of business done.

Members of the panel were Moses Howard, Newport; Shelby Freeman, Atlantic Beach; Mr. Butner, William Davies, J. M. Davis, all of Morehead City; J. O. Barbour Jr., Beaufort, and Elmer Willis, Williston. Moderator was W. B. Chalk.

Questions were asked by Dom See CHAMBER, Page 2

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Jan. 31	LOW
8:07 a.m.		2:01 a.m.
8:34 p.m.		2:36 p.m.
	Wednesday, Feb. 1	
8:14 a.m.		2:40 a.m.
9:10 p.m.		3:13 p.m.
	Thursday, Feb. 2	
9:16 a.m.		3:16 a.m.
9:45 p.m.		3:47 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 3	
9:47 a.m.		3:48 a.m.
10:19 p.m.		4:17 p.m.

January Highway Deaths Now Total Four



This sticker on the rear bumper of the Gillikin car is distributed by the AAA Auto club of Southern California, an organization that promotes safe driving among its members.

Two Otway youths, Thomas P. Gillikin, 16, and William Clyde Lawrence, 15, met instant death Friday morning in an auto crash on Harkers Island road near the place formerly known as Leo's.

The pair were passengers in the back seat of a car driven by Clyde O'Neal Gillikin, 24, route 2 Beaufort. Gillikin's car, a 1950 DeSoto, was apparently travelling at a high rate of speed when it went out of control on a curve, left the right side of the pavement, careened back to the other side of the road, skidded 500 feet and crashed into an oil truck parked on the shoulder of the road. Gillikin and Lawrence were both thrown out of the death car.

Willie Dail, Beaufort, driver of the oil truck, told investigating officers that he was going south towards Harkers Island. He said that he saw the Gillikin car approaching at a high rate of speed so he pulled his truck off on the shoulder of the road to avoid a collision. The rear end of the Gillikin car crashed into the front of the oil truck. Dail escaped without injury.

Perry Lawrence, 19, was also a passenger in the DeSoto. He suffered minor bruises and was treated at the Morehead City hospital. Gillikin, the driver, was admitted to the hospital with a back injury and cuts on the face and hands.

The driver and the dead youth are not close relatives. The Lawrence boy who was killed is a brother of Perry Lawrence, who was also in the car.

Coroner David Munden has impounded a jury for an inquest, but the date will depend on when the driver of the car is discharged from the hospital.

Jurors are Carl M. Willis, Mart Lewis Jr., Harkers Island; Algonon Gillikin, Keith Lawrence, Otway; the Rev. Ray West, Straits; and Sergeant Champion, military policeman.

State highway patrolman R. H. Brown and sheriff Hugh Salter investigated the accident.

The driver of the death car has

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Cars Tangle Thursday At City Intersection

Morehead City police investigated a minor traffic mishap Thursday afternoon at 12th and Arendell streets.

Drivers involved were Ernest Linwood Guthrie Jr., 2009 Bridges St. and Jack May, 1212 Bridges St. According to police reports, the Guthrie and May cars collided as Guthrie was backing from a parking space on Arendell street. May was travelling east on Arendell at the time.

Guthrie's car, a 1957 Ford, was not damaged but police estimated damage to May's 1960 Mercury at \$50. No charges were filed against either driver. Patrolman Buck Newsome investigated.

First Baptist Church Honors Retiring Sexton, John Tillery

John Tillery, for 43 years sexton at the First Baptist church, Morehead City, was honored at the 11 a.m. service Sunday in the church. His children and other members of the family attended the service. The congregation gave him \$100 in

cash and announced the establishment of the John Tillery Student Loan Fund to aid students from the church and from W. S. King school.

The fund has been established with \$400. The amount will be an



Mr. and Mrs. John Tillery, 1003 Bay St., Morehead City, had 10 children, nine of whom are living. All nine attended the service honoring Mr. Tillery Sunday.

annual appropriation, revolving and cumulative. The applicants will be screened by the student loan committee. The amount of the loan will be determined on basis of needs of the student and funds available.

Should any recipient enter the field of Christian education, requirement of payment may be waived at the discretion of the committee.

Mr. Tillery has been employed at the church since 1918. His age is estimated at 80. He will continue to ring the church bell and carry out other minor duties. Also custodian at the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., he plans retirement from that work March 1.

In 1954, Mr. Tillery was named Carteret county's Father-of-the-Year.

Children who were with Mr. and Mrs. Tillery at the service were Miss Parker Tillery, dietitian at Duke hospital, Durham; Mrs. Fannie Butler, director of Negro recreation, Salisbury; Mrs. Richella Walker, teacher in the city school system, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Althea Tillery, who teaches school at Kinston; Miss Winifred Tillery, teacher in the public schools of Philadelphia; Fred Tillery, employee at the Morehead City postoffice; Mrs. Mary Boyd, Morehead City, a housewife; Mrs. Jessie Savage, secretary at W. S. King school, and John Tillery, teacher at Queen Street school, Beaufort.

The Rev. Corbin Cooper, pastor of the church, was unable to attend the service because of illness.