

H. C. Hepler Lands Marlin



H. C. Hepler, Morehead City, left, caught this 334-pound blue marlin Friday. Mr. Hepler caught the marlin aboard Arthur Lewis' Bunny Too, running Captain Lewis' total to six marlin for the season. The fish was 10 feet 1/2-inch long. Standing to the right is Captain Lewis.

Morehead Man Lands Marlin



Photos by Bob Simpson

John Tunnell, Morehead City, landed this nine-foot, 5-inch blue marlin Wednesday from the Rebel, a private boat owned by George Nissen. The marlin weighed in at 259 pounds. Captain of the Rebel is Shy Fodrie.

So the Water's Safe?

Coast Guard District Has 51 Distress Cases

It is ironic to note that during June 27 to 29, the first weekend of President Eisenhower's National Safe Boating Week, 51 distress cases were handled by the Fifth Coast Guard District Rescue Coordination Center. This total was the second highest in District history and only two below the record set last year!

If this sad figure is any indication, then it would appear that the summer of 1958 will be breaking all previous records not to mention injuring and killing an increasing number of persons and damaging far more boats.

While perhaps a few of the weekend's search and rescue incidents were unavoidable, the majority would seem to have been unnecessary.

One wonders if the three boatmen who went aground in Pocomoke Sound, along the Miles River, and at Morehead City had charts. If they had them, did they know how to read them?

Could some of the motor casualties which disabled 20 boats in midstream have been detected by careful inspection and repaired before departing the dock?

Were the operators of the two motorboats which collided off the Ocean View area of Norfolk familiar with the Rules of the Road? Did the two automobile drivers

who had to be towed from the beach at Virginia Beach and Caffeys Inlet use sense in taking conventional cars on the sand?

Could the owners who ran low on fuel near Ocean City and Wachapreague have anticipated their needs more accurately? In the Ocean City case, the distress was deemed as so serious that over a two-day period the following Coast Guard surface and air craft searched for the vessel in question: five patrol boats ranging in length from 26 to 83 feet, the cutter Marion and two amphibious planes. In addition, a beach patrol search was also launched.

Thus the miscalculation of one mariner led to the utilization of six vessels, two aircraft, and countless personnel at untold cost to the taxpayer.

Although there were no lives lost in this case, there were two drownings in the course of the weekend—one in Atlantic Beach and another off the Ocean View area of Norfolk.

In the latter case, two boys anchored a rented boat one-half mile off shore and then got out to swim. The current, presumably was so swift that they could not get back to the boat. One of the boys, who had a Coast Guard approved life cushion, was found and rescued by a cabin cruiser in the vicinity.

The other boy, age 11, was never found, and his life cushion was later discovered by the Coast Guard in a place where it would do no good—in the abandoned boat.

And perhaps the most questionable case of all took place on the Potomac River Sunday afternoon, when a boat with five persons left a small creek enroute supposedly for a beach ten miles south along the river.

Early Monday morning, they had

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Basement Variety Store Sticks to Tradition

Norfolk, Va. (AP)—Bert Bond's store in the basement of an 18th century house here is short on white enamel and chrome fixtures, but it doesn't lack variety.

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July 7—Mr. Gus Meden arrived Thursday to spend a week with his wife and family and mother-in-law, Mrs. Julia Pake.

Frank McIntosh, USCG Reserve, left Sunday morning for Curtis Bay Training Center for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodwin and daughter, Faye, of Cedar Island, Mrs. Hedrick Salter and two

children of Stacy visited Mrs. Julia Pake Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels and daughter, Diane, and baby from Atlantic visited Mrs. Julia Pake Sunday evening.

Mr. Monnie Daniels of Center Moriches, N. Y., were visiting in our community this past week.

Mrs. Gladys Lupton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodwin and two children and niece, Helen Goodwin, visited Mrs. Julia Pake Sunday.

The Misses Regina Pake and Letitia Meden are visiting Mrs. Charles Pake Jr. of Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Willis attend-

ed church services at Otway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker Lupton and children, Martha, and Baker Jr. and friend, George Coburn of Suffolk, Va., spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Sophia Lupton.

Mrs. Charles Pake Jr. spent Saturday with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Pake Sr.

Mr. Ralph Dudley of Pasenbourg arrived Sunday to spend a few days with his father, Capt. Jean Dudley.

Mrs. Frank McIntosh visited Mrs. Mattie Simpson and Jackie Quisenberry Sunday evening.

A stork shower was given Thursday night for Mrs. Steve Zucha

by her mother, Mrs. Mary Davis. Everyone had a very nice time.

Mrs. Leslie Ball and children of Jacksonville visited Mrs. Sophia Lupton Friday night.

Mrs. Emily Parkin and daughter, Mrs. Newman Lewis, visited Mrs. Julia Pake last Tuesday. Mrs. Kenneth Willis and children spent Sunday afternoon with the Pake family.

Mr. Ray Lawrence of Otway visited James Lawrence Jr. Saturday morning.

Mrs. William Willis visited the Pake family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Simpson visited Mrs. Monroe Simpson Friday afternoon.



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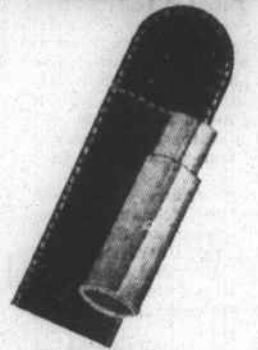
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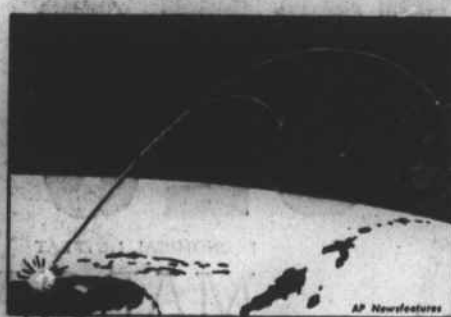
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