

Morehead City Receives \$27,000 from Dog Track

Open Drainage Ditch for Sewage Causes Investigation by Engineer

New Enrollees To Be Accepted In Farm Class

C. S. Long, Newport, Reports Approximately 10 Openings for January

C. S. Long, instructor of the Veterans Farmer Training class, Newport, announced this week that there will be approximately 10 openings in his class the beginning of the year.

Mr. Long stated that he has had many requests from prospective enrollees regarding entrance in the class and urges that anyone interested in taking the farm course contact him immediately at Newport school.

To be eligible for entrance, a veteran must be farming on a full-time basis and have plans for farming in 1949. Length of this class training under the GI bill is determined upon the amount of time spent in the armed forces.

The 35 men now enrolled attend class once a week, a two-hour Thursday night period during every week of the year. From Nov. 1 through March there is also a shop class from 2 to 5 p.m. once a week.

24 New Students Enroll at MCTI

Of the 34 students registered for the fall term at Morehead City Technical Institute, 24 are new enrollees.

They are as follows: Warren S. Barnes, Elm City, Edward B. Blake, Albemarle, David Lee Carmichael, High Point, Robert L. Crutchfield, Reidsville.

Charles L. Dunman, Greensboro, Thomas H. Ethridge, Bailey, Roger Evans, Kinston, Henry W. Fucette, Reidsville, Weldon E. Fulcher, Stacy, George M. Goff, Rocky Mount.

Leo B. Haskins, New Bern, James C. Johnson, Four Oaks, William Martin, Smithfield, William L. O'Brien, Durham, James D. Renegar, Harmony, Elvis D. Rigbee, Jr., Durham.

James Spainhour, Greensboro, Howard H. Shepherd, Greensboro, Arthur West, Roseboro, Gerald Piner, Morehead City, Donald Matthews, New Bern, and Lee Parker, Morehead City.

Out-of-state students are Lawrence R. Benedict, Blighton, N. Y., and Robert J. Crowell, Marblehead, Mass.

Speaker in assembly at the school Tuesday was Dr. John Bunn, pastor of the First Baptist church, Morehead City. His topic was "Trends in Life Today."

Brig. Gen. Charles D. W. Cannon, assistant division commander of the Eighth Infantry division, announced this week that a concerted effort is being made to form in this state a chapter of veterans of the Eighth Infantry division who served with the division during world war 2 and whose present place of residence is North Carolina.

A meeting of these veterans has been scheduled for 1 o'clock Sunday, Oct. 3, in the U. S. Naval armory, Winston-Salem.

An open ditch where raw sewage empties, starting at U. S. highway 70 and running adjacent to property being developed as Hancock Park, a housing area just outside the town limits northeast of Beaufort, was inspected by a state health engineer Wednesday morning.

Town, county and state highway officials were also present to investigate the unsanitary drainage situation and seek a solution to the problem.

A diagram of sewage disposal facilities in the area, prepared by A. B. Fulford, county sanitarian, shows that raw sewage is emptied into the ditch from a storm sewer lying within the town limits.

It is considered bad practice to tie sanitary sewers into a storm sewer, as has been done in the existing situation, E. C. Hubbard, state sanitary engineer, explained.

The diagram shows that domestic and industrial wastes from a network of sewage lines are ultimately drained into the ditch from homes along Hedrick st. as far as Pine st. and beyond and from homes and businesses in the triangle between Lennoxville road and U. S. highway 70, as well as from those along Mulberry st. just inside the town limits.

Mr. Hubbard was asked to investigate the matter because Mr. Fulford is not an engineer, Dr. N. T. Ennett, county health doctor said. Dr. Ennett emphasized that the sole concern of the health department in the matter is public health and sanitation.

Mayor L. W. Hassell, present at the inspection, announced that the unsanitary drainage situation will be brought before the town board of commissioners at their regular meeting Monday night. Property owners immediately concerned in the sewage disposal problem will be asked to join in a discussion of the solution, Mayor Hassell said.

Mr. Hubbard will submit his recommendations on Monday, and they will be the basis for determining a solution, the Mayor said.

He stated that after inspecting the situation, Mr. Hubbard believed that the best solution would be to extend a sanitary sewer which now ends two blocks from the storm sewer being used and allow property owners affected to tie in to this sanitary sewer.

Mr. Hassell reported that a committee of commissioners would probably be appointed to work out a solution between the town and the property owners.

"This is not a problem common only to Beaufort but is true of many coastal towns," Mr. Hubbard remarked. "It is certainly undesirable to have at your back door," he added.

Such a sewage pollution condition has a bearing on all intestinal diseases, he said, but no one knows definitely whether it contributes to the spread of polio. Beaufort's two polio cases this summer were located in the vicinity of the ditch.

The fact that the school building and the area where children play is not far from the ditch has also been a source of concern to the community. One child is reported to have fallen in.

In a preliminary discussion before the inspection, held in county health department offices, Mr. Hubbard asked Mr. Fulford why this condition had not been brought to light before.

Mr. Fulford replied that he supposed it was because the adjacent property was not being developed. He then related that the situation was first brought to his attention by the persons developing housing in the area after a prospective buyer objected to the presence of the ditch.

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Mayor George Dill Proclaims Week

Days of Oct. 3-9 Designated as Employ the Handicapped Week

By proclamation, Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., Morehead City, has set aside the week of Oct. 3-9 as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.

"I call upon all leaders of industry, labor, and civic groups to make every effort to enlist public support for a sustained program aimed at the employment and full use of the capacities of all physically handicapped workers in this city," declared the mayor.

Mr. Dill pointed out in his proclamation that Carteret county has an unused reservoir of skills in fellow citizens who, because of physical handicaps, are denied employment and also said that the people of this county are "profoundly conscious" of the limitless debt they owe those who are handicapped because of serving in the armed forces.

"Thousands of handicapped workers have demonstrated that physical handicaps are no insurmountable bar to efficient and productive labor and this city needs the full measure of faith and participation in our democratic life in which can only come in full measure to the handicapped when they become self-supporting and independent citizens," the mayor commented.

In conclusion, he remarked that the employers of Morehead City have a unique opportunity to help rehabilitate otherwise qualified but physically handicapped workers by employing them.

National Employ the Physically Handicapped was designated by Congress in August 1945 as the first week in October of each year.

Officer Reports On Convention

Beaufort Rotarians heard an entertaining account of the Sylva convention of Chamber of Commerce officials Sept. 12-14, by Dr. W. L. Woodard at their meeting Tuesday night.

Dr. Woodard and Dr. John Morris were the only two Chamber of Commerce presidents to attend the meeting, the remainder of the delegates being managers of local chambers. Robert G. Lowe, Jr., and Dan Walker, managers in Morehead City and Beaufort, respectively, attended the convention.

The messages of George C. Franklin, Raleigh, and Col. George W. Gillette were of especial value, Dr. Woodard said, and he felt that it would be a good idea to invite these men to speak before the Beaufort Rotary.

Mr. Franklin had some revealing things to say, declared Dr. Woodard, on the subject of the "Financial Squeeze on North Carolina Municipalities." Shrinkage of municipal revenues has been caused by inequitable tax evaluations, the speaker declared.

"The North Carolina Ports Authority and What It Is Doing" was the subject of Col. Gillette's address. He is ports authority director for North Carolina.

The convention delegates heard governor-nominee Kerr Scott and received the impression that he definitely will be a rural-minded governor, Dr. Woodard related. Mr. Scott told the Chamber of Commerce group that they had done nothing for rural electrification and rural telephones, two items which he promised to attend to.

Other features of the meeting which Dr. Woodard enjoyed were the visits to Cherokee Indian reservation and to Smoky Mountain National Park.

He also witnessed a square dance demonstration staged by teams from nearby towns and saw the old-fashioned buckboard dance performed.

Ship From Mediterranean Due In Port Monday

The USS Marquette, carrying Marines and equipment from the Mediterranean, will dock at Morehead City Port Terminal Monday, according to latest reports.

Sailing from Port Terminal Wednesday morning was the USS Okaloosa. Aboard were Marines from Camp Lejeune going to Little Creek, Va., on routine maneuvers.

JCs Recommend Planning Board

Delegation Will Present Request to Commissioners Monday Night

Robert Stephens and Charles Hassell were delegated by Beaufort Jaycees Monday night to go before town commissioners this coming Monday night with a recommendation that a town planning board be set up to study the problem of zoning.

Zoning of the town is a project to which the Jaycees committed themselves at their Sept. 13 meeting.

The decision to go before the board of commissioners was made after Robert Stephens read a letter from the head of the Department of City and Regional Planning of the state university, stating that the creation of a town planning board would be the necessary first step. Stephens received the letter in response to a request he made at the direction of President Claud Wheatly after the Sept. 13 meeting.

The Jaycees also decided to proceed with plans for a minstrel show in the fall. The following were appointed on an arrangements committee for the show: Odell Merrill, James Wallace, James Potter, James Wheatley, Billy Mace and Claud Wheatly.

Rufus Sewell was assigned to the scenery committee as chairman; Leslie Davis, Jr., Ralph Eudy and John Butler will serve with him.

The show will feature a "Spike Jones band," and participation by all the Jaycees. The community will also be combed for talent, ideas, and "technical assistance."

Roy Eubanks, Beaufort, Tells One This Time

Another fish story turned up today on Turner street, Beaufort, when Roy Eubanks told about the stingray that didn't want to be caught.

A Fayetteville man with a fishing party at the Eubanks and Tom Holt lodge, Portsmouth, hooked something tremendous, so big that it broke the line and got away.

Later that day, Capt. John Willis, Portsmouth, turned up at the lodge with a large stingray, hook and line still on him, which was caught in one of his nets.

The haul bringing in the stingray was about three miles from the spot where the big critter was hooked earlier in the day.

Subterranean Rooms of Fort Open to the Public

Several new subterranean rooms of old Fort Macon, the chief point of historical interest on the Carteret coast, opened to visitors during the current season. The compartments, beneath the outer walls of the old fortress which was started in 1824 and completed in 1836 to protect Beaufort harbor from pirates and potential enemies, had been flooded with water for years. It was possible for visitors to take only a peep into the dark recesses which gave military protection to the ancient moat.

By Lorraine Lowden Guest Columnist

(Note: The column today is written by Lorraine Lowden, formerly on the staff of The Beaufort News but now on the staff of the Newport News, Va., Times-Herald).

Shrimp is an expensive delicacy—for each peck of shrimp caught, 20,000 pounds of food fish are destroyed.

That is the theory worked out by some of the older commercial fishermen and dealers in Virginia, who estimate that 10 bushels of fish are caught in shrimp trawlers in the Carolinas to every peck of shrimp. These fish, usually between an inch and a half and two inches in length, are later dumped overboard, most of them dead.

The fishermen feel that if the fish were allowed to mature, each bushel would produce 2,000 pounds of saleable fish.

This problem of the destruction of fingerlings by shrimp trawlers is one of the biggest facing fishing interests in every port on the Atlantic coast from South Carolina to Maine. They believe it is one of the main reasons why fishing seasons have become progressively worse each year since 1945.

And many of the Virginia fishermen feel that the majority of blame for the situation rests with the shrimpers of North Carolina.

The shrimping industry in the United States largely is centered off the coast and in the inland waters of the Carolinas, and shrimpers while trawling for shrimp, naturally catch hundreds of tiny fish in their nets. The fish are delicate to begin with, and by the time they have been pushed around in a net, bumped on the deck of the boat while the shrimp are removed, then shoveled overboard, most of them are dead.

Most of the croakers, trout, butterfish, and sea mullets caught by Virginia fishermen spawn in the warm waters of the Carolinas. After years of observation, fishermen have decided that these tiny fish remain for a while in the warm waters, but as they mature they move up the coast into colder waters. The farther up the coast one goes, the bigger the fish of these species are, the fishermen have found.

But since so many of these fish are killed each year while they are young, fewer and fewer move up the coast.

Seriously disturbed by the situation, the Atlantic Coast Seafood Commission, composed of members from each state on the Atlantic Coast except North Carolina, which has refused to join, have held meetings on the subject.

As a result, South Carolina cooperated by declaring a closed season on shrimp on all its inland

waterways to allow the production of small fish to get back to normal. This will help, but definitely will not cure, the depletion process, Marvin Amory, Hampton, Va., fish dealer, said.

Amory believes that the only real cure would be a closed season on shrimp on the inland waters of both Carolinas, and a closed season during parts of the year on the coast. This would allow the fish at least to get back to normal, he said.

The new type trawling net for shrimpers, invented by Louis Guthrie and Charles Guthrie of Morehead City, and tested by Dr. Herbert Prytherch of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, may alleviate the situation somewhat, according to Virginia fishermen and dealers.

However, they say that no net can catch shrimp (which are small) and let other small fish go. There still will be thousands of small fish killed. And they do not feel that the invention of the new net should serve as an excuse for the noncooperation of North Carolina shrimpers.

"The depletion of fish is hurting them as much as it is us," Amory said. "It is a number of the inland waters of North Carolina the dead fish on the bottom of the inlets, bays, and rivers, are reported to be so numerous that shrimpers cannot even pull their nets through the water."

In addition, the chemical reaction in the water created by the dead fish is harmful to all seafood, he pointed out.

The shrimping situation is ruinous for the Spring, Summer and Fall fishing in Virginia, but does not affect offshore fishing for bass, porgies and whiting in the Winter months. But winter fishing suffers from bad weather.

However, a number of the smaller fishing boats from Virginia, and an estimated 90 per cent of the North Carolina fishing boats do not go offshore in Winter, but fish in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras for trout, croakers, king and butterfish—the same fish which are being destroyed by the shrimpers.

Thus, North Carolina fishermen suffer even more in Winter months as the result of shrimping operations in their own state than do fishermen in other states.

Virginia fishermen have no desire to create a hardship for fishermen of another state, but sincerely believe that a closed season would help everyone. And they claim that shrimp boats could be used for other types of fishing if a closed season on shrimp were declared.

Virginia fish dealers want See WATERFRONT Page 6

\$25,000 Earmarked For Evans St. Repair

Barden Doubts If Russian War Will Materialize

Congressman from This District Terms Berlin Situation 'Impossible'

Washington—(AP)—Rep. Graham Barden (D-NC) said Monday "we may have to risk war with Russia but I think at the show of teeth they'll get some sense in their heads."

Barden, who returned last week from a trip to Europe, told a reporter, "the situation in Berlin is impossible."

A long-time friend of Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor in Germany, Barden said, "he is certainly in a tough spot but is doing all he can."

Barden also said, "I think anything that takes place in Berlin will be taken by the Russians as an incident—not an act of war."

"There isn't any question at all about Berlin being a dangerous and explosive situation. I'm inclined to think the Russians are using it as their best source of propaganda."

"Of course it can't be overlooked that we are in an almost hopeless situation. We had no business ever granting the Russians a 100-mile band around Berlin. We're right in the middle. I can't conceive of anybody with any intelligence doing that, but it was done."

"What would happen," he asked "if they give us a corridor into Berlin? How are we going to maintain 2,500,000 people with a 100-mile band around their city choking them?"

"We've done exactly right by throwing the whole thing into UN. Now if the Russians want to walk out, I say let them walk out and let them lock the door behind them."

Beach Bridge Opens To Traffic

The Atlantic Beach bridge opened Wednesday noon to motor traffic, seven days and 10 hours after a barge smashed into it, ripping away over 100 feet of the roadway south of the draw.

Rainy weather held up repairs considerably, otherwise the bridge would have been passable Monday night.

Two of the four crews brought here to make repairs have been sent to other road jobs where traffic has been blocked while work was done on the bridge here.

With three days of good weather, the permanent roadway will be in place repairs reported.

Above-water timber on the fenders is being replaced and traffic across the bridge will be stopped temporarily to drive 25 to 30 piling under the span. Twelve pilings will have to be replaced also where the barge first struck the fender.

In charge of repairs is J. D. Epperson, New Bern.

Forester to Demonstrate Timber-Thinning Methods

Two timber thinning demonstrations will be conducted in Carteret county for the benefit of timber growers by R. S. Douglas, forestry extension specialist, on Nov. 19.

The Morehead City Racing commission has received \$27,000 from the Carolina Racing association, representing the town's 10 per cent of gross receipts from the summer operation of the dog racing track, Mayor G. W. Dill announced yesterday.

At ceremonies in the mayor's office today, the Morehead City Racing commission will present the town with a check for \$25,000 to be placed in a special fund and used for the resurfacing of Evans st. The \$2,000 balance will be retained in the account of the racing commission for operating expenses.

Charles M. Bennett, treasurer of the racing commission, will present the check to Mrs. Blanda L. McLoon, town treasurer, in the presence of the mayor, the town commissioners and the racing commissioners at 11 o'clock this morning.

Invitations are being prepared for bids for the resurfacing of Evans st., Mayor Dill revealed. The \$25,000 will not go into a general fund but will be placed in a special fund earmarked for the Evans st. improvement, and all of the sum will be used for this purpose, the mayor emphasized.

Explaining the 10 per cent share which the town's racing commission receives from the gross receipts of the track, Mayor Dill stated that gross receipts included the receipts from the gate, the grandstand, the concessions and that portion of the bet which is retained by the Carolina Racing association. The association retains 15 per cent.

The legislation which created the Morehead City Racing commission provides that the commission shall receive 10 per cent of the gross receipts from the race track's operation per day, but that the amount so paid shall not exceed \$5,000 a day.

While it is recognized that the sum of \$2,000 which the Morehead City Racing commission will deposit in the bank for operating expenses is "more than necessary," the mayor stated, it is desirable because the commission cannot receive funds from the town. Its operation is independent, he said.

Mayor Dill felt that the town's percentage of \$27,000 compared favorably with the amount which the city of Miami receives from a dog racing track located there, which he said he understands to be a \$50,000 annual maximum.

Inspection Lane Due Here Oct. 16

A motor vehicle inspection lane will return to the county three more times this year, once this month, and once in November and December.

It will locate in Morehead City here Oct. 16-20, in Beaufort Nov. 17-20, and in Morehead City Dec. 17-21.

According to the deadlines put into effect by the motor vehicle department, all of the following models must be inspected by Oct. 31, 1948: 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, and 1945.

Deadline for motor vehicles of the year models 1940 and 1942 must be inspected on or before Nov. 30, 1948, and motor vehicles of the year model 1941 and 1949 before Dec. 31, 1948.

Inspection Lane No. 36, J. O. Jones, supervisor, will make the remaining visits here. Until the September inspection period, lane 33 came to Carteret county.

After this year, motor vehicles will be inspected twice a year.

Pump on Well Outfitted With Green Brick 'Skirt'

The pump on the well at Front and Turner streets, Beaufort, has been protected with a brick wall, painted green to match the newly-painted police station across the street from the well.

The police station, in addition to getting a new coat of paint, has also had a yellow and black sign placed over the door, "Police Department."

Tide Table

Table with columns for HIGH, LOW, and times for Friday, Oct. 1, Saturday, Oct. 2, Sunday, Oct. 3, Monday, Oct. 4, and Tuesday, Oct. 5.