

New Year's Resolutions Lose Glamour as Age Increases

By BOB SEYMOUR

Speaking of new year's resolutions — "I've lived enough years to where I've found it ain't worth it," says Jerry Schumacher, Morehead City photographer.

He elaborated on this philosophy (accepted by 99 per cent of the people I talked to) as follows: "Consider your present condition. Maybe you smoke, drink or eat too much. Maybe you do all three. Well, after you go through all sorts of mental and physical torture, you will always end up just about where you started.

"You will regain in two days all the weight you lost through sheer torment over a period of a week or more.

"You will find yourself drinking just as much and smoking just as many cigarettes trying to recover from the strain you went through doing without."

Mrs. Schumacher suggested that everyone limit resolutions to social activities. "A person gets so many accidental hurts in this life there is no excuse for one of us to go out of our way to hurt others," she advises.

Diet Fails

Mrs. Lillian Leggett, route 1 Morehead City, says that she has no plans for making new year's resolutions after what happened this year. She resolved to go on

a diet but gave in the first day of the year.

Mrs. Leggett is a waitress at the Sanitary Restaurant. "The first day my diet started, Bud Mayo cooked apple pies. The temptation was too much for me."

T/Sgt. P. D. Bray, NCO in charge of the Morehead City Military police detachment, said that he heard only one resolution. His two sons, Richard, 10, and Paul, 13, resolved to lower their voices in the house and try not to make their mother nervous.

Outcome in Doubt

The boys are in Providence, R. I., going to school, so Sergeant Bray has not heard yet how the resolution is turning out.

Checking up on last year's resolutions I found that only one serious resolution was mentioned. It was made by Alvin Wade, a para-trooper due for discharge in the summer.

He resolved to get out of the service and enter college. At our last report he was a freshman at State College in Raleigh.

Wade Bell, who works at the Morehead City ABC store, made a prediction last year. "Most of the people who swore off whiskey while nursing new year's hangovers will break their resolution before the week is out," he said. A later check proved he was right.

County Exceeds 1956 TB Fund Drive in 1957

Carteret County was one of the first two counties in the state to exceed last year's total return in the 1957 Christmas Seal campaign. R. M. Williams, county chairman for the sale, said yesterday that \$2,573.18 had been collected. Last year's total was \$2,313.12.

Mr. Williams was notified that this county was among the leaders by a letter from C. Scott Venable, executive director of the state tuberculosis association.

Mr. Williams says that the splendid showing of the county was made possible through the cooperation of many people. He expressed appreciation to THE NEWS-TIMES, the radio stations and the Morehead City and Beaufort theatres for their free publicity for the campaign.

He also pointed out that the home economics classes sold seals on Saturdays during December and sponsored window displays in Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport.

Mr. Williams said that much of the success of the campaign was due to the cooperation of civic clubs and the county ministers' association. The nurses of the county health department handled clerical work.

All funds, according to Mr. Williams, will be used to promote a research program on a state level and to fight tuberculosis disease here in the county.

County Considers Zoning Program

As an outgrowth of the conflict of interests on the fishing pier and the Coral Bay Club on Bogue Banks, the county board yesterday requested the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, to investigate the authority vested in county boards for setting up county zoning ordinances.

Mr. Hamilton was requested to present the information to the board at its next meeting.

The board also approved the insurance plan for the county for 1958. Blanket insurance, for replacement purposes, is being handled by one firm, with the commission split among all companies qualified to handle such insurance.

To Rotate

The board plans to have the insurance rotate among the companies, with one company handling all policies for a set period of time. The commissioners believe that such operation is of more benefit to the county than by having the policies split among several agents.

All commissioners approved the proposal. Commissioner Skinner Chalk, who is in the insurance business, said he preferred not to be "involved," and abstained from voting.

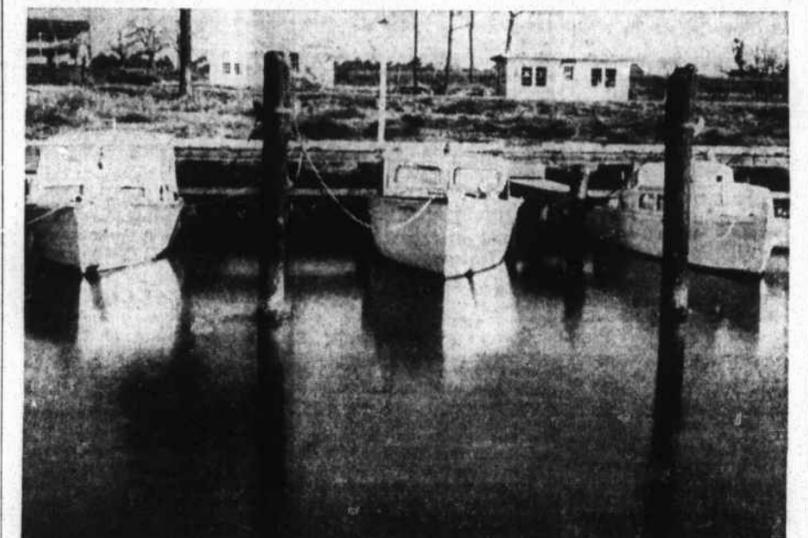
Sheriff Hugh Salter presented the jail report for December. The jail, he said, accommodated a record number for one month, 92.

Commissioner Chalk questioned the arrangement for the county taking care of Beaufort town prisoners. He said if Beaufort received half the costs levied on a convicted prisoner picked up in Beaufort, Newport should do likewise.

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Commissioner's Report Indicates Crackdown on Fish Law Violators

Mid-Week May Bring Relief From Freezing Temperatures



Pelletier Creek, west of Morehead City, was frozen over again yesterday morning. The ice made a perfect mirror for the boats and mooring dolphins at Cannon's boat yard.



Ducks in the creek found the going rough. The mallard drake in the lead acted as ice-breaker for his harem which paddled behind.

The icy claws of winter which have been gripping Carteret for the past six days may relax by tomorrow, E. Stamey Davis, weather observer, said yesterday.

The temperature dropped below freezing last Thursday night and night-time temperatures stayed below freezing through last night. Even the daylight hours brought little relief from the bitter cold. The mercury climbed no higher than 34 Saturday and Sunday.

This winter siege brought with it the usual troubles—frozen water pipes, balky automobiles, and scores of persons suffering from colds. Many a creek and inlet is layered with ice.

Wind shifted around to the southeast during the night Sunday, bringing more moisture to the land and causing a heavy frost yesterday morning. Cars left out during the night were coated with ice.

From Wednesday through Sunday the wind was from the north and northwest.

Mr. Davis said the barometer

registered a high 31 Sunday, an indication of clear weather, but he said more moisture may be in the offing and with that change, the weather may warm up.

Temperatures from Thursday through Sunday:

	Max.	Min.
Jan. 2	49	31
Jan. 3	35	31
Jan. 4	34	25
Jan. 5	34	22

The low recorded yesterday morning was 23 degrees.

Low temperatures during this cold period did not reach the low of last month, 16 degrees on the night of Dec. 11. But that pre-Christmas freeze did not last as long as this one has. At that time newly-planted cabbage plants were reported damaged.

Deep freezes like this make folks recall the five to six-day spell in 1917 when Bogue and Pamlico Sounds froze over. The Dec. 11, 1957 temperature was the lowest Mr. Davis has recorded during his 10 years of keeping weather statistics.

Morehead Rotary To Elect Officers

The Morehead City Rotary Club will elect officers at its last meeting this month. Thursday night president Grover Munden appointed a nominating committee.

The committee is composed of H. S. Gibbs Jr., chairman, W. C. Carlton and I. E. Pittman.

Thomas L. Noe was program chairman for the meeting, held at the Rex Restaurant. He divided the club into two groups and had members of one side tell where members of the other side were born and where they lived before they came to Morehead City.

Trash Fire

Trash behind Johnson-Saunders Dry Cleaners, Beaufort, caught on fire at 2 p.m. Sunday. Children playing with matches were responsible for the blaze, according to the fire department. The fire was put out in 10 minutes.

Santa Claus Writes a Letter

(Editor's Note: Everyone knows about letters to Santa Claus. At some time in his life, each one of us has probably written the frosty-bearded gentleman. But seldom have we had the privilege of getting a letter from him. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we present this letter. May parents take it to heart.)

North Pole Headquarters, Santa Claus & Associates, January 3, 1958

Miss Ruth L. Peeling, Editor, Carteret County News-Times, Morehead City, N. C., United States of America.

My dear Ruth: As one of my earliest activities, after a "long winter's nap" and a period of relaxation from my fast-flying trip throughout the world on December 24-25, I write you this

will pass before my next visit to your part of the world.

Only a few thoughtless incidents occurred to mar the pleasure of my visits to North Carolina, and elsewhere. My thousands of helpers, assisting me throughout the world, reported similar instances, so my following comments are appropriate for all parents everywhere.

First, and foremost, I must censure those parents who threaten dire consequences for children "unless you are good." All too frequently, parents said to me in the presence of children: "Santa, tell this child that you will bring him nothing but switches if he isn't a good boy!"

Now, my dear parents, Santa will NOT threaten children; nor will he

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Evidence of stricter enforcement of fisheries regulations was shown in the six-month report presented to the Board of Conservation and Development yesterday at Raleigh by C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner.

From July 1, 1957 to Dec. 31, 1957 there were 141 cases filed against fishermen. Two of the defendants were juveniles, three were found not guilty, seven cases are pending now, five appealed to superior court, the case against one was dropped and the state decided not to prosecute eight but reserved the privilege of reopening the cases later.

111 Convictions

Commissioner Holland said that there were 111 convictions; fines totaled \$709; court costs levied were \$1,477.90, and seized nets sold for \$790.

The commissioner pointed out that most of the violations were for failure to display license tags, commercial fishing without a license, scalloping out of season, taking undersized oysters, shrimping on Sunday and during the closed season.

Seven hundred thirty boats were licensed during the six months, more than the number licensed during any other period in the history of the department. Licensed in 1956 were 4,658 and in 1957 there were 5,388 licensed.

Approximately 3,300 of the 1957 licenses were issued to boats 18 feet or less in length.

Receipts at Record High

Fisheries division receipts for the past six months were at an all-time high, \$60,308.09.

Fisheries showing an increased production over 1956 were shrimp, soft crabs, hard crabs, and scallops. Catches were off on oysters, clams, food fish, and menhaden.

Commissioner Holland's comments on the individual fisheries follow:

Oysters: Production was off from that of the corresponding period of last year; however, the price was very good. This was due in part to the fact that we had some of our best public bottom closed where we planted seeds and shells last spring.

I think that I should comment on the Shell Bay area in Hyde County. In the spring of 1955, we planted 24,775 tubs of seed oysters at a cost of approximately \$6,250. This area is about one mile long and the same distance wide. We opened this Bay Dec. 16 and in the first three days the catch was approximately 8,359 tubs of oysters valued at \$25,000. Around 125 boats were working this area, furnishing employment to hundreds of oyster shuckers.

The cull law was strictly enforced during this period and our men reported to this office that many undersized oysters were returned to the bottom that they were taken from. These oysters should be of legal size next season.

Shrimp: There are probably more fishermen engaged in this activity than in any other of the industry. Inside and outside, in large and small boats, the search for this seafood was intense and without let-up during the active season.

As a consequence, any decided change either way in production affects very greatly the economic condition of the fishermen and dealers all along the coastal area. There were more boats engaged in this activity than during any previous year and the price to the catcher was at an all-time high.

The catch of shrimp this period exceeded that of last year by 297,056 pounds.

Clams: I believe the food value of the clam has not been fully appreciated by the general public. For instance, those who have eaten clam chowder, when it was properly prepared, have found it to be quite as good a dish as that prepared from any other seafood.

We have a fairly large plant that cans clams but very few of the people away from our coast know how to prepare the chowder from these clams. The clam production for this period was off around 2,500 bushels from what it was the corresponding period last year.

Soft Crabs: Until recent years crab dealers came from Virginia and Maryland and located at cer-

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Coroner Reports On 1957 Activities

Coroner Leslie Springle presented a report on his activities for 1957 to the county board of commissioners yesterday morning. He made 53 investigations of deaths.

Seven were highway fatalities; there were five murders, three drownings, two deaths by fire, two suicides and one death by suffocation. Four inquests were conducted and in the course of his work the coroner traveled 2,040 miles.

He said he made 10 fewer investigations in 1957 than he did in 1956. Mr. Springle also expressed his appreciation to law enforcement officers for their help.

Menhaden Plant Operator Takes Issues to Board

W. H. Potter, Beaufort, appeared before the county commissioners yesterday morning to plead the case of Beaufort Fisheries employees and to request the county to reconsider the method of taxing menhaden boats.

Wages of Beaufort Fisheries employees were recently garnished to meet unpaid county taxes. Mr. Potter said that some of the unpaid taxes collected went back as far as 1935 and his employees couldn't understand why payment was suddenly demanded.

Mr. Potter added that some employees may be under the impression that his company is to blame, since the taxes owed were taken out of the employees' wages. He said such a situation did not engender good will between the employer and employee.

E. L. Brinson, collector of delinquent personal property taxes, explained that the procedure of collecting the taxes was within the law. He said that the garnished Beaufort Fisheries employees had been informed that the taxes were due and had been warned that the tax money would be taken out of their wages if they did not pay voluntarily.

He said it was difficult to get some of the men to understand the situation. Some said they thought they had to list taxes but there was no law that said they had to pay them. "Actually," Mr. Brinson declared, "the law requiring payment has more teeth in it than the listing law."

Referring to collection of taxes for years as far back as 1935, he said that fishermen are rovers and it is not always possible to catch up with a man to get him to pay a \$2 or \$4 tax.

He estimated that the total amount of taxes involved in the Beaufort Fisheries employees' case was \$700. Mr. Brinson said that he sympathized with Mr. Potter but that as a tax collector he had to collect the money.

Mr. Potter said it was important to him that his employees know that they were not being taken advantage of and expressed the hope that the situation would not recur.

On the menhaden boat taxation, Mr. Potter said that his company, which operates spasmodically here year around, lists its boats in Carteret County. This puts it on an unfair competitive basis with other menhaden companies which, because their boats are listed out of state, pay no tax to Carteret County.

He said that his firms, Beaufort Fisheries, Carteret Menhaden, and Beaufort By-Products, find it increasingly difficult to operate, year by year, due to higher taxes. The county board agreed that Mr. Potter's firms were operating under unfair circumstances, in comparison with other firms, and agreed to make a study of the matter.

Ports Office Moves to Raleigh

E. E. (Jack) Lee Jr., acting director of state ports, moved from Wilmington into new offices on the second floor of the Education Building at Raleigh Thursday.

The State Ports Authority ordered the move, recommended by Governor Hodges as part of its effort to eliminate friction between Morehead City and Wilmington, rivals for shipping business in the past.

Mr. Lee is acting as ports director while the SPA conducts a search for a successor to Colonel Richard Marr, who resigned.

Others assigned to the new offices here are W. W. (Bud) Williamson, public relations director; Miss Barbara Wood, secretary; H. N. Larcombe, solicitor of ports business in the Washington, D. C., area and Stephen Koszewski, North Carolina solicitor in North Carolina.

Tows in Trawler A Coast Guard crew towed the 38-foot trawler Donna to Morehead City Thursday afternoon. The boat had engine failure within sight of town.

'58 Boat Licenses Came Due First of January

Leon K. Thomas of the state commercial fisheries division reminds commercial boat owners that 1958 boat licenses are required on all boats as of Jan. 1, 1958.

The licenses may be purchased from agents located throughout the county, as well as at the commercial fisheries office, Camp Glenn.

The following are selling the licenses: Carl Lewis, Harkers Island; Jack Neal, Carteret Hardware, Beaufort; John Phillips, Phillips Hardware, Morehead City; Irving Smith, Salter Path; Roger Jones, route 1 Newport;

William Forrest, route 2 Newport; George Hardy, Merrimon; Gerald Davis, Marshallberg; and Mrs. Alvin Davis, Davis.

The license for boats up to and including 18 feet is \$2.50; boats above 18 feet and not more than 26 feet are licensed at a cost of 50 cents per foot overall length; boats above 26 feet are 75 cents per foot overall length.

Mr. Thomas, accompanied by Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the UNC Institute of Fisheries Research, attended the Conservation and Development fisheries hearing at Raleigh yesterday.

Methodists Plan Four-Night Christian Workers School

Sisters Enjoy Shipboard Visit

It seemed like old home "week" Sunday for the Catholic sisters at St. Egbert's Church, Morehead City. They were guests aboard the ship Diez de Solis which was docked at the Morehead City state port.

The ship's crew is Spanish and many of the men came from sections in Spain which were the homes of the sisters.

Father Walter Higgins, pastor of St. Egbert's Church, conducted mass aboard ship at 10 a.m. Sunday.

In the afternoon the sisters were shown over the ship. Although the crew speaks Spanish, the captain speaks English very well, Father Higgins reports. The captain expressed the hope that on a return call to Morehead City Father Higgins and the nuns would have dinner aboard ship.

The Diez de Solis is scheduled to sail for Spain today carrying milk and cheese supplied by Catholic charities under the CARE program.

Representing the 4,373 Methodists of Carteret County, the board of managers of the Carteret County Christian Workers' School have launched plans for a four-night school of instruction in February for teachers and officers of the church school and for other lay workers in the church.

Meeting Sunday afternoon at the N. F. Eure Educational Building of Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort, the board of managers, led by its chairman, the Rev. Ralph Fleming of Newport, mapped out a program of promotion and pre-enrollment that seeks to make this the largest such school ever held in the county.

Invitations to the meeting were extended by the dean of the school, the Rev. Bill Jeffries of Marshallberg, to the enrollment chairman of the 22 Methodist churches of the county plus those of Harlowe and Oak Grove Methodist Churches, which will also participate.

The Christian Workers' School, an annual event, is scheduled for the nights of Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5. A special laboratory course, featuring a demonstration of teaching methods in a classroom and requiring the presence of small children, will be given during the day hours of the above dates.

Coral Bay Club Asks County Aid In Seeking New Location for Pier

Property conflicts between members of the Coral Bay Club and Morehead Fishing Piers Inc., were temporarily resolved yesterday when the fishing pier interests agreed to defer construction until Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the hope that the pier could be relocated farther west, away from proposed Coral Bay Club development.

James M. Poyner, secretary of the club, and Willis Smith Jr. appealed to county commissioners during the past several days to see if the county board could do anything to have the pier relocated.

Shelby Freeman, Atlantic Beach, who is one of the members of the pier firm, appeared before the county board yesterday morning and said that he and his partners would be willing to relocate the pier if property could be obtained.

Present site of the pier is in the Pine Knoll Shores development between Ocean Ridge and Salter Path. The Coral Bay Club, whose property extends from the ocean

to the sound, is between Ocean Ridge and Pine Knoll Shores.

Work has already started on construction of a lavish club house. To the west of the club house are the Willis Smith subdivision and Jack Taylor property, consisting of an ocean frontage of 4,800 feet.

The proposed pier would be located at the west boundary of the Taylor property. The Coral Bay interests say that refuse from the pier would wash on the Smith and Taylor properties where expensive summer homes are proposed, and that the pier would obstruct a pleasant ocean view.

Mr. Freeman estimated that the pier would be about a half mile from the west boundary of the Taylor property. He said that Fred Clarkson, agent for the Pine Knoll Shores development, was reluctant to sell any property for the pier further west at the same price the present pier site has been obtained.

The county commissioners were reluctant to make formal objection

to the Corps of Engineers relative to construction of the pier in navigable waters. They believed that the Morehead Piers firm had proceeded in accordance with its rights and privileges.

The board cited the fact, however, that the amount of money to be invested in the Coral Bay entity.

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, Jan. 7	LOW
9:06 a.m.		3:02 a.m.
9:39 p.m.		3:41 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8		
9:56 a.m.		3:47 a.m.
10:33 p.m.		4:23 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9		
10:51 a.m.		4:34 a.m.
11:29 p.m.		5:08 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10		
11:46 a.m.		5:25 a.m.
		5:58 p.m.