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The Academy Honors Dr. H. F. Prytherch

When the North Carolina Academy of Science announced that Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, director of the U. S. Fisheries Biological Laboratory here, was the winner of the Gold Medal award this year, it was not only pleasing news to everyone who knows the local fisheries expert, but an honor justly bestowed. Dr. Prytherch is recognized as the World's outstanding authority on oyster pests. Through his research he has discovered pests and ways to combat them which have saved the oyster industry millions of dollars—or will perhaps, save the entire industry if his discoveries are practiced. If the Town of Beaufort like the Academy of Science presented each year a Gold Medal award to an outstanding citizen, Dr. Prytherch would be the logical person to receive same. He has been responsible for many advancements in Beaufort since he came to the local laboratory in 1931. He has cooperated in an advisory capacity with the Duke authorities who have established the local marine biological summer school unit. He has consistently cooperated with other biological units that have come here for work or research. Through his efforts many improvements have been made at the U. S. Fisheries property on Piver's Island. As a result of it all, Dr. Prytherch deserves plenty of credit, and this newspaper through its editorial columns is quick to tell its readers about it all.

When A Park Is Not A Park

When is a State Park, not a park? The answer is when the State fails to develop same and make it attractive to visitors. Fort Macon State Park here in Carteret county is a fair example, of a park that is not a park. The Superintendent of State Parks and the State Forester may be satisfied with the set up over at Fort Macon, but the Board of Conservation and Development, or at least some mighty important members of the Board are not. The Federal Government presented North Carolina with one of the finest historical forts, fine for the excellent architecture, along the South Atlantic coast when Fort Macon was transferred. Not only that, but the Federal Government sent a detachment of CCC youths over on Beaufort Inlet who under expert supervision partially restored the famous old structure. Fort Macon today is a structure that is really worth driving hundreds of miles to see and so far this year a few thousand tourists have driven such distances to visit the fort.

But the actual fort is not all that should be offered by the State. Or, if it is, the structure should become a unit of the Hall of History and advertised as such, instead of a park with several hundred acres of dune land surrounded by the waters of an ocean, an inlet and a sound. There has been some criticism about the nominal charge of ten cents to enter the old fort. But that is incidental. If the State needs the dime it is well worth the price for a person to visit the fort. But still Fort Macon State Park is not in reality a Park. It will not be a park until the State builds picnic areas and sheds where persons can get in out of the rain without paying a dime to keep from getting wet. In other State parks cottages have been built to take care

tourists who would like to stop overnight, or for a week or so. There is no reason why bath houses should not be built on the properties, because people are going there to bathe anyway. North Carolina would not lose money if a few concession stands were erected to be rented out or be operated by the State. A visiting tourist might want to buy a hot dog or a bottle of pop or, maybe pay for some other kind of attraction usually found in a bona-fide parks.

This newspaper led a fight to get the road paved leading to the fort and it is ready to lead a fight to help publicize Fort Macon State Park—if the State will really make it a park instead of the mass of waste dunelands that it is today.

Help Make Coastal Festival A Success

Every citizen in Carteret county should make every effort to cooperate to the limit with the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the first annual Coastal Festival to be presented in Morehead City on August 10, 11, 12. If the festival is a success this year, and it will be, the event will grow to such an extent from year to year that it will naturally become a Carteret Coastal Festival, attracting additional thousands each year. Such an event is costly to produce. Just where the Junior Chamber of Commerce is getting the funds to put it across this newspaper does not know. The sponsoring organization cannot possibly realize much profit from the venture, but the hotels, the merchants and all those who cater to visiting tourists will cash in heavily. It is an event which should be profitable to Carteret County as a whole and after this year, this newspaper firmly believes that Carteret should come into the picture and help finance the event. And that is what will probably happen. In the meantime every citizen of Beaufort, Morehead City and the county at large should give their whole hearted cooperation to the organization which had the nerve to establish the Coastal Festival.

Death Claims A Fine Citizen.

With the death of Leslie C. Davis on Sunday, Beaufort lost one of its finest citizens. Although never pushing himself to the forefront, he was always active in every movement which meant better things for Beaufort. On the Beaufort Board of aldermen he served as an important member. There are scores of fishermen and others in Beaufort and Car-

teret County who sought favors and got favors from Leslie Davis. If ever there lived a good man in Beaufort, it was Leslie C. Davis. The citizens of Beaufort share with the bereaved family left behind, the grief brought about by his sudden death last Sunday.

QUALITY LIVESTOCK

Perhaps the banks, off the North Carolina coast, are not the place to raise livestock. Those who are interested in seeing vegetation restored there say they are not and steps are being taken to rid the banks of their livestock; at least temporarily. Once the vegetation has been restored and there is less disposition to cut out the trees and pasture livestock at large on the islands, it will be possible to again raise some there.

What was most interesting however, to those from this section who attended the annual Fourth of July pony penning and sale on Ocracoke Island, was the most notable improvement which has been brought about in the past few years in the ponies on that island. Where formerly there were "knotty" little ponies of almost no work value, it was pointed out, some good stock was offered on the Fourth of July holiday.

David Keppel, New York art collector who owns a lodge on Ocracoke Island, and who has been conducting an experiment in the raising of polo ponies there, was given credit for the improvement. Mr. Keppel placed some valuable breeding stock on the island. The blood of that stock now flows in the veins of many of the ponies which ran wild among the sand dunes.

It was an experiment which may not be repeated in just that form on the mainland. Stock no longer roams at will except on the islands. But that which was accomplished in proving the banker ponies may be brought about on any farm in eastern Carolina for the benefit of the owner of that farm.—The Sun Journal.

One hundred and twenty-two insane persons were confined in 84 N. C. Jails during May, 1938.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below. For these examinations, applications must be on file with the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., not later than August 15, if received from states east of Colorado, and not later than August 18, if received from Colorado and States westward.

Senior Attorney, \$4,600 a year, Bureau of Motor Carriers, Interstate Commerce Commission.

Safety Inspector, \$2,600 a year, Bureau of Motor Carriers, Interstate Commerce Commission.

Electroplater, \$1,860 a year, Branch of Building Management, National Park Service, Department of the Interior. (For appointment in Washington, D. C., only.)

Hospital Librarian, \$1,800 a year, Veterans' Administration.

Full information may be obtained from Howard C. Jones Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office in this city.

Letters

Twin City Fishing Pier Needed

July 18, 1938.

To the Editor:

Please let me call your attention to the fact that, while the Chambers of Commerce, and other organizations of Beaufort and Morehead City, have been working strenuously to attract visitors to this coast, nothing whatsoever has been done for the benefit of that most lucrative source of our income from Summer people, the Upstate fisherman, save to tell him what fine fishing there is down here. He is the forgotten man when he arrives; he finds that every bridge over fishing waters is forbidden to him, there is no pier from which he can fish, and he must either row himself out in a skiff, if he is experienced enough,

or hire a party boat. And most of them do not want to go out in boats, but would prefer to stand on something as solid as the bank of a river, or a fishing pier.

And that is just what we need—a fishing pier. All along the Atlantic coast now, and at every coast town of Southern California, fishing piers have been built for the free accommodation of Upstate fishermen, and they attract thousands daily, where there is good fishing. Below Wilmington, at one of the beach resorts, as many as two thousand have been seen out on one pier alone.

Nowhere on the Atlantic Coast is there a better place, or better fishing, for a pier of this sort, than in Newport River, at the East end of the highway and running parallel to the railroad bridge, on its North side, a pier a thousand feet long can be built out over twelve feet of fishing water for about seven hundred feet of its length, landlocked and secure from any kind of a storm. This fishing drop is the favorite place of anglers, both here and from Upstate, and a free pier for their accommodation would attract, not hundreds, but thousands of fishermen weekly throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall.

It has been argued that such a pier will cut down the earnings of party boats, but personally I think that those who want to go out in party boats will still do so, and that their business will actually be increased through greater crowds attracted here.

At present this pier can be built with the aid of WPA, which will put up seventy per cent of the cost. In another letter I will outline estimates and plans for raising our share of the money.

OTIS H. JOHNSON.

CEDAR ISLAND ROAD

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In addition to giving many of the men on the island employment, the improvement has been needed badly there for the past several years, or since the ferry (later succeeded by a bridge) was constructed and gave the resident a road to the mainland.

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SETH GIBBS ILL

Seth Gibbs, former member of the board of aldermen here and for years the local railway agent is sick at his home on Taylor's Creek. He is suffering from an attack of influenza. Many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

(Continued from page one) Election of officers will be conducted. In Carteret County the Young Democratic activities have been outstanding during recent months and every indication is that the convention on Friday will be largely attended and another success for this political group, according to James B. Long, president of the county clubs.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

White Oak Township.

J. S. Jones, et ux, to L. A. Seawell, consideration \$186, all of lot 35.

J. W. Callahan to W. D. Norris, consideration \$60, lot 12.

Morehead Township

R. H. Therrell, et ux, to Mrs. Annie Irene Taylor, consideration \$10, lot 4, block 113.

Atlantic Beach & Bridge Co., to Elizabeth Webb Thornton, consideration \$10, lot 12, block "N".

Beaufort Township.

Guion L. Foreman, et ux, to Cicero Douglas Sabiston, consideration \$600, 32 -10 acres74—ev-eration \$600 21 7-10 acres.

Ella D. Davis et al, to Etta D. Potter, consideration \$1.00, 2.5 acres.

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