

Fishermen Put Up Big Fight To Secure Oregon Inlet Funds

Group, Aided By Herbert Bonner, Argue In Washington

Fishermen from North Carolina and Virginia, shepherded by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, let fly with both barrels before the House Appropriations Committee on behalf of Oregon Inlet last week and from on-the-record and off-the-record observations by members of the Committee, scored effective hits for the project, both as a matter of national defense and on the grounds that money spent for modernization of the Inlet would pay uncommonly high dividends.

Basing their presentation primarily on the thesis that Oregon Inlet is essential to National Defense, the delegation, headed by Alvah H. Ward, Manteo, chairman of the Inlet organization, reviewed briefly the bloody history of the waters above Cape Hatteras, documenting the fact that in three wars more than a billion dollars worth of ships and more than three thousand lives have been lost along an undefended coast that has no harbor between Norfolk and the point of the Cape.

Added to that the proponents set up a second line of offense, showing that the expenditure of an estimated \$865,000 to make the Inlet a harbor of refuge for fishing fleets that would operate in the area would save in the actual operating costs of boats actually at work of \$1,042,861.48 annually. The case, as Chairman John H. Kerr observed at the conclusion of the hearing, was one of the best organized and documented ever to be presented to the Committee.

Congressman Bonner's "Oregon Inlet boys" were second on the day's calendar of hearings before the Committee and they had been allocated fifteen minutes for the presentation of their case. Time was not formally extended by the committee but it was not quite an hour before the hearing ended. Members of the Committee, and especially Congressman Louis Rabaut of Michigan, got to asking questions and the discussion of the general outline of the case widened and extended itself.

Written statement of the case for the Inlet, prepared by Ben Dixon Mac-

Neill, now a resident of the Point of Cape Hatteras, led off the presentation. The case was stated verbally and briefly and then in writing. Following that Mr. Bonner presented W. H. Potter, of Beaufort-Morehead City, North Carolina, who spoke for the trawler fleet that does not operate in the area but would if there were a harbor handy in the event of some Hatteras weather. He, in turn, was followed by W. H. Waller, who presented a similar statement for Ammon Dunton, of Reidsville, Virginia, representing the organized fishing interests centered in Chesapeake Bay, who would also operate in the area if there were a harbor into which they could fleet weather.

Documented statements of the virtually untouched wealth of commercial fish in the area were presented and Mr. Bonner declared that here was a field second not even to the Grand Banks, capable of adding upwards of a half billion pounds of edible fish to the nation's larder. Others present and taking part in the general discussion that followed the opening statements included D. V. Meekins of Manteo, Garland Fulcher and Earl Hblton, of Pamlico County, fleet operators, and Eric Rogers, member of the Conservation and Development Commission. Telegrams from Director George Ross and Governor Scott were written into the record, as was also a statement by Col. G. W. Gillette, executive director of the State Ports Authority. Col. Gillette was here for the hearing first scheduled for yesterday afternoon and postponed until today.

Also read into the record were statements by the late General of the Air Forces H. H. Arnold, who declared before his retirement that a harbor at Oregon Inlet would have cut four months from the fighting time in Europe because it would have lessened the frightful loss of shipping and lives off Oregon Inlet in the opening months of the war. Also a part of the record is an earlier declaration of Admiral Arthur W. Radford, now commander of Naval forces in the Pacific.

No formal action was announced by the Committee but from the comment of members, their reaction was wholly favorable. Spectators at the hearing declared that they had never seen a more favorable reception for a presentation and the fishermen left for home greatly encouraged at the prospect of the "liberation" of their gate to where the fishing is.

BEN DIXON MacNEILL
Reading is a good habit, if you have the time and know how to do it.

Even an intelligent man makes a fool of himself about some things.

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* Denotes Sunday Games.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Most of our first plantings of garden crops have been made and if you made the same mistake that I did you have had to replant your lima beans and some of your snap beans. The recent cold rainy weather rotted the seed in the ground. Don't blame the seedsmen for that.

From now on it will be a battle with weeds, insects, diseases, and dry weather. Everyone knows how to take care of weeds. A sharp hoe, a good garden cultivator—perhaps a garden tractor with all attachments—and a will to work will keep weeds down. Chemical herbicides are still too uncertain to be depended upon.

A straw mulch put down around your tomato plants will keep weeds in check as well as conserve moisture. We recommend mulching tomatoes and also staking them. They should be trained to stakes by tying with soft twine. Pinch out all side shoots and allow only one or two stems to develop. This method will give you better quality tomatoes under our climatic conditions. A lot has been said about spraying tomatoes with har-

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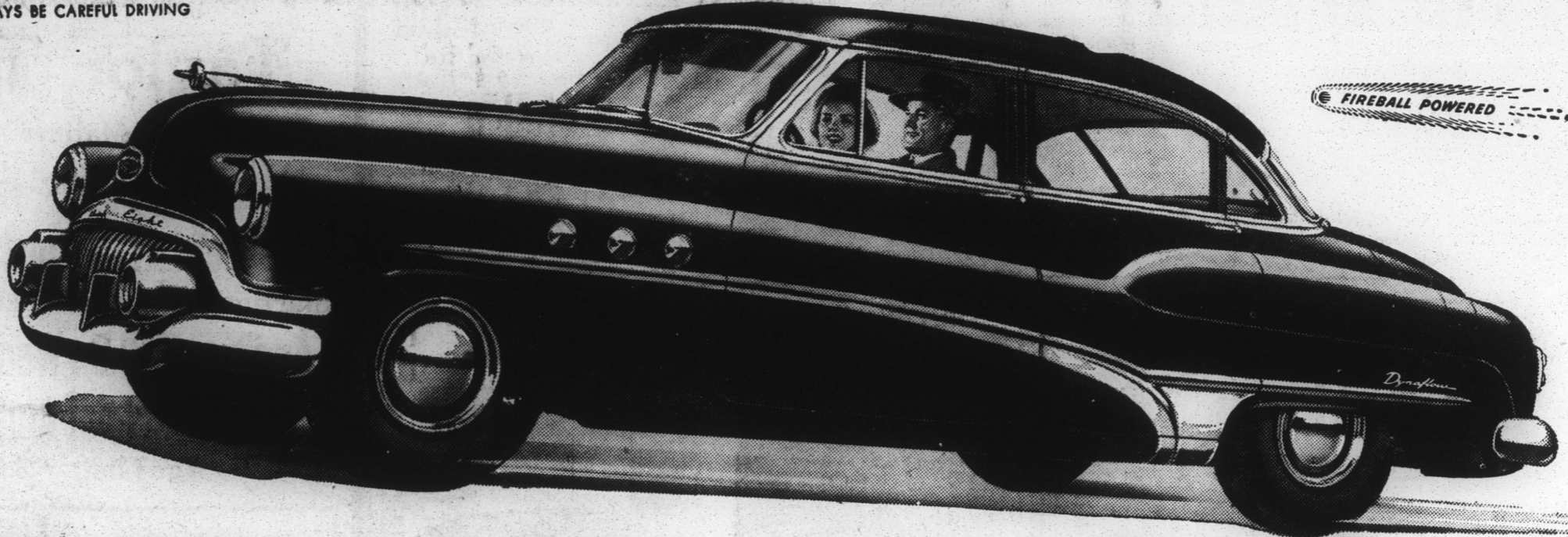
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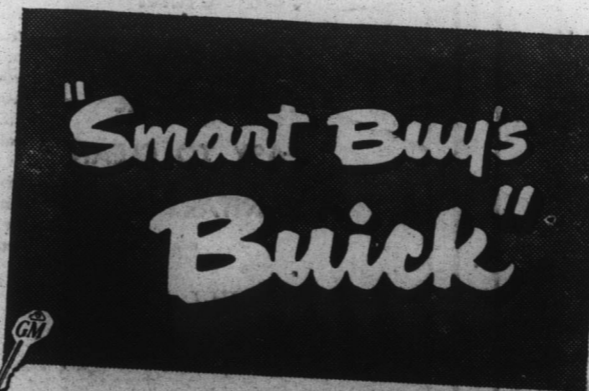
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