

'Coffin' Car Pulled Out of Water



Sheriff Robert Bell, left, chief of police Bill Moore and deputy sheriff C. H. Davis view car in which the body of Mrs. Edith Forbes 44, was found Sunday.



This is a view of the driver's seat. The arrow points to the remains of Mrs. Forbes' sweater which hangs over the steering wheel.

Remains of Mrs. Edith Forbes Found In Barnacle-Encrusted Auto

By MARTIN HOLLOWAY

Two boys in a skiff discovered an object in the channel at the end of Kinston avenue extension at Atlantic Beach Saturday afternoon that later unfolded the facts in a two-year-old mystery.

Early Sunday afternoon a small Henry J. automobile containing the badly decomposed body of Mrs. Edith Marie Forbes, 44, Tarboro, was raised from the channel.

Chief Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach, said the discovery solved a mystery that began April 1, 1961.

The boys in the skiff were the sons of William Barts, Atlantic Beach. They reported the underwater object to their father who recalled that a car had disappeared in that vicinity about two years ago.

Mr. Barts notified chief Moore who in turn contacted sheriff Robert (Bobby) Bell, because the place where the car was found is outside the town of Atlantic Beach.

Kinston avenue runs north from the beach town hall toward Bogue sound. It ends a short distance from the water.

Sheriff Bell contacted Connie Willis, a Morehead City diver, and asked if Willis would do some diving Sunday morning. Willis was scheduled to leave early in the morning to go on active duty Coast Guard training at Norfolk.

So Sheriff Bell called the officer in charge of the training at Norfolk to obtain permission for Willis to stay here Sunday.

About 10:30 Sunday morning, Willis dipped into the icy waters of the channel and reported the object was an automobile, but it was completely covered by barnacles and he could not tell if there was a body inside the car.

An attempt was made to pull the car up with a wrecker, but that didn't work, because the rear of the car was against the bank. Then Mart Bell, Morehead City dragline operator, was contacted. Chains were put around the car and it was lifted, straight up from the water.

As the car came up, the left door flew open and all kinds of shellfish and other marine animals tumbled out, the sheriff said. So did the bones of the person who had been in the driver's seat.

The remains were identified by checking with Mrs. Gladys Lane, Atlantic Beach, sister of Mrs. Forbes. Mrs. Lane said that Mrs. Forbes, at the time she disappeared, was wearing a bulky turtle neck sweater, over a one-piece beige dress and had on high-heeled shoes.

The sheriff said the shoes were on the floorboard of the car where Mrs. Forbes' feet would have been.

Sheriff Bell said that the night of April 1, 1961, Herbert Kelly, who operates the service station at 28th and Arendell streets, Morehead City, went to Mrs. Lane's home where he was called to start Mrs. Forbes' car and put 1961 license tags on it. The car had not been used for a while.

Mrs. Lane, who lives across from the beach police station, said that her sister, Mrs. Forbes, was leaving to go to Fayetteville, where

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Connie Willis identified car

70 Jurors Will Serve During April Term

Seventy jurors were selected by the county board of commissioners Monday afternoon to serve in the one-week term of criminal court beginning April 1.

They are the following: Mrs. Veldie Piner, Lewis E. Andreoli, Earl D. Jones, Edward D. Howland, Dan Hamilton, John S. Sewell, Paul S. Jones.

Ollie Longest, Horace Ray Holland, Stacy Cooper Chadwick, J. O. Barbour Jr., Mary Q. Lewis, McDonald H. Daniels, Leone W. Smith.

Robert B. Adair, Adrian Earle Jones, George Mizesko, Lucius L. Thrower, Floyd L. Crawford, John Johnson, Miss Mary V. Walter.

Earnest Neal Hill, Russell Willis, H. D. Paul, Charles N. Simpson Jr., Grant E. Leonard, Howard F. Mooney, Joseph H. Willis, Thomas S. Roberts, Roy D. Wade, Doyle Frank Sutherland, Donald M. Clarke, Clarence M. Lewis, Willbur Wilson Rhue, Robert B. Merrill.

Grier D. Robinson, David Woodrow Nelson, Leslie D. Mason, H. W. Tippet, R. S. Pringle, Buford H. Stover, Louis Alexander Willis, Radford C. Bowen, Walter F. Trott, Gordon B. Blevins, Norman T. Willis, Everett S. Koonce, Vincent Earl Becton, Joel Henry Davis Jr.

Wallace B. Shook, James W. Cox, Mayo H. Judy, Lucille Parker Guthrie, David F. Range, Eva Bravaldo, Louis T. Smith.

Ermano Masotti, Dewey E. Phipps, Steve A. Beacham Jr., James E. Robinson, John G. Jones, George Thomas Aldridge, Lonnie Salter.

Charles Clifton Edwards Jr., Iredell Murphy, Andrew Neal Chadwick, Paul Cahoon, Richard S. Garner, Marlin Togatz, Leslie Asdenti.

Fifty jurors were selected for duty in the special term of civil court the week of April 8. Their names will appear in the next issue of the paper.

Cattle Being Blood-Tested

Blood-testing of county cattle herds began in this county yesterday. Two veterinarians, Dr. Austin Johnson and Dr. W. B. Griffin, are here to re-certify this county against Brucellosis disease. R. M. Williams, county agricultural agent, announced.

There is a state law requiring the blood-testing of cattle once every three years to keep the county and state on a disease-free basis. The purpose of the testing program is to see if there is Brucellosis present among the cattle herds.

The only obligation on the part of this county is to furnish a helper to assist the veterinarians in holding the cattle during the testing program. There is no cost to the cattle owners.

"It will be greatly appreciated if all cattle producers in the county will cooperate having your cattle penned and being available when the veterinarians visit your farm," Mr. Williams said.

Another name for Brucellosis is Bang's disease. It is caused by bacteria and affects the cattle's reproductive organs. The disease causes the animals to abort.

Mr. Williams also announces that David Sprull, swine specialist from State college, will be here tomorrow to confer with swine growers.

Car Hits Parked Car, Fails to Stop Thursday

A hit and run driver struck the parked car of Melbourne Dale Blackwell, Beaufort, Thursday, police report. The car was parked on the north side of Ann street, headed east.

Beaufort police chief Guy Sprinkle said the damage was estimated at about \$25.

Edward Millis, Newport, To Take Capital-UN Tour

Edward Millis, a senior at Newport high school, will attend a United Nations-Washington study tour on peace and world order next week. The tour starts Saturday, March 16, and continues through the following Friday.

The study tour is being conducted by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the North Carolina conference of the Methodist church. Edward will be one of a group of 36 people from the eastern half of North Carolina.

Members of the tour will attend sessions of the United Nations and the Congress of the United States. Briefings by various members of the world and national governments will be features of the tour. Sen. B. Everett Jordan will meet with the group in Washington.

Purposes of the tour are to understand the functions and operations of government; to provide the opportunity to participate in discussion of current world affairs; to discuss the Christian's responsibility and the role of the church in the issues raised; and to discuss how a Methodist youth can determine his responsibility in these issues.

Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Millis, is a member of St. James Methodist church, Newport, and is president of the Morehead-Beaufort MYF sub-district.



Edward Millis, Newport, MYF Leader

Firemen Go To Three Fires

The Beaufort fire department was quite busy Friday afternoon, according to fire chief Gerald Woolard.

In the course of two hours, from 12:30 until 2:30 the fire department answered three calls.

The first came at 12:25, a grass fire at the home of Jeanne Perry. Less than an hour later the department went to the home of Otis Warren, North River.

This was the most serious of the three fires as the barn at the Warren home was partially destroyed and a large amount of damage was done to a tractor.

The fire started when Warren was starting his tractor. It backed fire, causing a fire to start in some hay in the barn.

Warren fell from the tractor and later was taken to Morehead City hospital.

The third call was another grass fire in Otway.

Ships Scheduled
Ships expected at Morehead City this week are the Soestdyk with a large import cargo of nails and wire fence, destination New Bern, and a cargo of fish meal, being brought in on the Herland.

Nuclear Ship Mate Speaks to Club

The Rotarians of Morehead City heard Eric Nelson, a native of Carteret county and third mate on the Savannah, at their meeting Thursday night at Mrs. Russell Willis's restaurant.

Mr. Nelson told the club the Savannah, the world's only nuclear-powered merchant vessel, is an expensive ship to operate.

He said there is an additional cost of a million dollars a year due to the number of technicians on board.

Mr. Nelson said technicians are still testing the new ship and the use of nuclear power for peace time use.

Mr. Nelson, husband of the former Loraine Carter of Morehead City, is here while the Savannah is undergoing repair at Houston, Tex.



"Mystery car," disguised by two-year coating of marine life, comes to surface of Bogue sound.

How Larger High School Units Will Benefit Your Children

By LENWOOD LEE
Principal, MCHS

There are many points to be considered when a community or county is faced with an educational decision such as that before the people of this county at this moment. The question of consolidation is primary. Although it is already an accepted and established trend in public education today we still must think of it, as any other proposed change, in terms of our own situation.

Consolidation is not a panacea for all the ills of public education, but it does offer certain definite advantages for us. I should like to call some of these to your attention:

1. More of our high school teachers would be able to teach within their subject specialty-area full time. This should result in more

efficient teaching and learning. Adequate, modern buildings and equipment should help to attract and hold good teachers.

2. More effective grouping for instruction in the basic required courses and elective sequences because of more sections being available. Multiple sections facilitate gearing to needs of pupils.

3. A pooling of resources in a more uniform approach to the adoption of improved standards, practices, and techniques employing the talents and skills of the teachers from each of the present schools.

4. A broader base of course offerings by eliminating the under-size sections. That is, certain sections in business education in the Morehead City School are sometimes below 20 whereas 30 or 32 would not be considered an overload. Combination of sections could readily afford additional course offerings.

5. Concentration of supervisory activities with subsequent program improvement; a much greater concentration of attention by the principal to the particular problems of the high school with no elementary supervision required.

6. Obviously better facilities for physical education, science, music, shop, and all other subjects as well.

7. Wider vocational opportunities in that agriculture, commercial

courses, vocational home economics, mechanical drawing, industrial arts and marine vocations would be available to students from each community.

8. With a full time counsellor much more effective and concentrated guidance-services would be offered to all high school students. The supervision of the county guidance counsellor could be more direct and fruitful.

9. Improved lighting and adequate space should result in much higher health standards as well as better learning environment at all levels of instruction. Existing buildings could be converted into adequate housing for the elementary school program. Elementary students will benefit thereby also.

10. Principals in charge of elementary schools can concentrate on the program at that level without the diversion of athletics, and the many other responsibilities of the high school.

11. With more space available a better organization of the junior high type school for grades 7 and 8 could be more readily attained.

12. The whole job of administering and supervising the schools will be greatly aided.

13. All children learn better when elementary and high school ages with their different needs and programs can be housed in different or separate campuses.

14. The combined library resources and better facilities should result in a much stronger instructional program. A trained full time librarian would greatly enhance the utilization of library materials for students and teachers as well. Each student would have access to far more books, periodicals, and other library materials.

15. The services of a well-trained director of band and choral music to broaden the aesthetic opportunities of all our students.

16. Better use of county and state funds when available in the employment of additional personnel.

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Scarlet Fever Rumor Spiked

Contrary to rumor, no home in the Newport area is quarantined because of scarlet fever, according to Mrs. Lota Hammer, county health nurse.

Mrs. Hammer said that three children are ill in one family and they are under the doctor's care. Quarantine is no longer put on homes where there is scarlet fever, she added, because the disease has already spread, probably, before it is diagnosed.

There is prophylactic treatment today that prevents other members from contracting the fever, she added. Mrs. Hammer commented that people may sometimes mistakenly think measles or other children's diseases may be scarlet fever.

She said no physician has reported any scarlet fever cases to the health department.

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