

Pierson Willis Booked Thursday On First Degree Burglary Charge

A charge of first degree burglary was placed against Pierson Willis, Beaufort, after Willis broke into the home of his father-in-law, Dan H. Merrill, in Morehead City shortly after midnight Wednesday.

Willis, armed with a .25 calibre automatic pistol, broke through the front storm door at about 12:30 a.m. to gain entry to the Merrill home at 305 N. 7th St., according to police chief Herbert Griffin.

Members of the Merrill family were sleeping, police said, but Mr. Merrill heard dogs barking when Willis tried to get in the back door. Realizing that Willis intended to gain entry, Mr. Merrill got his shotgun and was looking for shells for it, but couldn't find them.

By that time Willis was in the house and accosted his father-in-law, who hit him in the head with the butt of the shotgun. Meanwhile, one of the women of the family went to a neighbor's and called the police.

After Mr. Merrill struck Willis, Willis hit him with his fist and the two were grappling when police arrived.

Willis, now in the Morehead City hospital under police guard, had reportedly visited the home earlier and a quarrel took place with his wife and other members of the Merrill family. Willis's wife had recently left home with her three children, and moved in with her parents.

Willis was to undergo x-rays yesterday morning to determine extent of injuries to his head.

Patrolmen Buck Newsome and Jack Miller of the Morehead City police department, accompanied by deputy sheriff Carl Bunch of the sheriff's department, investigated.

Bond for Willis was set at \$5,000.

Crafts Demonstrated



Mrs. William Hubbard uses ordinary tin cans to construct decorations and other ornaments in the tincraft exhibit at the Beaufort crafts workshop Friday. The tincraft work is especially suited to Christmas decorations. Several more persons can be accepted in the class, which meets this morning at 9:30 a.m. at 308 Ann St., Beaufort.

Hospital Administrator Sees Three More Years for Morehead Hospital

Sanford Writes I. D. Gillikin

- Motel Owner Claims Business Halved
Engineer to Study Situation Today

I. D. Gillikin, owner and manager of the Edgewater motel, west of Morehead City, has received a letter from Gov. Terry Sanford relative to problems created by the new dual highway west of Morehead City.

The governor said that he was sending Mr. Gillikin's letter of complaint to Merrill Evans, chairman of the State Highway Commission, who "will have someone look into it."

Mr. Gillikin said that the conditions have cut his business in half. "No one going west turns into my motel any more, unless they have been there before and know it's there. If they're going west they're not going to run an additional mile and turn back."

He said if the speed limit is raised from 45, even fewer will stop.

Mr. Gillikin added that there are more signs on the short stretch of new highway than he has ever seen anywhere. "There are 127 in just a short distance. I counted them and that's not counting the speed limit signs!"

Businessmen along the highway object to the fact that no U turns are allowed. This, among other things, reduces the accessibility of their business places to the public.

Raleigh-D. G. Bell, Morehead City, highway commissioner who was in Raleigh yesterday to attend the meeting of the State Highway Commission, said that Charles W. Snell, division engineer, will be in Morehead City today to study the dual highway problems.

Mr. Snell, he said, will have the authority to make changes.

Commissioner Bell added, "I wasn't on the highway commission when the dual lane work now causing problems was designed, but I have to take the responsibility."

Car, Tank Truck Meet Head-On

Richard Powers, 2207 Fisher St., Morehead City, was discharged from the Morehead City hospital Saturday. He was hospitalized last Thursday after his car was involved in a collision with an Asphalt Petroleum tank truck at Trumbull Asphalt Co., Morehead City.

According to deputy sheriff Bruce Edwards, who investigated, the accident happened on private property as Powers, an employee at Trumbull was leaving the plant at 12:15 p.m.

The deputy said that Powers, in a 1955 Ford rounded a curve and ran head-on into the heavy truck which was entering the plant property. Powers suffered a cut on the arm and a nose injury. The car was almost a total wreck.

Driving the truck was Earl Taylor Jr., route 1 Morehead City. He was not hurt. The collision blew out a tire on the truck and caused other damage to the front. No charges were filed.

The truck is owned by the Asphalt Petroleum Co., Wilmington.

Pirates Hold Off Attack 'til Aug. 4

Date of the Spanish invasion in Beaufort has been changed from July 4 to Saturday, Aug. 4, announces Grayden Paul, director.

Mr. Paul said that some of the persons expected to take part will be out of town on the Fourth, there was difficulty getting the mules to work on that date (the mules pull the carts that take the pirates off to jail) and the cannon fired to repel the invaders is not available July 4.

He said that some other events, to supplement the invasion, are also being proposed for Aug. 4. Plans will be announced later, if they materialize.

Wins Honor



W. H. Singleton, 2007 Evans St., Morehead City, was honored Wednesday, June 20, by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce with presentation of a Keith Upson Memorial award as one of the organization's ten outstanding state vice-presidents.

The honor for Mr. Singleton came at the Jaycees' annual awards luncheon at the 42nd national convention of the USJCC, Las Vegas, Nev. Mr. Singleton, however, was unable to attend.

Commenting upon Mr. Singleton's award, national president Bob Conger stated:

"State vice-presidents hold key positions in the Jaycee movement. They are the men who make possible the successful promotion of Jaycee programs in their regions. As a Keith Upson winner Mr. Singleton has made a great contribution to the Jaycees."

The Keith Upson award which Mr. Singleton received was initiated three years ago in honor of Keith Upson, a national vice-president who died during his term in office.

School Official Views Court Ruling

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, expressed disgust this week with the ruling of the United States supreme court regarding use of prayers in schools.

Mr. Joslyn said he thought every justice believing prayers had no place in the school "should be impeached."

"We ought not to regiment our religion," Mr. Joslyn said. "Our children have to learn reverence, but I don't believe in teaching religion in the schools."

He said that prayers may be mere formalities, "but when the chips are down, we really turn to prayer."

Board to Meet
County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the courthouse, Beaufort.

County Hospital Still Remains Big Question

David Willis, administrator of Morehead City hospital, said Wednesday that he estimates the municipal hospital will have to remain in use at least three more years, assuming that the county proceeds with plans to construct a hospital.

County hospital construction was an issue in the recent primaries. Two of the Democrats nominated to the county board of commissioners are members of the March for Democracy party. They advocate construction of the hospital "west of Morehead City on an adequate site that can be obtained at as little cost as possible to Carteret county."

One of those nominated, William Roy Hamilton, was a petitioner in the suit which sought to block construction of the proposed hospital on the Webb site, west of Morehead City.

Mr. Willis said that if the county re-applies for federal funds to build the hospital, approval — if forthcoming at all — will not be obtained until November and December.

If construction starts the latter part of 1963, Mr. Willis says another two years will lapse before the new hospital is ready to admit its first patient. He believes this may be the late summer of 1965.

The Medical Care commission, state agency which handles applications for state and federal funds for hospital construction, has approved construction of a county hospital only on condition that when the county hospital opens, the Morehead City hospital will close.

Mr. Willis says that the hospital is in need of major repair now and continuing repairs during the coming three years. He estimates that cost of immediate repair will be "in excess of \$30,000."

The Medical Care commission has informed the hospital that such repairs are a must. Mr. Willis said that the hospital is still under "temporary conditional license" as it has been in recent years.

He said that the hospital plans to make the repairs and can possibly finance up to \$20,000 worth, but where the rest of the money will come from is a problem.

The old wing must be rewired, a sinking second floor must be raised and changes are needed in the kitchen. Contractors who have looked at the situation have said the only way they would consider going into the structural problems is on a cost-plus basis.

Mr. Willis said that the hospital is presently meeting operating expenses out of income. The income includes payment from patients, revenue from the Morehead City ABC store, Duke Endowment and welfare funds.

He said the average daily number of patients for January through May this year is six more per day than for the same period last year. On some days the hospital has handled as high as 63 patients.

The board of trustees of the hospital plans to meet this afternoon. It is anticipated that a person will be named then to fill the vacancy on the board created by the resignation of John L. Crump during the winter.

Lions Plan Broom Sale In Beaufort Saturday

The Morehead City Lions club, which includes Beaufort members, will sell brooms in Beaufort Saturday. The brooms are made by blind people and proceeds from their sale go to help blind persons.

Jim Crowe and J. G. Womble will be in charge of the sale.

Unions Push Organization

- Trumbull Employees Affiliate with AFL-CIO
NLRB Holds Hearing On Fry Roofing

Employees of Trumbull Asphalt Co., Morehead City, voted last week to affiliate with the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union, AFL-CIO. Robert Gaskill, Trumbull superintendent said the vote was 15-1.

A hearing was conducted Wednesday at the Morehead City municipal building by the National Labor Relations Board to determine whether an election should be held at the Fry Roofing plant, Morehead City. A date for the election is expected to be set within the next month.

The NLRB directed this week that a union election shall be held among the traffic department employees of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph. The traffic department includes telephone operators who handle long distance and information services.

The NLRB ruled that service assistants and instructors are also eligible to vote in the election. The date is yet to be set.

On May 4 Carolina Telephone's plant department employees rejected affiliation with the union, Communications Workers of America, by a vote of 581-164.

Two Pennings Set for July 4

The next meeting of the board of education will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the courthouse annex.

The ponies will be rounded up and driven into the corral, where they may be seen by spectators, between 10 and 11 a.m. Some will be offered for sale.

The last penning on Cedar Island was Labor Day, 1961. Cedar Island is reached by following highway 70 through Atlantic. There is a hard-surface road to the pony pen.

Boats will take spectators to Shackleford, leaving Harkers Island between 7 and 8 a.m. July 4.

Cedar Island pony penning says the penning will be over in time for spectators to go to the fish fry, beginning at noon, at Sea Level hospital. Congressman David Henderson has accepted an invitation to attend the fish fry.

Town Honored
Morehead City is one of 12 North Carolina towns in the 5,000 to 10,000 population bracket which will be presented a safety certificate for a fatality-free record during 1961, according to the North Carolina State Motor club.

Official Returns

Table with columns for Sheriff and Commissioner, listing candidates and their vote counts across various precincts like Atlantic, Beaufort, Bettie, Bogue, Broad Creek, Cedar Island, Cedar Point, Davis, Harkers Island, Harlowe, Marshallberg, Merrimon, Morehead 1, Morehead 2, Newport, Otway, Pelletier, Portsmouth, Salter Path, Sea Level, Smyrna, Stacy, Stella, Straits, Wildwood, Williston, Wire Grass, and Totals.

Truck, Car Crash Wednesday

A 10-wheel Marine Corps truck and an automobile collided at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday seven miles west of Morehead City on highway 24 at the McCabe road.

State trooper J. W. Sykes, who investigated, said that the car, driven by Hevia Noe, 201 Broad St., Beaufort, attempted to pass the truck as it was making a left turn into the McCabe road. Both vehicles were headed east.

Driving the truck was C. S. Miesse, Cherry Point. With Noe were his wife, Rita; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Hurst, and her son, Kenneth, age 1. All except the driver were taken to Morehead City hospital for examination and discharged.

Noe was charged with attempting to pass at an intersection. He was driving a 1962 Mercury. Damage was estimated at \$600. Damage to the 1953 Reo truck was estimated at \$200.

Coast Guard Makes Two Runs

Coast Guard activity at Fort Macon took a comparative vacation last weekend. Only two assists were made. Previous weekends had kept boats from the station on the go.

The 30-footer from Fort Macon towed in Sunday a 25-foot cabin cruiser, the Mohawk, from Adams creek light No. 9, after the boat had lost its propeller. Owner of the boat was Hunter V. Steward, Durham.

Manning the 30-footer for the assist were Vance R. Woodard, BMI, Darryl Sadler, BM3, and James Dyson, FN.

Another assist Monday, was attempted after a telephone call sent the 30-footer again to Adams creek, where a 15-foot outboard was reported to be disabled.

When the Coast Guard boat arrived, the disabled boat had apparently obtained a tow and could not be located.

Wind Shifts North; Rain Finally Comes

A shift in the prevailing wind brought cooler temperatures and much-needed rain this week. A total of .71 inches was recorded Wednesday at the Atlantic Beach police station.

With the cooler weather, clouds broke up the steady sunshine.

Table with columns for Max. Min. Wind, listing weather data for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Principals Plan Return in Fall

Principals of all schools in the county, with the exception of Newport, have signed contracts to return next fall.

Most of the faculty members are returning also, according to the county board of education. The county has gained teachers for the coming school year. The gain has been estimated by H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, at "not over 10 per cent."

Number of teachers provided by the state is based on average daily school attendance.

Obtaining teachers has not been the frustrating task it used to be, the superintendent said, since the state has increased teacher salaries. "Getting teachers has been a (See PRINCIPALS Page 2)

Agent Takes Refresher Course at State College

R. M. Williams, Beaufort county agricultural agent, is attending a one-week refresher course at State college this week. The course is required of extension service employees once every five years.

Courses being studied by the agent this week are Effective Use of Information Media and Family Economics.

Firemen Put Out Blaze In Sawdust Back of Store

Beaufort firemen put out a trash fire in back of the Red and White Supermarket, highway 70, Tuesday morning. The fire was in sawdust removed from the meat market in the store.

It was put out shortly after the alarm was turned in, which was about 12:30 a.m., firemen said.

MFD Party Views Primary

Ronald Earl Mason, Beaufort, speaking for the March for Democracy party Wednesday, termed Saturday's Democratic primary "a fair election."

Mr. Mason said the party is "well pleased with the turnout," adding, "This is the first time in thirty years or more that anyone nominated by the incumbents didn't get elected." He interpreted this as a sign "that the people are not content with the status quo."

Analyzing the returns, Mr. Mason said that Ralph Thomas, candidate seeking to unseat sheriff Robert Bell, carried 15 precincts east of Beaufort with 982 votes to Bell's 878. High commissioner candidates in those same precincts, he said, were MFD candidates Rudolph Mason and Tommie Lewis.

In nine precincts west of Morehead City, Mr. Mason said that Thomas again received more votes

than Bell, 648 to Bell's 633, but the high commissioner candidates in those precincts were Dom Femia and Gaston Smith.

Coupling Beaufort's vote with the 15 down east precincts, Thomas polled 2,228 votes to Bell's 1,260, and Mason and Lewis were high. Coupling Morehead City's vote with that of the nine precincts west of Morehead, the vote for Thomas was 1,025 and for Bell 2,210. Commissioner candidates polling the most votes were Femia and Smith.

Precincts Mr. Mason counted as east of Beaufort were Atlantic, Bettie, Cedar Island, Davis, Harkers Island, Marshallberg, Merrimon, Otway, Portsmouth, Sea Level, Smyrna, Stacy, Straits, Williston and Wire Grass; west of Morehead: Bogue, Broad Creek, Cedar Point, Harlowe, Newport, Pelletier, Salter Path, Stella and Wildwood.

The board of elections canvassed the vote Tuesday at 11 a.m. in checking the written returns, the board noted that there were only 18 votes in Stacy for Bell, rather than 20, making Bell's total vote 3,470.

Thomas got 69 instead of 68 votes in Merrimon, making his total 3,253. The difference between the Bell and Thomas votes is 217.

The biggest change between the unofficial returns of Saturday night and the official returns is in the vote for Gaston Smith. He polled 3,063 instead of 2,995 as reported Saturday night.

The total number going to the polls Saturday was 6,723. Morehead City was able to muster at the polls 326 more votes than Beaufort, a little better than enough to put Bell, a Morehead City candidate, in the win column.

The elections board received no

complaints Tuesday as to the manner in which the primary was conducted. Charles C. Willis, chairman, remarked, "We've had nothing but compliments."

Candidates nominated in the May and June primaries will be voted on at the election in November. Successful county candidates will take office in December.

Saturday's primary showed that Beaufort and east can outvote Morehead and west in a Democratic primary in a "good turnout at the polls." Morehead City precincts and the nine precincts listed above as "west of Morehead" cast a total of 3,235 votes for the sheriff candidates. Beaufort and east cast a total of 3,488 votes for the sheriff candidates, a difference of 253.

According to 1960 census figures, population of Beaufort and east is 12,326 and Morehead City and west 18,690.