

Body of Woman Found in Barn Loft

Lillard Willis Booked After Joey Rose Dies in Wreck

Lillard Willis, 27, Harkers Island, has been charged with manslaughter and careless and reckless driving as the result of an accident Saturday night in which Joey Rose, 20, also of Harkers Island, died.

Willis' car, a 1952 Ford, upset in a canal an eighth of a mile east of the Thoroughfare drawbridge on the Cedar Island road at 10:45 p.m. Willis got out, but Rose drowned.

Highway patrolman R. H. Brown, who investigated, said that Willis was headed toward Cedar Island. Rose was in the front seat with him. On a curve that swung to the right, the car went straight, off the left, skidded down an embankment, clipped off a pole and turned over on its top in the canal.

Willis told officers that he tried to rescue Rose, but couldn't, the water was too deep. So he went back to the drawbridge where he summoned help.

Arriving at the scene were coroner David Munden, deputy sheriffs Bobby Bell and C. H. Davis, patrolman J. W. Sykes and patrolman Brown.

Funeral services for Rose were held at the Harkers Island Missionary Baptist church at 2 p.m. yesterday. Burial was in Virgie Mae Cemetery, Harkers Island. Surviving are the parents; three brothers, Clifton, Bobby and Lloyd Rose all of Harkers Island; two sisters, Mrs. Dick Chadwick of Harkers Island and Mrs. Curtis Styron of Cedar Island; the maternal grandfather, John Jones of Harkers Island.



Rescuers remove the body of Joey Rose, Harkers Island, from the car which went into a canal on the Cedar Island road Saturday night. His death is the fifth highway fatality in the county this year. The rescuers are Ronald Goodwin and Royce Emory.

Civitan Club Plans to Help In Registration

Morehead City Civitan club members discussed plans to help with the new voter-registration for Morehead City at their meeting Friday noon.

Registration books in the town will be completely revised with a new registration this spring. In order to cast ballots in the next election, voters must be registered in the new books.

To help remind voters of the necessity of registering, the club plans to erect signs throughout the city directing voters to the municipal building and to the residence of E. W. Olschner, registrar. These are the two locations where the registration will be conducted. Signs will also be placed in Mr. Olschner's yard at 200 S. 34th St.

Appeals to civic organizations will be made and letters will be mailed to chamber of commerce Morehead residents urging 100 per cent registration. Dates for the registration will be April 8-22.

The speaker at the meeting was Beaufort mayor W. H. (Piggy) Potter. His topic was community betterment. Next Friday the club will hear an address on city government by town commissioner Bud Dixon. The club meets at Mrs. Russell Willis's restaurant.

Gun Thief's Term Suspended In County Court Tuesday

In county court Tuesday, Richard Doles was found guilty of larceny of two shotguns and was given a six-month suspended jail sentence. Doles' sentence was suspended on condition that he remain sober and behave for a period of three years and pay \$20 and court costs.

Charles Edward Koller was fined \$200 and costs for his second offense of drunk driving. William Felton Gillikin requested a jury trial on the same charge. Gillikin's case was transferred to the next term of superior court and judge Lambert Morris set his bond at \$150.

Of the 20 speeding cases tried, 11 of the defendants were taxed with court costs. They were William J. Morgan, Clara G. Hunter, Gladys Lee Penny, Aubrey Arvis McGehee, Carroll P. Brooks, Robert Bruce Piner, John Lane Lewis, Kenneth N. Putnam, Douglas Loune, Guthrie, Dolie Sanders Gillikin, Ronald William Gergely.

Other defendants, their charges and the findings of the court were as follows:
John D. Stewart, drunk driving, warrant was amended to read careless and reckless driving for which the defendant was fined \$100 and costs.

Miss Wilson Talks to Council

Miss Grace Wilson spoke on the White House Conference on Aging, held in Washington, D. C., recently, at the County Agriculture Workers council meeting Thursday afternoon. The meeting was in the farm agent's office. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. David Beveridge.

David Warrick, assistant county agent, conducted the meeting. He announced that copies of the year's programs will be prepared by the program committee and given each member.

The annual picnic will replace the August meeting. R. M. Williams has volunteered to speak on Russian Farming in October. Mr. I. M. Robbins will give the November program and officers will be elected in December.

Attending, in addition to those mentioned, were Maynard Owens, Joe Owens, Mrs. Harriet Tetterow, Mrs. Rosemary Lockard and Mrs. Nancy Piner.

Young Democrats to Form Club Tonight, Courthouse

Democrats, both men and women between the ages of 20 and 40 are invited to the organization meeting of the Carteret County Young Democrats club tonight at the courthouse at 8.

Ronald Earl Mason, organization committee member, said it is hoped that each precinct in the county will be represented. Speakers at the meeting will include A. H. James, chairman of the county Democratic party; Alex Warlick, Jacksonville, NC District organizer; and Sam Johnson, Raleigh, president of the state Young Democrats organization.

Business will include the election of officers, the adoption of a constitution and the presentation of a charter by state officers.

Mr. Mason said Friday, "This is the first time in recent years that there has been an effort made to organize the young people with the idea of affording these young men and women the opportunity of participating in Democratic affairs.

"Certainly in this day of young people throughout our national and state government, it is time that the young people of our county became interested in politics and government," he remarked.

Comprising the organization committee which has laid plans for the meeting are Dr. Russell Outlaw, Thomas Bennett, Albert Chappell, Jack Barnes, George M. Thomas, Ronald Earl Mason, Nelson Gillikin, James P. Lewis and Joe Mason Jr.

6-Year-Old Boy Collides with Car

A 6-year-old Morehead City boy, Michael Dudley, escaped serious injury Saturday morning when he was struck by an auto at 10th and Bridges Streets.

According to police reports, young Dudley was on a bicycle and rode out of a driveway into the path of an oncoming car driven by Mrs. Mabel Smith of Salter Path. Mrs. Smith told officers that the boy darted in front of her car and she couldn't avoid hitting him.

He was examined by Dr. S. W. Hatcher. He suffered a bruised and skinned right leg. X-rays failed to show any broken bones. No charges were filed against Mrs. Smith. Investigating the mishap was police chief Herbert Griffin.

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Garland Scruggs Heads Red Cross

Seven New Directors
Named Friday Night

Blakely Pond Will
Handle Fund Drive

Garland Scruggs, Morehead City, was elected chairman of the county Red Cross chapter at a meeting Friday night at the Rex restaurant. He succeeds Odell Merrill, Beaufort. Mr. Merrill was presented a certificate of appreciation for his work by George W. Dill, mayor of Morehead City.

Blakely Pond, Davis, was elected chairman of the Red Cross fund drive which will be conducted in March.

Gaston Smith, Atlantic, was named assistant chairman of the chapter. New directors are Jim Hux, Don Forster, John L. Humphrey, all of Morehead City; Moses Howard, Newport; Roger Jones, Broad Creek; Joe Mason Jr., Sea Level; and Tommy Lewis, Harkers Island.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Pond and Mr. Merrill remain on the board as directors.

Ronald Earl Mason, Beaufort, was named publicity chairman for the March campaign.

Reports were given by Mrs. James Rumley, Beaufort, home service secretary; Leon A. Davis, field representative; Harry Williams, county Civil Defense chairman; and Mr. Humphrey, first aid chairman.

Mr. Davis read the report by Mr. Hux, who is disaster chairman. The report stated that more than \$30,000 in Red Cross funds were used in this county following Donna. Spent here since 1944 to relieve suffering following storms was \$140,000. More than 90 per cent of that has been used since 1954. Funds raised in the county campaign last year exceeded the amount raised in 1959.

It was proposed that a water safety chairman be named this year.

Attending the meeting were Mr. Scruggs, Mr. Humphrey, Leon A. Davis, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Howard, Miss George Hughes, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Rumley, Mr. Forster, Mr. Williams, Mr. Mason, mayor Dill, the Rev. John Cline, and Mr. Pond.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. Friday night at the Morehead City municipal building.

Marines Leave Morehead City For Caribbean

Camp Lejeune—The 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, commanded by Maj. Gen. James P. Berkeley, begins embarking this week at Morehead City, to participate in Lamphibex-61, the largest amphibious exercise scheduled for 2d Division Marines during 1961.

The purpose of the training exercise, which is expected to end around Feb. 28, is to maintain the combat efficiency of the 2d Marine Division in its role as a force-in-readiness.

Approximately 20,000 Marines and sailors and 65 ships of the Atlantic Fleet will participate in the landing exercises, which will be conducted on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The 4th MEB is made up of Regimental Landing Team 2, under the command of Col. C. W. Kelly Jr., and Provisional Marine Air Group 10, commanded by Lt. Col. R. L. Anderson.

The RLT consists of three Battalion Landing Teams; BLT 3/2, commanded by Lt. Col. R. M. Hall, BLT 3/8, commanded by Lt. Col. R. C. Peck, and BLT 1/6, commanded by Lt. Col. W. C. Joslyn. Marine Air Group 10 is composed of helicopters, fighter attack aircraft, and logistical support elements from the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing.

After a rehearsal landing Feb. 24, the task force will begin forming off the island of Vieques for the major assault in the early hours of Feb. 25.

Following the training exercises, the 4th MEB is scheduled to visit several Caribbean liberty ports before returning to Camp Lejeune early in March.

Chamber Committee to Meet

The chamber of commerce membership committee will meet at 7:30 tomorrow night at the Hotel Fort Macon to check on progress in the current membership drive, announces A. B. Cooper, chairman.

Edgar Willis Recovers in Hospital From Knife Slash in Throat

The body of a woman, identified as Aggie Ballou by the sheriff's department, was found at 8 o'clock yesterday morning in a barn on the Crow Hill road at Straits. In the Morehead City hospital, recovering from a self-inflicted ear-to-ear slash in his throat, was Edgar Willis, with whom she lived.

Willis told authorities that he was married to the woman, but the information could not be verified by press-time. The two made their home in the loft of the barn.

Deputy sheriff Bobby Bell said that Mrs. Ballou or Willis (she was the widow of the late Capt. Bill Ballou of Morehead City) was found in a bed after they had sent Willis off to the hospital in an ambulance.

She was wearing a pair of slacks and a bra. It is believed she had been dead since some time Sunday. Coroner David Munden said an autopsy would be performed to learn the cause of death. He said that the body showed no noticeable marks of violence.

The coroner said that Willis had gone to the nearby home of some members of his family Sunday to report that Aggie was dead. They went with him to the barn but he wouldn't let them in. Yesterday morning they notified the sheriff's department.

Deputy Bell said he got a call at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Both he and deputy C. H. Davis went to Straits and learned from neighbors that Aggie had not been seen lately but that Willis had just gone from their house to the barn.

The officers went to the barn and called to him. He answered and said he would come down. They heard him clattering down what apparently were steps. When he didn't appear, the officers called again and Willis again assured them he was coming out.

Finally, the third time, when the officers called and Willis didn't come out, deputies Davis and Bell and another man whom they could not identify, went in the barn. They looked through a crack into an enclosed room in the barn and saw Willis standing there with blood gushing out of his neck, saturating his undershirt.

An ambulance was called, but meanwhile Willis dashed back up the stairs. There he had tied a chain around a 2 by 4 and tried to hang himself, the officers said, but the rafter broke in two. He was unconscious when officers reached him.

Willis had regained consciousness yesterday morning after stitches had been used to close the gash in his throat. The doctor said he would recover.

He told officers that he had cut himself with a "chef's knife." When officers had asked him earlier about his wife, Aggie, he insisted that she "was up to my sisters." It was after the ambulance had taken him away that they found the body.

Her age is estimated at about 40. By press-time yesterday no funeral arrangements had been made.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Bessie Adams Fulcher, route 1 Newport; four sisters, Mrs. Benjie Salter, Salter Path; Mrs. Hazel

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Fire Department Approval Brings Lower Insurance Rate

Driver Cited After Accident

Dalton E. Morse, Hubert, was charged with driving drunk Saturday night after his 1960 Chevrolet struck a 1960 Falcon station wagon in the rear.

Highway patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, said the accident happened on highway 24 a mile west of Bogue at 10:15. Driving the Falcon was Howard Lightle, Jacksonville. With him was his wife and his wife's brother, Richard Barlow.

Lightle told the patrolman he was headed toward Swansboro at about 45 miles an hour when the Chevrolet came up behind him at a terrific rate of speed and hit him in the left rear, knocking him into a ditch on the right side of the road.

The Chevrolet veered off to the left, jumped a ditch and turned bottom up. Injuries to the people involved were not serious.

The patrolman said Morse is a taxi driver. Damage to the Falcon was estimated at \$300 and to the Chevrolet \$600.

Atlantic Beach reached a notable milestone Jan. 15. On that date its fire insurance rate went down from 72 cents per \$1,000 to 48 cents. M. G. Coyle, clerk to the Atlantic Beach town board, reported the good news Friday morning at a meeting of the board.

The reduction in rate is the result of an approved fire department. The town has complied with all state requirements and has a 9A rating. This is the best available until fire hydrants are installed, Mr. Coyle said.

As a result of the approved fire department, beach firemen can now apply for membership in the North Carolina Firemen's association.

The board adopted an ordinance aimed at getting storm-washed property off of town property. Some houses, dislodged in Donna, are blocking a town street. In other instances, fencing, building materials and other privately-owned property is still on town property.

The board ordered the following:
1. Owner of the "misplaced" property is to receive a registered letter asking that he remove the property within 45 days.
2. If he does not move it, the town will move it and charge the cost of moving to the owner.

Beach Adopts Hurricane Code

Mayor Disappointed
In County's Attitude

Clerk Hopes County
Will OK It in March

Atlantic Beach town commissioners adopted Friday morning the hurricane code county commissioners have under consideration. The action follows adoption last month of a code that sets up specifications for one and two-family dwellings and apartment houses.

Mayor A. B. Cooper, who presided, expressed disappointment that county commissioners did not adopt last week the hurricane code. They deferred action until March.

Referring to the damage done by storms and failure of the county board to take measures to prevent such loss, the mayor said, "I think this is one of the most serious things this county has faced in a long time."

Mr. Coyle commented that the code is in line with recommendations of builders, and assures protection to all property owners—especially those who build well, then a roof from a shack next door slams into their house.

He termed the code an invitation to insurance companies to return to the county. (Some insurance firms, hit heavily by storm claims from this area, will no longer insure property located here.)

Mr. Coyle said that he believes the county will adopt the hurricane code, but it will be too late to be of value to the beach this year. The beach town board specified that when the county adopts the hurricane code, the town will comply with regulations set up by the county.

Mr. Coyle said that the difference in cost in building a structure in compliance with the hurricane code would run, in most cases, between \$40 and \$50 more. He said the code requires the "absolute minimum" for wind protection.

Mr. Coyle and commissioner R. A. Barefoot, building inspector, were appointed to enforce the code, which becomes effective today. The building permits will remain at \$3. Mr. Coyle and Mr. Barefoot are to present, at the next meeting, recommendations as to fees.

Instead of a flat fee, Mr. Barefoot suggested that the fee be in proportion to the cost of the structure to be built. Mr. Coyle said inspection should be made of a building when the foundation is laid, after the walls are up and upon completion.

The town ordinance specifies that anyone who builds in violation of the hurricane code will be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. Each day the code is violated shall constitute a separate offense.