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Local Fishery Biologists Defend North Carolina Fishermen

(The following article reflects the opinion of biologists and fishery experts of this area and their reaction to a recent article written by Miss Lorraine Lowden, guest columnist for Aycock Brown in his column "Covering the Waterfront." This column appeared in Friday's issue of THE NEWS-TIMES.)

Journalists sometimes rush in where experts fear to tread. This, if local reaction be any indication, is what happened in the case of a recent guest columnist in "Covering the Waterfront," Miss Lorraine Lowden, formerly of Beaufort, now of Newport News, Va.

Granted that most of the opinions resulted from conversations with Virginia authorities, it behooves both Columnist Brown and Contributor Lowden to give both sides of the story. Inasmuch as they haven't, local experts have been requested to fill in the picture. Worthy of note is the fact that those going to bat for Carolina shrimpers are Carolinians by choice and adoption, not circumstance of birth. This, and a matter-of-fact scientific outlook, should exempt them from the onus of mere myopic sectionalism. Several biologists have lent weight to the evidence by contributing factual information. Others have felt so strongly that both sides of the question should be aired that they have spoken out, by mail and for publication.

One official, who has spent many years in close contact with local fishermen, points out that more shrimp are caught in states south of here in a few weeks than in the whole season in North Carolina. The statement that "in a number of the inland waters of North Carolina, the dead fish can be seen at the bottom of the inlets, bays, and rivers, are reported to be so numerous that shrimpers can not even pull their nets through the water" brought forth a chuckle

and the remark from one official that he had "not heard that one." Working on the basis of figures given in the article, which found its way into print in a number of state papers, the six and two-thirds billion fish destroyed would amount to seven times the annual catch in all America! Should this be so, boats couldn't ply the sounds—much less pull nets!

"Using their logic," explains Dr. Eugene R. Roelofs, fisheries specialist of Morehead City, "all the small fish growing to adult size would mean that there would be no room for water."

"Assuming that shrimpers kill half the small fish, that leaves another six and two-thirds billion for them to catch—much more than is produced in the whole country."

"We don't know," he continued, "but we hope to find out, on the basis of careful observation and reliable statistics, just what the effect of this thinning-out is. Conclusions worked out in regard to haddock, in England, have shown that it is, actually, efficient—removing competition for food among the small fish."

"Furthermore, workers in Maryland have evidence to show that adult croakers from Chesapeake Bay go out and spawn north of Hatteras, offshore, and the young return to the Bay. Thus there is some proof that the populations don't mix and Carolina croakers never get as far north as Virginia."

Adhering to the theory that scarcity results from productivity cycles and natural phenomena, rather than overfishing, are Martin Burkenroad, internationally-known expert on shrimp, and Dr. H. J. Humm, director of the Duke Marine Laboratory on Pivers Island.

In a letter to Miss Lowden, excerpts of which follow, Dr. Humm points out that a writer assumes a grave responsibility when publishing theories resulting from half-truths and empirical thinking.

"The power of the press as an influencing factor in fishery regulations is 1,000 times greater than all the marine biologists combined" he states. "Your article (Miss Lowden's) could lead to the establishment of laws which would work against the best interests of the fishing industry."

"Assuming that the estimate is correct, Dr. Humm continues, "that each peck of shrimp caught results in the destruction of 20,000 lbs. of fish . . . of the 20,000 pounds, NONE is food fish in the sense that they are of edible size. Of that 20,000 pounds, a large portion are fish of species that have absolutely no food value; never have, probably never will. Take "pin fish," for example, I have gone out on shrimp trawlers many times to obtain specimens and I have seen the trawl come in with 99 per cent pin fish. Is that waste? Take the clear-nosed skate . . . at some times of the year it makes up a considerable portion of the total weight of the "trash." I think this theory worked out by some of the older commercial fishermen that "20,000 pounds of food fish are destroyed for each peck of shrimp caught" needs to be revised. Such revision should come before publication."

Dr. Humm points out further that "if there were a shrimp fishery along the Virginia coast equal to that of North Carolina, would the Virginia fishermen enact for their region the sort of closed season they propose for North Carolina? You say "South Carolina cooperated by declaring a closed season on shrimp in all its inland waterways to allow the production of small fish to get back to normal" . . . Before being closed, how many shrimp were caught in the inland waterways of South Carolina?"

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Under Severe Handicap, Miss Martha Leads Useful Life In Beaufort

Rotarians Hear Health Officer

Dr. N. T. Ennett, county health officer, deploring sanitation conditions in Morehead City, Beaufort, and Atlantic Beach and urged for local support of increased state appropriations to health departments at an address before Morehead City Rotary club Thursday night.

Thirty-eight Rotarians attended the supper meeting at the recreational center. Citing the need of increased nursing and medical service for the schools and additional sanitation services, Dr. Ennett told the results of surveys of sanitary facilities in Morehead City and Beaufort.

Out of 1500 homes represented in the Morehead City survey, Dr. Ennett said, 51 or 3.4 per cent have no toilet facilities whatsoever. In Beaufort it was found that 37 out of 1,000 homes represented, or 3.7 per cent, have no sanitary facilities.

"I don't think there's anything comparable to health work but the church," Dr. Ennett declared. Prospective residents in a town want to know three things first, the county health officer said. After inquiring about the schools and the churches, they want to know the health conditions.

Dr. Ennett said he received a copy of an editorial which appeared in a Kinston paper, and later a letter from the Kinston editor, criticizing sanitation conditions in this area. The editorial merely mentioned "a certain area," he said, but the letter was very specific, referring to unpleasant experiences which the editor had had in an ice cream dispensing place at Atlantic Beach this summer.

Conditions in eating places could be improved, Dr. Ennett stated, if the health department could afford to have more inspecting personnel.

The health doctor charged that Chamber of Commerce agents sometimes play up business and recreational advantages but fail to mention health.

Something needs to be done about the softening of the water here, Dr. Ennett declared. Many . . . See ROTARIANS Page 4

Novelist Commends Work Of Cemetery Association

Inglis Fletcher of Bandon plantation, Edenton, whose Raleigh's Eden, Men of Albemarle, and other books have delighted Carolinians, is deluged with duties in connection with her new book Roanoke Hundred which will come from the press Oct. 18. She has, however, taken time to write the Beaufort Graveyard Restoration association in her role as vice-president of the Society for the Preservation of Antiquities:

" . . . the restoration of the Beaufort Graveyard interests me greatly. I am heartily in accord with all restoration and preservation of early North Carolina whether it be records, homes, public buildings, or tombs. This state has been very neglectful in such matters, and I hope the work that you are doing will stimulate interest in other forms of restoration."

September Court Receipts Amount to \$4,417.01

Total court receipts for the month of September amounted to \$4,417.01, according to the report made to the county commissioners by A. H. James, clerk of superior court, at the board meeting yesterday morning.

Recorder's court receipts totaled \$4,311.21, superior court receipts, \$178.85, probate and clerk's fees \$87.95.

Orthopedic Clinic Today

Dr. Hugh Thompson will be at the health center, New Bern, for the regular orthopedic clinic at noon today. Anyone needing this service is eligible to attend, Dr. Eugene A. Bain, Craven county health officer, announces.

Tide Table

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Oct. 5	
9:54 a.m.	3:36 a.m.
10:13 p.m.	4:22 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 6	
10:41 a.m.	4:21 a.m.
11:01 p.m.	5:12 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 7	
11:30 a.m.	5:09 a.m.
11:47 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 8	
12 noon	5:09 a.m.
12:19 p.m.	6:58 p.m.

"I've not accomplished as much as I would like," was the modest remark of Miss Martha Jones, after relating the story of her life while seated in the living room of her little home on Queen street Friday morning. Miss Martha, who is 42, has been totally blind since she was 10 years old.

She was born in Grimesland in Pitt county Nov. 29, 1905. For a short time she lived with her parents in Little Washington and then came to Beaufort when she was six years old.

Her education, from kindergarten through two years of college, was obtained at the State School for the Blind, Raleigh. The summer months were spent at home with her parents.

Miss Martha could see, although not perfectly, the first few years of her life and she can remember yet how this world of ours looks. When she was just three days old she related, her eyes were inflamed but the doctor to whom her mother took her did not know exactly what to do. When she was a month old, she was taken to another doctor in Washington, N. C. In the meantime her mother had tried every remedy possible, what friends or neighbors would suggest. By the time the Washington doctor saw her, however, he said it was too late, there was nothing he could do to save her sight.

The sight of a brother and sister, both more than 10 years older than she, is normal.

Miss Martha has taught piano and voice lessons. At the school in Raleigh these subjects were taught, as well as typing. Boys are taught piano tuning, playing of band instruments, weaving chair seats and similar skills.

Miss Martha's first music pupil was her mother. "She learned to read notes to me and there has been no one since who helped me as much as she," declared the blind woman. Her mother died four years ago.

April a year ago Miss Martha moved into the little four-room home built especially for her. Through The Beaufort News and other interested persons and organizations, she said, \$268 was raised to help pay for the home. However, she is still making monthly payments on it from the \$30 pension received every four weeks from the State.

Miss Martha is a faithful member of Ann Street Methodist church and Sunday school. For more than four years recently she taught a woman's adult Sunday school class. While at church . . . See MISS MARTHA Page 4

Elections Board Announces Registration Days

Chamber of Commerce Schedules Dinner Meeting For Thursday, Oct. 14

Court Officials Receive Pay Raise

County Board Increases Salaries of Recorder, Solicitor

Salaries of the county recorder and the county solicitor were raised by the county board at its October meeting yesterday morning in the courthouse.

The raise, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, pointed out, was justified by the increased returns from recorder's court. Recorder Lambert Morris' salary will increase from \$162 per month to \$185 and the solicitor's from \$132 per month to \$150.

The salary of secretary to the home agent was increased \$15 per month. This was justified, the commissioners believed, because the new home agent secretary is Miss Josephine Stanton who formerly worked in the auditor's office at a rate of pay higher than that paid the home agent secretary. No replacement has been made in the auditor's office.

Most of the other matters considered by the commissioners deal with land transactions. The board accepted one half of the 1945 tax on the property at 208 Marsh street, bought from the county in 1945 by Luther O'Neal. This settlement was made because there was irregularity in the manner payment of taxes was handled when the property was purchased.

Luther W. Guthrie who expressed a desire to redeem his property which has taxes owing on it since 1927 was told that he could do so at a cost of \$150, to be paid to the county within 90 days.

Tax certificates on property in Newport township were assigned to Mrs. Clara Rouse, Kinston. These certificates cover the years 1946, 1947, and 1948.

For \$100 a portion of property northeast of Beaufort was deeded to the North Carolina Pulp Company. Before passing into hands of the county this property was owned by Beaufort Lumber and Manufacturing company.

Dr. Bonner requested that the auditor, James Potter, investigate the cost of building fireproof vaults for records in the auditor's office and also the possibility of enlarging the vault in which records of the register of deeds are kept.

At the request of Ed Piver and Dr. C. E. Paden, North River cemetery was declared a public cemetery and the road leading to it a part of the county system of roads.

Complaints that John Johnson, custodian at the court house, spent his time in fishing and neglecting his duties at the court house, were referred to Commissioner C. Z. Chappell for investigation.

Home Agent Announces Week's Club Meetings

Home demonstration club meetings for this week, as announced by Mrs. Carrie Gillikin, home agent, are as follows: Bettie, 7:30 Tuesday night with Mrs. Myrtle Golden; Harlowe-Core Creek 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the Core Creek community house, Mrs. E. M. Foreman, hostess, and Pelletier, 2:30 Friday afternoon at the church.

Miss Josephine Stanton, formerly clerk in the auditor's office in the court house, has accepted the position as home agent secretary. She began her work with Mrs. Gillikin Friday.

Beaufort PTA to Meet Tuesday Night, Oct. 12

Beaufort Parent-Teacher association will meet Tuesday, Oct. 12, with John Wilkinson, Republican candidate for the United States Senate, delivering the address. A previous announcement of this meeting did not specify the date. The meetings will always be held the second Tuesday of each month in the school auditorium and will begin at 8 o'clock.

Registration days for the general election Tuesday, Nov. 2, which this year is a Presidential election, have been designated as Saturday, Oct. 9, Saturday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 23, by the county board of elections, Fred R. Seeley, chairman.

Those registered for town elections are not automatically registered for the coming November election. Mr. Seeley has pointed out. Qualifications for voting in a county, state, and federal election are as follows: the person registering must be 21 years old, he must have been a resident of this state for one year, a resident of the county and of the precinct in which he votes for four months.

Those who voted in the May primary or in the run-off election for the North Carolina governor in June are eligible to vote this November, continued the board chairman.

Prospective voters should register at the polling place in their precinct on the three Saturdays specified above, or the registrar can enter their name on the books any day between Oct. 9 and Oct. 29.

Eligibility of anyone registered to vote can be challenged Saturday, Oct. 30.

Absentee ballots can be obtained by voters of this county who are serving in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine, by any voter who will be out of the county Nov. 2, and by anyone who is sick and unable to go to the polls.

The voter can apply to the county board of elections office in the court house annex for his absentee ballot either by letter, or by sending his father, mother, sister, brother, son, or daughter. In making this application, the precinct of the voter must be given. No application will be accepted after Oct. 30.

Mr. Seeley emphasized in regard to registration that only men and women serving in the armed forces can be registered by the county board. All others must be registered on precinct books.

Native Son Talks With President

Graham L. Davis, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, Smyrna, who is president of the American Hospital association, conferred recently with President Truman on compulsory health insurance.

Other hospital officials comprising the delegation which visited the chief executive included Oscar R. Ewing, social security administrator, Paul C. Elliott, president of the American Protestant Hospital association, and the Rev. George Lewis Smith, president of the Catholic Hospital association.

The President designated Mr. Ewing as his representative to discuss with the three national presidents of hospital associations their objections to the compulsory health insurance recommendation in Mr. Ewing's 10-year plan for the nation's health.

Mr. Ewing's Government insurance, Mr. Davis told reporters after the visit to the President, had given rise to fears that the hospitals would come under Government control, and that their service would deteriorate.

President Truman, he said, emphasized that his own intentions were entirely to the contrary; that the private hospitals would in no way be endangered by the compulsory insurance plan.

The hospital group also reported that with regard to the nation's health facilities Mr. Davis had made the appeal: "Let's take this thing out of partisan politics." Mr. Davis said that the hospitals had always worked with the Government, that they would continue to cooperate, and that they approved many of the recommendations of the Ewing report.

Mr. Davis said that President Truman asked him to submit a memorandum on his association's suggestions for combining Government and voluntary activity to meet the nation's health needs.

Dr. Davis, Mr. Davis's father, practiced medicine in Beaufort for about 16 years.

One Case Heard

Morehead City mayor's court heard only one case in its weekly session Monday. George Mitchell, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

G. R. Wallace Appointed

George R. Wallace, class of '27, Duke university, has been appointed class agent to collect money for the second annual Duke University Loyalty Fund drive.

Cemetery Group Issues Report

Approximately \$1,000 Spent This Year In Restoring Burial Plot

Appearing below is the report of the Beaufort Cemetery association, released today for publication:

A year ago the religious and civic organizations of the town organized the Beaufort Cemetery Restoration Association to do something about the old graveyard which has fallen into a state unworthy of the town.

The group had no precedent for their work but decided to make a census of the graves then write those with a heart interest because of loved ones buried there to restore the graves in which they were interested. An appeal was then made to the church and organizations for a pledge of \$25 a year for upkeep and restoration of common features such as wall and gates.

How the Plan Has Worked On October 22, 1947, Dr. Thomas Ennett of the Rotary Club, Rufus Sewell and Odell Merrill of the Jaycees, David Merrill of the Town Board, M. L. Davis of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Rose Merrill of the Womens Club listed the graves. The letters were sent out and beginning with an immediate reply from the Thomas girls through their mother, Mrs. Mary Thomas, authorizing work on the graves of Dr. and Mrs. James Manney and Nancy French, 136 stones have been cleaned and repaired by those interested, vaults have been mended, walls repaired, wrought iron fences restored, and with the cooperation of the town, trees whitewashed, dead trees taken out, broken fences removed, grounds raked, and the cemetery wall put in perfect condition from the Town Hall around Purvis Chapel, the Methodist Church, and to the west corner of the Baptist Church, and then the whole has been painted.

A committee is now working on suitable gates for the south and east entrances. Approximately \$1000 has been spent, \$621 of which represents work done by individuals on family lots.

Those who are able and willing to have lots restored have about responded. Looking to the future, some means must be taken to restore old stones of those with no one living who is interested—especially those of people buried in the 1700's.

The gates under consideration must be worthy of the purpose they are to serve. Estimates on hand indicate that they will cost more than the sum now in the treasury.

The committee must plan for more adequate cleaning—in short get out the briars that have preempted the place so some plan may be made to turf and mow it. To do all this will require money—another \$1000 for the present season. For that reason the association will shortly give those not already represented in the work an opportunity to have a part in it.

Rags Catch Fire A bundle of smouldering rags at Dale's Paint shop on Bridges st. brought firemen to the scene at 2:30 a.m. Saturday. The situation was brought under control before the blaze spread. The night policeman saw smoke coming from the paint shop and turned in the alarm.

Education Board Decides to Crack Down on Pupils Playing 'Hooky'

Post 99 To Print Service Record

Roy Eubanks, Editor, Requests Photos of War 1 and 2 Veterans

Under the supervision of Roy Eubanks, ex-commander of Carteret Post No. 99, American Legion, a service record of veterans of world war I and world war II is being prepared.

When finished, this bound volume with pictures of the men in the armed forces, their service record, and other features will be available at a cost of several dollars, Mr. Eubanks said.

He requests that all veterans bring him their picture—snapshots will do—and the information about their service in the Army, Navy, Marines, or Air Corps. There is no charge, he emphasized, to have a picture placed in the service record.

To all members of Post No. 99, Mr. Eubanks announced yesterday, photostatic copies of their discharge papers will be made free of charge if they pay '49 dues. These copies will then be placed in the office of C. L. Beam, veterans' service officer.

This will be helpful to both the men and the service officer, Mr. Eubanks explained, because veterans go to Mr. Beam to make out various applications or fill out government forms, but fail to take with them the information carried on the discharge paper. If Mr. Beam has a copy in his office, it will facilitate matters for everyone concerned, he said.

Superior Court Term Opens 18th

New Bern 'Cyclist Hurt In Collision

O. T. Brown, New Bern motorcyclist who was injured in an accident on highway 70 at Wildwood Saturday night, was discharged Sunday from Morehead City hospital.

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard who investigated said that Brown was traveling at a high rate of speed and that he was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

Brown's motorcycle struck the left rear and side of a '42 Oldsmobile sedan being driven by James F. Edwards, of Newport, according to Patrolman Pickard.

Brown was proceeding toward Morehead City, passing several cars, when the collision with Edwards' car occurred. Brown suffered head injuries and Edwards minor leg injuries. The Newport men was treated Saturday night at the hospital and discharged. The accident occurred at about 8 p.m.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transactions cover the period from Sept. 15 to Sept. 28:

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP W. P. Garner, wife to O. L. Prescott, \$100; Violet F. Whitley to Wayne West, Jr., \$10; B. B. Sugg, et-al to International Paper Co., \$64,000.

MOREHEAD TOWNSHIP Abbott Morris, wife to Kenneth T. McCabe, wife to Abbott Morris, \$10; L. W. Willis, wife to A. C. Monk, \$400; A. C. Monk, wife to Morehead Development Corp., \$400; Willie T. Guthrie, wife to Perald T. Murdoch, wife, \$10; Dr. R. G. Tyndall, wife to L. T. White, \$100; Sally Grey Bailey, husband Herbert T. to W. C. Hargrove, Sr., \$10; E. M. Jones, wife to George Larson, wife, \$100; Joseph R. McArthur, wife to Joseph V. Sey-

The board of education at its October meeting yesterday afternoon in the court house annex decided to rigidly enforce school attendance. Too many youngsters of school age simply stay out of school, D. Mason, member of the board, declared, and plans were made to hire a truant officer.

Number of pupils attending school each day determines the number of teachers the state allots to each county.

Discussing a proposed and revised calendar for the school year, the board decided to let the teachers decide at their county meeting Oct. 20 what the schedule shall be. Operating under a calendar suggested by H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, school would close June 10. The calendar originally adopted during the summer had to be scrapped because of the delay in opening due to polo.

Mr. Joslyn reported to the board that a total of \$1,154,000 would be needed in the county to put the school system in A-1 shape. This estimate was made by Mr. Joslyn at the request of state authorities studying the school situation.

The superintendent also reported that the plan for schooling former White Oak pupils had been approved by the state. Those pupils north and northeast of Broad Creek are attending Camp Glenn and Morehead City schools while those south, southeast, and southwest of Broad Creek are going to Swansboro.

To accommodate the additional pupils at Camp Glenn, 105 new desks were purchased.

The board has granted the State Highway commission permission to construct a 12 by 12 foot building near the school bus garage to house grease, oil, and other supplies.

Mr. Joslyn reported that final enrollment figures at the various schools were due in his office yesterday and reports on the number of pupils in the schools will be available this week.

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mour, wife, \$100; Atlantic Beach, Inc. to H. L. Winfield, wife, \$100; Atlantic Beach, Inc. to Virgie E. Winfield, husband H. L., \$100; J. M. Willis to Lucille Richardson, \$10; J. F. Lyon, wife to S. W. Thompson, Jr., wife, \$10; John F. Lyon, wife to Clyde A. Douglas, wife, \$100; J. J. Perry, wife to Roney Morton, \$10; Clarence F. Zingheim, wife to Cecil B. LaFayette, wife, \$100; H. Emmett Powell, wife to Gardner Edwards, wife, \$10,000; Marion R. Cowper, wife to Philip K. Ball, wife, \$10; Hubert T. Long, wife to Henry E. Herscher, wife, \$100; George Edward Harris to Burke H. Taylor, wife, \$10; S. W. Thompson, wife to John F. Lyon, wife, \$100; Dominic S. Femia, wife to Ben R. Alford, \$100; Robert T. Monk, et-al to Dominic S. Femia, \$550; D. E. Oglesby, wife . . . See TRANSFERS Page 4