

1961 County Events Pass in Review



Mrs. A. N. Bell, Harlowe, hears news that she is Mother of the Year for 1961.

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Marriages: Miss Judith G. Davis, Morehead City, to James H. Long, Mrs. Maggie Prytherch, Beaufort, to Grover C. Munden.

Week of May 7: Patrick Warner, Coast Guardsman, of Sea Level, killed when his car failed to make a curve at high speed. Supreme court held cattle law covering cattle on banks to be unconstitutional. Mrs. A. N. Bell, Harlowe, named Mother-of-the-Year.

Marriages: Miss Maxine O'Donnal to Sherman S. Salter, Newport. Miss Carol L. Yeager to Leo F. Simpson Jr., Morehead City.

Deaths: Mrs. Francis M. Smith, 74, Atlantic; Mrs. Laura C. Fulford, 84, Gloucester; Mrs. Bertha D. Russell, 78, Beaufort.

Week of May 14: County records being microfilmed by state operators. Tragedy strikes family of William Godette, Adams Creek, when young son is killed and another son fights lockjaw. Beaufort whaling museum opens for the summer season.

Congressman Barden given scroll by Neuse Association at spring meeting held in the Biltmore hotel. Ernest Courtney newly elected president of Beaufort Jaycees.

Deaths: Levi J. Hardy, 71, South River; Rollo Morris, 53, Crab Point; Shellie Davis, 82, Harkers Island; Julian Brown Sr., 89, Marshallberg; Wilson Golden, 74, Bettie; Mrs. Lina Noe, 85, Beaufort.

Week of May 21: James Hutchins of Uxbridge, England, presented Good Neighbor Award by the Beaufort Rotary club. Edgar and Louis Hibbs play hosts to the Newport school safety patrol. Wife of Elliott Ewell, former Beaufort resident, murdered in Plainfield, N. J.

Marriages: Mrs. Bessie S. Manson, Beaufort, to John E. Harris, Mrs. Alida T. McCabe, Morehead City, to William C. Johnson.

Deaths: Mrs. Ebbie S. Jones, 76, Newport; Thaddeus Gaskins, 74, Ocracoke.

Week of May 28: St. Paul's church, Beaufort, starts work on new parish house. Fringe property owners of Newport object to annexation proposal. Enlarged Morehead City Colonial store formally opened. Shield of St. Andrew, designed and carved by John MacCormack of Atlantic, hung and dedicated in St. Andrew's church, Morehead City.

Deaths: Mrs. Lillian T. Simpson,

fort increased to five generations by birth of Chris Caton.

Marriages: Miss Drexell L. Bryant, Bettie, to Charles M. Hancock, Miss Gertrude Powell, Beaufort to Kenneth Hurst. Miss Alta F. Edwards, Morehead City, to Wesley E. Sandlin. Miss Mildred L. Willis, Salter Path, to J. A. Franklin.

Deaths: William A. Smith, 67, Beaufort; Mrs. Janie W. Lewis, 77, Morehead City; A. L. Wilson, 80, Newport; Mrs. Lena C. Longest, 72, Beaufort; Aubrey L. Nichols, 58, Emerald Isle; Mrs. Judith Willis, 80, Morehead City; Miss Sudie C. Webb, 76, Morehead City; Thomas G. Barfield, 47, Swansboro; George D. Morton, 61, Morehead City.

Week of June 25: Miss Ann Davis of Beaufort crowned Miss Carteret County by Beaufort Jaycees. The Rev. H. C. Hillard Sr. accepted pastorate of First Christian church, Morehead City. C. S. Long, Newport, selected to receive the honorary state farm degree.

Miss Emmalee Gaddy, tobacco queen, sails from Morehead port on Ocean Stinnes line on visit to Europe.

Marriages: Miss Millie C. Willis, Harkers Island, to Willard M. Guthrie. Miss Gloria J. Davis, Davis, to Tilmon A. Taylor Jr. Miss Virginia L. Hill, Beaufort, to Donald L. Swain. Miss Rebecca D. Gillikin, Williston, to Raymond L. Nelson.

Deaths: William C. Edwards, 72, Morehead City; Frank C. Noyes, 71, Sea Level; Carl L. Gaskill, 78, Sea Level; Miss Mary Robinson, 60, Beaufort.

July

Week of July 2: Harrell Taylor, Sea Level, appointed county building inspector. R. H. Hall, Kinston, accepts position as town supervisor for Morehead City. Archie R. Davis, architect, selected by the county school board to draw the plans for the new Morehead City high school.

Home of Mrs. I. C. Stallings, Morehead City, badly damaged by

Joe Fulcher, Morehead City, cuts the cake on his 85th birthday. Albert Gaskill heads Morehead City Rotary.

Marriages: Miss Virginia K. Morris, Morehead City, to J. Frank Sanderson Jr.

Deaths: Mrs. Lena J. Hill, 84, Swansboro; Mrs. Pauline D. Willis, 80, Davis; Ronnie Miller, 13, Harkers Island; David D. Miller, 79, Newport; Oscar Bell, 48, Morehead City.

Week of July 16: Fire destroys storage building at the Atlantic Beach go-kart track. Clarence Styron, Morehead City, wins \$700 Dana scholarship. Car driven by Tommy Rose wrecks home of Mrs. Hilda Guthrie, Harkers Island.

Marriages: Miss Gertrude Willis, Atlantic, to Clarence Scarborough.

Deaths: Mrs. Rena W. Hall, 83, Morehead City; McCoy Dudley, 46, Beaufort; Mrs. Addie S. Choate, 80, Morehead City; Mrs. Virginia E. Willis, 72, Atlantic; William T. Salter, 80, Harkers Island; Charles W. Stevens, 68, Beaufort.

Week of July 23: Boy Scout camp to be located on Gales Creek. Miss Amy Muse, Beaufort, publishes book of Chadwick family. Grandpa Was a Whaler. C. G. Holland reappointed state fisheries commissioner.

Jerry Willis, Morehead City, breaks neck diving in shallow water. Eleven additional teachers added to county schools. Roy T. Keller of Bettie purchases Perry Park motel.

Marriages: Miss Lois K. Taylor, Morehead City, to Steven E. Purifoy Jr. Mrs. Elora F. Joyner, Atlantic Beach, to B. Frank Selover. Miss Ida M. Parsons, Morehead City, to Gene M. Smith.

Deaths: Debra E. Bavsden, 6, Salter Path; Robert E. Wade, 29, Smvrna; Mrs. Mamie Willis, 75, Williston; Mrs. Lida Dixon, 52, Morehead City; Mrs. Minnie Cox, 57, Beaufort; Owens Frederick, 48, Morehead City.

August

Week of Aug. 1: Press reporter makes forced landing of plane on Wright farm. Miss North Carolina spends week-long vacation in county. William B. Allen, 19, Newport, killed in auto crash.

Spanish attack pageant takes place in Beaufort. Severe wind storm slices through Swansboro wrecking several buildings. Carteret Ice and Coal co. sold to Beaufort interests.

Deaths: Cranston Nelson, 54, Beaufort; Mrs. Lida Dixon, 72, Morehead City; James T. Brown, 65, Morehead City; Isaac N. Howard, 91, Newport.

Week of Aug. 6: Plant in Rockland, Me., arranges with county fishermen to buy seaweed. Chief deputy Bobby Bell succeeds Hugh Salter as sheriff.

Marriages: Mrs. Virginia War-

ner to Guy D. Styron, Atlantic. Miss Ruby C. Eubanks, Morehead City, to Guy S. Brinson. Miss Martha C. Gibbs, Beaufort, to Leslie A. King.

Deaths: Mrs. Lula T. Crouch, 90, Newport.

Week of Aug. 13: State highway commission visits outer banks to study need for roads and ferries. Lost Colony honors Aycock Brown for 13 years of service as publicist. Hugh Salter sworn in as federal marshal. Nancy Debrin, Beaufort, held for murder of John W. Tyson.

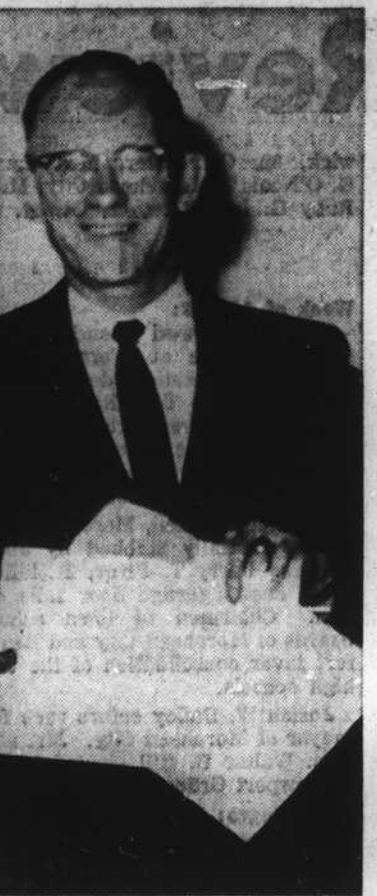
Marriages: Miss Mary E. Gardner and James W. Owens, Beaufort.

Deaths: Kemp B. Wickizer, 52, Morehead City; Benjamin A. Oglesby, 73, Mill Creek; Mann A. Pollock, 61, Newport.

Week of Aug. 20: Elks club of county buys site for new clubhouse in Morehead City. Mrs. N. W. Taylor, Beaufort, receives a Civitan award for 100 years of good citizenship. H. C. Flinchum, Burlington, saves Elgin Johnson from drowning when he slips off of ramp on Radio Island. Jerry J. Willis succeeds Bud Dixon on the Morehead City town board.

Marriages: Miss Carol H. Davis, Marshallberg and Newport News, Va., to Robert W. Taylor. Miss Emma L. Piner, Harkers Island, to Paul R. Wade.

Deaths: Andrew R. Hartsfield, 86, Newport; Eric F. Glenn, 68, Beaufort; J. V. Caffery, 67, Beaufort; Rupert G. Lewis, 57, Smyrna; Mrs. Pearl M. Garner, 75, Newport.



State highway commissioner D. G. Bell, left, receives chamber of commerce citizen of the year award from mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City.

owned by A. P. McKnight, Morehead City.

Marriages: Miss Barbara J. Saratowski, Morehead City, to Ronald E. Howland. Miss Norma J. Barnes, Morehead City, to Syd D. Massey. Mrs. Dora S. Clontz, Morehead City, to James O. Cason. Mrs. Daisy Springle, Wiregrass, to Ira Morris.

Deaths: Franklin Arrington Lewis, 57, Atlantic Beach; Mrs. Betty L. Harris, 42, Cedar Island; Mrs. Ruth B. Gaskins, 69, Ocracoke.

September

Week of Sept. 3: County adopts subdivision rules against protest of several property owners. Robert F. Eure, Morehead City youth, dies.

Marriages: Miss Peggy J. Wallace, Newport, to Keith S. Mason. Miss Carolyn K. Guthrie, Morehead City, to Benjamin J. Green. Miss Donna J. Smith, Morehead City, to Marvin E. Styron.

Deaths: Mrs. Katie Wilton, 75, Harkers Island; Mrs. Carrie L. Royal, 87, Marshallberg.

Week of Sept. 10: Labor department brands Carteret county as 'depressed area.' William Bell, Camp Glenn, dies. First mullet blow nets 30,000 pounds. Ammie Willis, Davis, noted fishing and hunting guide, dies.

Mom and Pop's restaurant at Atlantic Beach destroyed by fire. Mrs. Guy Carraway, Merrimón, holds Home Demonstration club record of 35 years. Erosion-checking work starts at Fort Macon.

Marriages: Miss Daisy Brock, Morehead City, to Edward L. Smithwick. Miss Florence V. Gorman, Beaufort, to Sandy L. Davis.

Deaths: Milton H. Bogart, 74, Newport; Lonnie C. Turnage, 70, Beaufort; Robert H. Sewell, 46, Morehead City; Mrs. Mabel W. Wolfe, 63, Morehead City; Mrs. Lillie Slaughter, 82, Newport.

Week of Sept. 17: Mrs. Christine S. Kennedy of Newport killed in auto accident. Home of Earle W. Webb on Bogue Sound badly damaged by fire. Safrin's hardwood sawmill off Lennoxville road destroyed by fire.

Hurricane Esther by-passes county. More than 800 Moose lodge members and wives attend convention at Biltmore hotel. Emeritus club members adopt walking cane as club symbol.

Marriages: Miss Elizabeth W. Lambeth, Morehead City, to William Jeffries Ryan. Miss Marion R. Gilchrist, Beaufort, to Billy Hardy. Miss Rachel Burris, Harkers Island, to Quentin N. Willis Jr. Miss Valerie H. Salter, Broad Creek, to Jack J. Dail.

Deaths: Lloyd W. Taylor, 63, Morehead City; Nimón Gillikin, 57, Williston; Allen W. Lawrence, 63, Otway.

Week of Sept. 24: Government jet fuel tanker Potomac destroyed when fired by flaming oil on the water of Newport river. Elks Club breaks ground for new club house in Morehead City.

First Baptist church of Davis burns mortgage against their Harkers Island mission house. Bow and arrow hunters kill two deer in Open Grounds.

Marriages: Miss Jeri W. Lasiter, Morehead City, to Samuel A. McConkey Jr. Miss Mary J. Carroll, Newport, to Fletcher D. House. Miss Sandra J. Moore, Harkers Island, to Niles B. Johnson. Miss Wanda L. Brown, Stacy, to Phillip B. Smith.

Deaths: Ernest T. Webb, 91, Morehead City; Haywood T. Rhue, 78, Beaufort; Mrs. Eleanor Willis, 46, Morehead City; Mrs. Maude S. Herring, 69, Morehead City; Mrs. Nancy E. Taylor, 85, Sea Level; Joseph S. Johnson, 81, Beaufort.

October

Week of Oct. 1: Henry Hamilton, 49, Harkers Is-



Pirate Earl Willis captures a prize, Sandra Piner, during reenactment of the Spanish invasion of Beaufort in August.

land, drowned while setting nets in Core Sound. County sets wheels in motion on food give-away program. County commissioners order election to determine new hospital site. Most of county taken out of blue law. Garland Scruggs elected president of county YDC.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Privette, 78, Beaufort; Kilby Salter, 86, Sea Level. Dola Willis, 54, Morehead City.

Week of Oct. 8: Menhaden scrap shed under construction at Beaufort crashes down, injuring nine workmen. Five hundred persons attend Cancer guard amuse fish fry at National Guard armory.

Town of Beaufort enters urban renewal program. Newport firemen entertain Eastern North Carolina Firemen's association.

Marriages: Miss Willie J. Dixon, Morehead City, to Howard G. Pittman. Mrs. Letha N. Beaufort, to Allen G. Willis. Miss Virginia L. Thompson, Morehead City, to Thomas S. Bennett.

Deaths: Leroy C. Davis, 78, Marshallberg; James M. Willis, 37, Harkers Island; Mrs. Mary E. Midgett, 89, Buxton; Horace L. Johnson, Morehead City.

Week of Oct. 15: Drilling for oil begins in the Straits section, the third site selected. Jesse Frazer, Harlowe, who was seriously injured in the collapse of a building, died from his injuries.

Marriages: Miss Betty J. Guthrie, Harkers Island, to Harry O. Moore. Miss Virginia Sterling Chadwick, Beaufort, to Joseph G. Heller Jr. Miss June R. Carter, to Leslie W. Highsmith, Morehead City. Miss Jonice A. Parker, Morehead City, to Norman H. Larkee. Miss Lynn Wallace, Morehead City, to Joseph E. Willis.

Deaths: John H. Buck, 77, Morehead City; Mrs. Mary E. Nixon, 72, Salter Path.

Week of Oct. 22: Shopping center planned on site of former Morehead race track. J. A. DuBois gives resignation as manager of the Morehead chamber of commerce. 4-H Foundation selects site in Merrimón section for camp.

The Sea Spray Garden club of Beaufort plants tree which symbolizes hope for peace. Mrs. Hannah Willis, 88, of Salter Path killed when truck backs over her. R. R. Barbour offers hospital site near the country club, consisting of 20

November

Week of Nov. 5: Mrs. R. P. Searle, Wiregrass and Mrs. R. P. Shraake, Harlowe, receive awards as women of the year of the Home Demonstration club. Malvern Cecil takes over the position as US game management agent. State Wildlife federation conservation program given to Cecil Morris of Atlantic.

Dr. S. W. Hatcher heads greater Morehead City chamber of commerce. Nancy M. Debrin, Beaufort, freed from charge of murder. Miss Eddie L. Garner, Newport, awarded Methodist scholarship.

Marriages: Miss Gloria F. Willis, Beaufort, to Louis G. Thomas. Miss Olivia A. Davis, Beaufort, to Wayne A. Mallard Jr.

Deaths: Mrs. Nettie M. Davis, 79, Marshallberg.

Week of Nov. 12: Distribution of free food to accredited welfare families started Tuesday. Tugboats picketed in attempt to cause strike at port. Tanker refuses to move from fuel pier. Three hundred fifty Morehead City school children visit bathepi at Wilmington.

E. B. Thompson, manager of Colonial store, Morehead City, receives award as member of Colonial 20-Year service club. Morehead Presbyterians to proceed with construction of educational building. Atlantic Baptist church dedi-

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Ann Davis ... Miss Carteret County

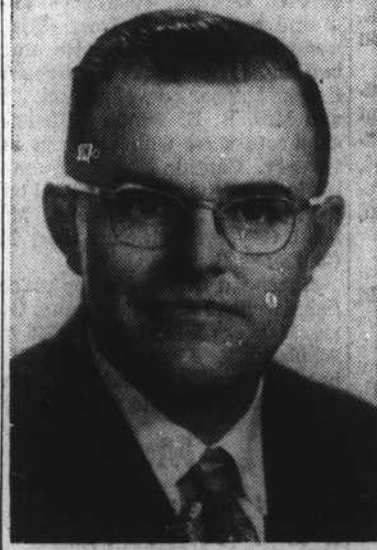
fire. County raises \$700 for battleship fund, half of goal. The Rev. Leon V. Couch, former pastor Morehead City Methodist church, dies in Goldsboro.

Marriages: Miss Louann Lewis, Morehead City, to Bryce A. Neighbors. Miss Edna J. Heath, Newport, to John L. Parrish. Mrs. Carrie L. Hancock, Beaufort, to James B. Dale.

Deaths: Percy Guthrie, 77, Salter Path; George C. Morris, 57, Beaufort.

Week of July 9: D. G. Bell, Morehead City, named to the state highway commission. Tobacco barn on the farm of Graydon Jordan on highway 101 destroyed, with tobacco, by fire. Sanford White, Beaufort, receives Coast Guard medal for his act on bravery on the Chilula. Ronald Savage receives letter of commendation.

Newport area fights annexation by filing petition. C. Z. Chappell, Beaufort, named to county board, succeeding Harrell Taylor. Pappy



Robert Bell ... became sheriff

C. Smith, Beaufort attorney, accepted position on the NCIC. First crab derby held in county won by New Hanover crab.

Home of Hugh Fulcher, Beaufort, destroyed by fire. Cedar Point residents ask for better law enforcement. Fire guts apartment



Judge W. J. Bundy swears in Hugh Salter, Beaufort, left, as federal marshal.



Top three winners in the crab derby in August, Morehead City, are shown with their handlers, Dan Walker, left, Jim Nelson, and Dan Holt, right.



St. James Methodist church, Newport, was dedicated in June.