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Fishing Statistics Spell Trouble

We have come to the conclusion that work with statistics on fish or fisheries can slowly drive one berserk. How marine scientists, fishery technologists, and the good folks at the commercial fisheries office handle figures in the millions, reduce number of menhaden caught to the amount in pounds, figure out the number of pounds of oyster meat obtained from thousands of bushels of unshucked oysters—and maintain their sanity, is beyond our comprehension.

For example, figures on the amount of menhaden taken may be given for one year, from January 1, 1947 to Jan. 1, 1948, or they may be given for one fishing season, from Nov. 1 to April 1, and they may be given in the number of fish taken or the number of pounds taken. Carelessness in observing how the figures are given can make fairy-tales out of facts.

Menhaden factory owners frequently tear their hair when they read statistics on their industry. It may be true that the total value of the industry in this county has been occasionally over-estimated by exuberant columnists or un-informed writers who add several extra zeros at the end of a number "just to make it come out even" or else make an out and out guess.

Few people can comprehend anything written in figures over 100, anyway. From then on it's simply "a lot of fish" or "a lot of money."

In this issue we have tried to give figures released by authoritative sources. Even local menhaden plant owners disagree on the number of fish caught in this county in a single season. Government agencies are supposed to know. But it's common knowledge, too, that there are figures which never reach these government offices.

In one story we state that the catch of menhaden in 1947 was less than in 1946—for the last few months of 1947 fishermen here were despairing, but catches in the early part of this year increased, making the fishing season one to be crowed over rather than wept about. And the overall figures, total catch of menhaden in the United States in 1947, tops the previous record-breaking figure of 900 million pounds in 1946. According to the branch of commercial fisheries, last year's catch totaled 948,156,000 pounds.

Mis-statements on the fishing industry, once started, are hard to stop. In a widely-read North Carolina magazine, which this summer carried a story on the shrimping industry, a paragraph read, "The current fleet working on Pamlico Sound is the largest ever assembled off the North Carolina coast, and catches are likely to set a new record. The shrimp take already is ahead of the menhaden gross, heretofore the No. 1 fish in these waters."

This statement is in no way qualified. If the writer is talking about number of shrimp, he's wacky, shrimp catches are spoken of in pounds. And if he's talking about pounds of shrimp, he's still wacky. Such a statement is false, ludicrous, and a fine example of the rash statements made by sloppy so-called reporters.

Figures on the menhaden and shrimp industry for this year are, of course, not available. But a comparison of figures for 1947 will indicate how the catches in each fishery run: 3,149,068 pounds of shrimp were caught in North Carolina waters in 1947 while the menhaden catch in these waters in 1947, according to branch of commercial fisheries figures, totaled 190,222,000 pounds.

Assuming that this past season was a record-breaking one in the state's shrimping industry, the trawlers would have had to take at least 188 million pounds more of shrimp to exceed the "menhaden gross."

Mis-leading statements are usually not made maliciously and they frequently occur in spite of efforts for accuracy. Jealousy as to the size of catches taken by boats—or it may be called pride in ability to fish—prompts fishermen to exaggerate their catches at times. Managers of fish companies, angry at distortion of figures they have given for publication in the past, refuse to give figures again for publication and so it's sometimes difficult for a truth-seeker to make much headway.

Essentially, we know that the size of Santa's pack in Carteret county on Christmas Eve depends for the most part on the menhaden catch. So, forgetting statistics for a moment, may we wish that every boat makes many trips home with sideboards up, which means to everyone, "A very Merry Christmas!"

These See His Wonders In the Deep

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then they are glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

— Psalm 107, 23-31.

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PUTTING HIS FOOT DOWN



dealers in general merchandise and T. D. Webb with a line of

HERE and THERE
With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

Members of the First Methodist church of Morehead City at the morning service on Sunday had the matter of the building of a new church edifice presented to them by the stewards, following the study of plans of the building committee, appointed by the church several months ago.

This church is faced with the situation that either the present building will have to undergo extensive and expensive repairing or the erection of a new building. The present building is around seventy years old and is found to be no longer adequate for its intended purpose.

The plans presented for the approval of the church society call for a structure to occupy about the same ground space as the present building. Of Georgian design, brick construction, with cast stone sills and trim, the front wall within the portico would be of white marble veneer. Four large pillars would support the portico and a steeple would reach 100 feet in height.

Seating capacity is estimated as follows: Nave pews, 280, choir 21, balcony 54, overflow space 40 and chairs 50. Based on the price per cubic foot of which the plan give 114,583 cubic feet at a price of 65 cents per cubic foot would make the cost of this new structure some \$75,000. The building would be connected with the present Sunday school building by a covered passageway.

After hearing a report from the building committee as to the various questions entering into the construction of the building, estimated cost and the exhibiting of the floor and elevation plans, an expression of the members present was taken as to whether they were in favor of entering into the raising of sufficient funds to erect a new building.

The majority of members present are reported to be in favor of such a project with the proviso that some one third or three quarters of the building fund be raised or pledged before construction starts. The work of raising the necessary funds has been placed in the hands of a committee.

Reports coming out of Southport last week stated that Morehead City interests visiting that town admitted that there was a very definite possibility of another menhaden fish factory being in operation in that section next year. These interests stated that the top boat in Morehead City-Beaufort area has produced 10,000,000 fish this year.

Thursday morning a person said to be carrying a "hang-over" stopped in front of the City Hall to investigate the new fish pond the boys at the fire station have just completed. Losing his balance, he took an early morning plunge. Assisted by a passing "good Samaritan" he was fished out, taken into the City Hall and deposited on a bunk in a cell in the jail. Mac had just finished shoveling out a load of sand which came from a mock grave made Saturday to mark the defeat of a local candidate at the recent election. During Sunday night some one had shoveled the

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Beaufort Building and Loan Association of Beaufort, N. C., will file their claims on or before November 12, 1948, or failing to file, their claims will be barred.

Signed
W. H. Taylor
F. E. Hooper
Liquidating Trustees
by G. W. Duncan
4t 026 N2-9-16

NOTICE
North Carolina, Carteret County.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing wherein William S. Wilkins and James G. Whitehurst were partners trading and doing business under the firm name and style of SHELTON INDUSTRIES, in the Town of Beaufort, in the County of Carteret, North Carolina, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent of the partners.

The business heretofore conducted by said partnership will in the future be conducted solely by said James G. Whitehurst under the name and style of SHELTON INDUSTRIES, until same may be changed, and the said William S. Wilkins will have no further interest herein.

The said James G. Whitehurst is solely responsible for all debts of the partnership and all payments of debts to the partnership will be paid to him.

This 5th day of October, 1948.
James G. Whitehurst
William S. Wilkins
4t 026 N2-9-16

NOTICE
North Carolina, Carteret County.

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of N. W. Taylor, Sr., deceased, late of Carteret County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the Beaufort Branch of the First Citizens Bank & Trust Company on or before the 25th day of September, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 16th day of September, 1948.
FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY
C. R. Wheatly, Jr., Atty.
6t 026 N2-9-16-23-30

NOTICE
North Carolina, Carteret County.

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the estate of Bert D. Russell, deceased, late of Carteret County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the office of C. R. Wheatly, Jr., Beaufort, North Carolina on or before the 1st day of October, 1948 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 29th day of September, 1948.
Mrs. Bertie Russell, Executrix
6t 026 N2-9-16-23-30

stoves and building supplies. Wade & Brinson were operating under the name of Morehead City Machine company. Dr. Frank Stator had his office over the Bank of Carteret and Jesse Bell would build you a wagon, dray or cart. The wagon were offering Dorothy Dodd shoes.

Charles S. Wallace was serving as mayor of the city at that time with Stacy W. Wade acting as secretary and treasurer. Jack W. Allen was editor and publisher of The Coaster with a subscription price of \$1.00 a year. Rev. R. D. Cross was pastor of the Baptist church and Rev. R. H. Willis officiated at the Methodist church.

STORY OF THE WEEK
Travelers crossing the White Oak river, which forms the western boundary of Carteret county, enter a section of the settlement of which dates back to the latter days of the 17th century. At that period the county extended westward, including what is today Onslow county, which was not set aside as a county or precinct until November 23, 1731.

When the precinct of Onslow was established by action of Governor Burrington and Council, the eastern boundary was set two miles from the river. Confirmation of the act of the Governor and Council did not take place until a new Assembly met in 1735. This act changed the eastern boundary to the center of the White Oak river, which today is recognized as the boundary between the two counties.

Large tracts of land consisting of thousands of acres were granted by King George III of England to prominent men of those days who settled in the western part of Carteret county. One Thomas Lee received a grant that included what today is known as Cedar Point and which in 1765 he conveyed to William Hill who was the party that

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
The Board of Engineers notified the town officials that Beaufort must raise \$10,000 as its share in the cost of opening Taylor's Creek.

A hog, raised by West Taylor, was hanging in front of Hancock's store. Dressed it weighed 485 lbs.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
A rum runner was wrecked in a southwester this past week. It went aground at Bogue. The telephone company was advised that all poles on Front street must be moved.

built the eight-sided house at Cedar Point.

Two Bell brothers came into the precinct in the latter part of the 17th century, taking grants along the White Oak river. From these Bell pioneers have descended the families of that name in this county and elsewhere.

Later one finds records of Joseph Bell and William Fisher, former owners of Shepard's Point, controlling a vast acreage in and about Newport, or what was known at that time as Bell's Corners, extending to the present Mansfield section, on down to the junction of the Newport river and the Sound.

One frequently hears the question asked by visitors, "Why was it that these large plantation owners in Carteret county did not build fine examples of old Southern homes, such as one finds still preserved in many sections of the state?" There are no records nor evidence of any stately plantation homes ever having been built on

TEN YEARS AGO
C. Gehrmann Holland was elected sheriff of the county.

Tom Tosto and Tom Gibbs shot a deer on the Gibbs property which is adjacent to the town limits.

FIVE YEARS AGO
The CAP hangar at the Beaufort-Morehead City airport burned down. The CAP canteen and four planes were lost.

The ceiling price list on turkeys was published. Dressed and grown they ranged in price from 42 to 63 cents a pound.

The old Arendell house in Morehead City, which was torn down a few years ago, came the nearest being a plantation home of any size or prominence of a later period. The house was built by Rev. Briers Arendell, a Methodist preacher, who married William Fisher's daughter, Sarah. Mr. Fisher gave his son-in-law 70 acres of land which took in Shepard's Point, on which the house, slave quarters and other buildings, are said to have been built about 1825.

While Carteret county holds the record of being one of the earliest precincts to be settled in the state, yet it has but little to offer the seeker of ancestral homesites or visible records of the early settlers.

Smile a While

A wedding ring is a matrimonial tourniquet designed to stop circulation.

defendant that a complaint for divorce has been filed against him by the plaintiff on the ground of abandonment and separation for a period of more than two years, and it appearing that the defendant is a non-resident of the State and cannot after due diligence be found in the State:

NOW, let the defendant take notice that he and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Carteret County on the 22nd day of October, 1948, or within thirty days thereafter, at his office in Beaufort, N. C., and answer or demur to the plaintiff's complaint, or judgment will be granted according to the prayer thereof.

This 15th day of Sept., 1948.
A. H. JAMES,
Clerk of the Superior Court of Carteret County.
4t 026 N2-9-16

NOTICE
North Carolina, Carteret County.

In the Superior Court.
Rufus P. Oglesby, Plaintiff,
vs.
Archimede Sorrentino and S. F. Greco, trading and doing business as Beaufort Cannery Company, Defendants.

Archimede Sorrentino and S. F. Greco, the defendants above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Carteret County, in which the plaintiff claims the sum of \$1,380.00 with interest from the 15th day of July, 1948, on account of a breach of contract on the part of said defendants; that plaintiff and defendants entered into a contract whereby plaintiff agreed to and did plant eight acres of plum tomatoes and cultivated and raised same, but that defendants refused to take and pay for said tomatoes and causing plaintiff his damage.

Said defendants will also take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Carteret County on the 13th day of December, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded.

Said defendants will further take notice that in said action a warrant of attachment against the property of said defendants has been issued and the following property attached: Lot 11, Block 3 on plat entitled "Beaufort Housing Corporation," see Map Book 1, Page 228; Lots 30, 35, 40 and 45 of Hedrick Town, see map recorded in Book MM, page 511; and that said warrant of attachment is returnable before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court at his office in said County on the 11th day of October, 1948.

This 22nd day of Oct., 1948.
A. H. JAMES,
Clerk of Superior Court.
Harvey Hamilton, Jr., Atty.
4t 026 N2-9-16

NOTICE
North Carolina, Carteret County.

In the Superior Court
Cecil L. Oglesby, Plaintiff,
vs.
Archimede Sorrentino and S. F. Greco, trading and doing business as Beaufort Cannery Company.

Archimede Sorrentino and S. F. Greco, the defendants above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Carteret County, in which the plaintiff claims the sum of \$1,020.00 with interest from the 8th day of July, 1948, on account of a breach of contract on the part of said defendants; that plaintiff and defendants entered into a contract

whereby plaintiff agreed to and did plant six acres of plum tomatoes and cultivated and raised same, but that defendants refused to take and pay for said tomatoes thereby breaching their contract and causing plaintiff his damage.

Said defendants will also take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Carteret County on the 13th day of December, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded.

Said defendants will further take notice that in said action a warrant of attachment against the property of said defendants has been issued and the following property attached: Lot 11, Block 3 on plat entitled "Beaufort Housing Corporation," see Map Book 1, Page 228; Lots 30, 35, 40 and 45 of Hedrick Town, see map recorded in Book MM, page 511; and that said warrant of attachment is returnable before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court at his office in said County on the 11th day of October, 1948.

This 22nd day of Oct., 1948.
A. H. JAMES,
Clerk of Superior Court.
Harvey Hamilton, Jr., Atty.
4t 026 N2-9-16

SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Under and pursuant to the terms of that certain Mortgage Deed, executed by Samuel L. Daniels and wife, Sara L. Daniels, to Earl C. Davis, February 24, 1947, in Book 115, Page 408, Carteret County, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured thereunder, undersigned will offer for sale, and will sell, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the court house door, at Beaufort, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock noon, on Monday, November 29th, 1948, the following described property:

A piece or tract of land in Marshallberg Township, Carteret County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of M. L. Lewis heirs on the East and North and the N. C. Highway on the West and South. In the Village of Marshallberg, North Carolina, and described as follows: Beginning at the N. C. State Highway, three feet North of the Lyric Theatre; then running a southward course with said Highway 79 feet to another Highway running an eastward course; thence with said highway an eastward course to a large iron stake; thence a northward course with a ditch three feet beyond the Lyric Theatre; thence a westward course, parallel with the Theatre, back to the beginning, containing 1/8th acre, more or less. This includes the Lyric Theatre and equipment.

A deposit of 10 percent will be required of the highest bidder. This, the 22nd day of October, 1948.

EARL C. DAVIS,
Mortgagee.
Hamilton & McNeill, Atty.
4t 026 N2-9-16

NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Mary D. Scherer, late of Carteret County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Beaufort, N. C., on or before the 3rd day of November, 1948, or this NOTICE will be pleaded in bar of recovery thereon. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 26th day of October, 1948.
Betty D. Davis, Executrix
of Mary D. Scherer.
6t N2-9-16-23-30