

History of County 4-H Clubs Begins 24 Years Ago, 1926

New Process May Eliminate Use Of Dry Docks

State Ports Director Believes Plan for Wilmington Feasible

Although a new electrolytic method of conditioning hulls of ships has been discovered, a method which would make dry docking unnecessary, Co. George Gillette, director of the State Ports Authority, believes this will not jeopardize plans for placement of a \$5 million dry dock at Wilmington.

The high expense of getting the Navy surplus dry dock into operation would be offset, officials believe, when it was put to work on the 424 ships in the storage basin in Brunswick river. Prior to discovery of the new electrolytic method, these would have been taken into dry dock and the hulls scraped once every two years.

After a visit to Washington to talk with Navy Department officials, Colonel Gillette said he believes a satisfactory plan will be worked out.

"I believe we could afford to accept this dry dock at a nominal rental cost," he explained, "and accept the obligation to maintain it (at a cost estimated roughly at \$10,000 a year) until such time as we could find a way to put it into operation."

The ports authority thinks the business for the dock will come eventually from servicing commercial ships visiting the port, plus some of the ships in the Brunswick river layup basin. Storage boats will have to be put in dry dock before being put into use, or if they are not used, when they are scrapped, the colonel points out.

Meanwhile, until a way could be found to get the dock into operation, the ports authority would agree to maintain it, anchored off shore, but not "spudded in" at the river port where it will be when in use.

It is the digging of a "hole" for the dry dock, construction of piers, and other work that Gillette estimates will cost nearly \$250,000.

County's Coal Supplies Dwindle

An operator at one of the county coal yards said yesterday morning that he doubts if there is any stove coal in the county.

Even though some of the miners have gone back to work, he said it will be a week until the mines get into production and 10 days to two weeks before dealers in this section are able to replenish supplies.

The cold wave last week brought people rushing to the yards for bucketsful of coal. Lowest temperature recorded was the minimum registered Thursday, 27 degrees.

E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer, has reported temperatures and rainfall since March 1, as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Wednesday	50	34	.12"
Thursday	43	27	.39"
Friday	40	30	
Saturday	45	40	.09"
Sunday	51	42	

The weather summary for February is as follows: high maximum, 74, low minimum, 47, average maximum, 61. High minimum 62, low minimum, 26, and average minimum 42. There were six days of rainfall, a total of 2.22 inches. Winds were variable.

The tanker Esso Everett, arrived at port yesterday with a cargo of fuel oil from Aruba, Netherlands West Indies. It will ship out this morning. Another tanker, the S. S. Patella, is due in today with a cargo of asphalt from Curcuco, B. W. L., for the Turnbull Asphalt Co. located adjacent to Port Terminal.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		LOW
Tuesday, March 7		
10:21 a.m.	4:15 a.m.	
10:44 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 8		
11:09 a.m.	5:08 a.m.	
11:37 p.m.	5:14 p.m.	
Thursday, March 9		
12 Midnight	6:03 a.m.	
12:01 p.m.	6:09 p.m.	
Friday, March 10		
12:37 a.m.	7:04 a.m.	
1:00 p.m.	1:12 p.m.	

David Beveridge Reports on Shrimp Fishing off Keys

Beaufort Skipper Returns To Beaufort After Week At New-Found Grounds

David Beveridge, fishing captain of Beaufort, brought back to Carteret county this weekend the first first-hand report on the boat-rush to the Florida Keys to catch shrimp.

Captain Beveridge fished the waters for about a week aboard the Gulfstream, trawler owned by Vergil Styron, Davis Shores. He took the boat south several weeks ago. It is now being operated there but Captain Beveridge returned to Beaufort Sunday via bus.

His first comment on conditions there was "It's a mess." There's no good harbor, boats hang together at what docking space there is and some have to anchor offshore.

Prices Out of Line
Prices that are being charged fishermen for food and rooms are way out of line. "Someone told me," the skipper said, "that he had to pay 35 cents for a can of beans. Another fellow from an Atlantic who went there to mend nets was paying \$7 a week for a room, and that was the cheapest. A good room is \$15."

"Some of the fishermen down around there expect the fishing to play out in about two or three weeks," he continued, "while others think it will last indefinitely."

Large boats can make money, said Captain Beveridge, but small boats have hard luck. The large boats can go 40 to 50 miles offshore.

Shrimp Good Size
The shrimp are a good size, reported Captain Beveridge, but March is bad weather down there and boats can get out only once or twice a week.

They're not losing much gear, he continued, when they do it's mostly because there are so many boats. They drag close to each other and get fouled up in each other's gear. They also lose nets trawling at night.

There is so much confusion, the skipper said, that many of the boats haven't bothered to get licenses.

As for preserving the catches, fishermen are being charged \$12 a ton for ice. He said it costs the ice dealers about \$5.

There are a few Carteret county boats there, but many boats from other areas are going home. The Lucky Star, owned by David Jones, is expected back in Beaufort soon, Captain Beveridge added.

"On the way down we met a lot of boats coming back north and didn't know why. We found out when we got there!" he concluded.

12 New Homes Go Up in Morehead

"Much activity in the building of new homes, alterations and repairs in Morehead City for the month of February is shown in the records of A. B. Roberts, city building inspector. Permits were issued for 12 new homes ranging in price from \$300 to \$9,500.

New homes are being built by the following parties: Bruce L. Goodwin, Evans st., \$9,500; Joe Smith, 19th st., \$8,000; John A. Pavone, 27th st., \$5,800, prefabricated house; Kenneth Prest, Shepard st., \$7,000; T. D. Dixon, 24th st., \$400; Elizak. Wells, Arendell st., \$9,000; A. C. Monk, jr., Evans st., \$7,500; W. W. Patrick, Shepard st., \$8,000; Burger Willis, 13th st., \$490; Harry Bell, Fisher st., \$300; Arthur H. Mayo, North 23rd st., \$4,000; P. K. Ball, Shepard st., \$7,000.

The estimated cost of these new homes total \$57,990. Additions and repairs to several houses total \$5,390; garage, storage and an office building repairs amount to \$1,650. An estimated cost of all work planned is \$65,030.

Cost of construction based on permits issued for February last year was \$8,025. Amount of permits for the month of January, 1950, \$191,640.

J. H. Sawyer, New Bern, Sells Interest in Firm

One of eastern North Carolina's oldest wholesale grocery firms changed management today when J. H. Sawyer, New Bern, sold his entire interest in Armstrong Grocery company, New Bern, to his former partner.

Mr. Sawyer was associated with the company more than 40 years and was president and general manager from 1929 until today. He was a familiar figure in Carteret county where for years he made semi-weekly calls on all independent grocers.

Those assuming charge of the company today are T. W. Brinson, president and manager; Charles F. Taylor, vice-president; J. Wilbur Williamson, assistant manager; Clara F. Bennett, secretary; T. F. Tyson, second vice-president and treasurer, all of New Bern. With the exception of Mr. Taylor, a son-in-law of Mr. Brinson's, all have been with the company many years. Mr. Taylor was in the grocery business in Norfolk.

Mrs. T. T. Potter Named To Serve on Welfare Board

Mrs. T. T. Potter, Beaufort, was unanimously reappointed yesterday to a three-year term on the county welfare board.

The county commissioners made the appointment upon notification that Mrs. Potter's term expires April 1. She was appointed last year to fill an unexpired term.

Harkers Island Fire Leaves Family Homeless

Sleeping Beauty

By Charles L. Guthrie

There is only one thing with which Carteret county fishermen are obsessed more than catching fish and that is speed, for since the first Lathrops, Bridgeports and Knox's were installed in snappers, on whose sterns was barely room enough to set two one-gallon jugs side by side and out of which the man steering could wash out the coffeepot in sea water, the race has been to see who could get the most power, hence the greatest speed and also the most speed with equal power which depends on the skill of the shipbuilder.

Story after story has evoked from this mania for speed . . . funny stories, tragic stories, and, most of the time, incredible ones. Most are true, though incredible, for there are always many witnesses to such incidents as the stories relate. Some are exaggerated, but this one of Morehead City is true to the letter, because I was a first-hand spectator to the whole affair.

Only One Rival
King Jack had never had but one rival in his own class (class of non-converted automobile engines) one whom he had never beaten, even once. He had always lost to Otto Roy and had always protested on the grounds that his engine had been operating improperly—and his desire to beat Otto Roy had come to be his greatest ambition in life. The question of how to do it, though, was still unanswered, because Otto Roy had King Jack outclassed in power . . . an airflow Chrysler against a Ford V-8, and King Jack complained that his wheel was too big for a Ford V-8 to turn in high and his engine ran too hot in second.

But King Jack had been circulating talk of a secret through the use of which he intended to beat Otto Roy badly, once and for all, and his confidence seemed so genuine that the entire waterfront was overwhelmed with curiosity the whole week preceding the date set for the race and the topic of discussion from Promised Land to the end of the seaway by way of the Marine Hardware corner, was the forthcoming race. Needless to say, small personal wagers were being made every day, and Otto Roy was still the favorite although not by so wide a margin as he had been before in previous races, for King Jack had an ace in the hole this time, beyond doubt.

Crowd Gathers
Then the day of the race came and the crowd gathered on the dock. Pappy Tom was there, chewing on what had once been a cigar, and whittling, while giving his respected opinion of the situation. Tomweight stood around and speculated on whether the occasion should be celebrated with a brew and Ben Dell agreed with Tomweight when his decision leaned toward a wet celebration. He was against everything else.

The course was to be from the Standard Oil dock around the black buoy just inshore of the Port Point and back to the Standard dock.

Rosebud Gillis had planned to pace the contestants unofficially the full-length course and I was to accompany him. We intended to observe all that went on and serve as impartial witnesses. Rosebud's boat being marine powered.

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NEWS-TIMES to Publish Farm Edition March 14

For the first time in the history of Carteret county newspapers, a farm edition will be published Tuesday, March 14, by the Carteret County NEWS-TIMES.

Not only are farming and fishing the two major occupations in this county, but many of our farmers are fishermen also, and the reverse is true, depending on seasons of the year.

We hope to make this farm edition an annual occurrence, as is the fall fishing edition. The March 14 issue, in addition to the regular features, will contain a section devoted entirely to farming in Carteret county.—The Editor.

County Board Deals With Road, Tax Problems

Four tax problems and five road problems were considered by county commissioners at their monthly meeting in the court house yesterday.

Two hundred dollars was accepted in settlement of taxes through the year 1947 on Bay st. lots, Morehead City, between 20th and 21st streets. Charles V. Webb appeared in the interest of W. G. and T. C. Oglesby, owners.

J. B. Harker was granted a 50 per cent reduction in his 1949 taxes on Harkers lodge. The lodge, located on Harkers Island, burned in June last year.

\$125 Accepted
One hundred twenty-five dollars was accepted in settlement of \$197.12 tax on property in the name of E. A. Willis, Marshallberg. This settlement was for taxes from 1938 through 1949.

Seventeen lots in Morehead City, fronting on Calico creek in the vicinity of the colored cemetery were sold by the county to E. J. Davis for the amount of the taxes owed. Approximately \$500 will go to the county and \$500 to the town of Morehead City.

Dewey Willis and S. G. Pake, Williston, were granted the request that a loop road in Williston be made part of the county road system.

Ed Piver and Dr. C. E. Paden, who inquired about improvement to the Piver road, North River, were informed by J. L. Humphrey, county engineer, that the road cannot be improved until all residents agree to granting the state 60-foot right-of-way.

Resolution Adopted
The board adopted a resolution requesting the highway commission to undertake repair of a street in Highland Park. The request was made by Harry Gillikin and John Miller.

They also approved a request by a delegation from Marshallberg requesting that a 300-yard road, joining two dead-end state-maintained roads be improved by the state. Members of the delegation were Edwin Piner, Wesley Wil-

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\$1,000 Will Be Set Aside In 1950-51 Budget For Mapping Project

In spite of objections raised by Commissioner Hugh Salter, the county board of commissioners authorized placement of \$1,000 in the 1950-51 county budget for payment to the Cherry Point Zoning commission.

This money, according to S. A. Chalk, member of the zoning commission who appeared before the board, will be used to finance engineering plans and drawing of maps for the area under jurisdiction of the zoning commission.

He said that it is not expected that the entire \$1,000 will be required. The commissioners agreed to pay 20 per cent of the total cost of the work, the amount not to exceed \$1,000. Craven county will pay 80 per cent.

Commissioner Salter objected to appropriation of the money on the grounds that planners on other housing projects that may be established in Carteret county would come to the county board and request appropriations to finance zoning for their project.

Other commissioners felt, however, that the new homes being built in the area would bring increased tax revenues, thus compensating for the original outlay.

In reply to Commissioner Salter's objection, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, said that the county would be obligated to consider such requests from other sources in the county if those requests are made "under similar circumstances."

Plans Hamstrung
C. P. Hancock, real estate coordinator at Cherry Point, who attended the meeting, and Mr. Chalk said that the commission could not proceed with its plans until the \$1,000 was okayed by the Carteret board.

They stated that the Federal Housing Administration would not approve loans for homes in that area until it is zoned and zoning cannot proceed without surveys and drawing of maps.

Indirectly, they continued, by virtue of the Cherry Point air base establishment here, a 100-home project at Newport will be started soon and bring more revenue to the county, even though it is not in the area under jurisdiction of the Cherry Point zoning commission.

School at Base To Get Six New Rooms, Cafeteria

The state board of education approved an \$80,000 addition to the Cherry Point school Friday when a delegation from Havelock and Cherry Point appeared before the board at Raleigh.

The delegation for which State Sen. D. L. Ward of New Bern was spokesman, asked the board to approve \$80,000 in school building funds for adding six classrooms and a lunchroom to the crowded school at Cherry Point.

Given Top Priority
Ward explained that the Craven board of education gave the project top priority because of the pressing need, but a State review panel had turned it down.

A board member quickly explained that the reason for turning down the request was that the land on which the school is situated did not belong to the Craven board of education. Instead, it was owned by Uncle Sam.

Negotiations Completed
Negotiations have just been completed, Ward announced for the sale of the \$196,000 piece of property to the Craven board for \$4,000.

That was all the Board of Education needed. The project is approved and Cherry Point school will get its \$80,000 addition.

Agassiz Tows Gatito to Port

Tied up at Port Terminal yesterday was the Gatito, 345-ton converted Navy landing craft which was towed to Morehead City by the Coast Guard cutter Agassiz Saturday noon.

The Gatito, a fishing vessel, was discovered helpless Wednesday by the freighter, George Lykes, which stood by until the Agassiz arrived from Morehead City at 7:40 p. m. Wednesday. The Gatito ran out of fuel and was picked up by the Coast Guard cutter 125 miles east northeast of Cape Lookout.

The Lykes could not take the Gatito in tow because of heavy seas. The Agassiz was delayed also in getting a line aboard due to the foul weather.

The trawler is owned by the Trans-American Trades, Inc., of New York.

Three recent defendants in Carteret county recorder's court have had their licenses revoked by the safety division of the bureau of motor vehicles. They are Hazel McClary, Holly Ridge; Willie James Rivers, Charlotte and Quinton Royal, Newton Grove.

Port Director Returns To Morehead City Friday

Col. George W. Gillette, director of the State Ports Authority returned to Morehead City Friday to confer with engineers who were touring the site of the improved port.

The ports official went back to Wilmington Thursday after a visit here Wednesday. While in Wilmington he conferred with J. K. Knoerle of the Baltimore, Md., firm of J. E. Greiner company, and George Watts Carr of Durham. They are the designing engineers and architects on the \$2,500,000 Morehead City port project, which is a part of a \$7,500,000 port program to be situated at Wilmington and Morehead City.

Thank You Train To Visit County

French Gratitude Gifts Will Be On Display Here March 13-17

The traveling museum with exhibits of French Thank You gifts will tour Carteret county the week of March 13 through March 17. Charles L. Jones, curator in charge of the trailer museum, will lecture informally and answer questions on the display.

The Gratitude Train was France's way of saying "thank you" for the gifts of food sent by the American people on the Friendship Trains, an idea originated by columnist Drew Pearson. Food from America went to the French people by the shipload, with the idea that world peace could best be promoted by people themselves rather than through governments and diplomats. The train, with a car of gifts for each of the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia, came in response to this act of friendship.

North Carolina's World War I "40 and 8" boxcar arrived in Raleigh on February 8, 1949 and was accepted by Governor W. Kerr Scott in formal ceremonies for the people of North Carolina. The 36 large wooden crates, packed with gifts from the homes, shops, towns, and factories of France, were unpacked and put on display.

But since the "thank you" gifts were intended for all of the people of North Carolina, it seemed important that as many of them as possible throughout the state have an opportunity to see them. A few states had met this problem by displaying their gifts on a trailer museum, and this idea was adopted by North Carolina.

Material for lining the 26 display cases in the trailer was donated by Burlington Mills, Inc., and staff members of the Hall of History, State Department of Archives and History, arranged the exhibits.

B. F. Copeland To Give Program

B. F. Copeland, Beaufort nurseryman, will present the program at tonight's Beaufort Rotary club meeting.

Three new members, Gerald Hill, Raymond Ransom and Harry Whitehurst, were inducted into the Beaufort Rotary club in impressive ceremonies Tuesday night at the Rotary meeting in the Inlet Inn dining room.

Rotarian Numa Euro was in charge of the ceremonies. In his induction speech he impressed on each of the new members the importance of the service they could accomplish as a member of the group. Each new member also was presented with a gold Rotary emblem pin and a Rotary booklet entitled "Adventure in Service."

The club endorsed Dr. Howard J. McGinnis of Greenville for the presidency of this Rotary district. Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, club president, said elections for district Rotary officers would be held at the district convention at Wrightsville Beach, May 16 and 17.

Rotarian D. F. Merrill was appointed chairman of a committee to see that the Rotary road sign at the foot of the drawbridge is overhauled and repainted. Mr. Euro was appointed chairman of the International Service committee and Mr. Ransom, chairman of the attendance committee.

President Ennett announced that the Beaufort club was second in attendance in the district during January with a record of 647 per cent. He said this was an excellent mark, particularly when the fact was considered that 39 clubs participated in the attendance rating.

Charles Pitts, Jr., Passes Naval ROTC Examinations

Charles Pitts, jr., now living in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Pitts, USMC, and grandson of Mrs. W. E. Skarner, was recently notified by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C., that he had successfully passed the Naval Reserve Officers Training corps college entrance exams, which he took in December in Jacksonville, Fla.

When Help is Needed, The Red Cross Is There

(The American Red Cross campaign began in Carteret county yesterday. The article below relates the experiences one Carteret county resident has had with this internationally known organization — The Editor.)

Do the people of the United States really know and understand the works of the Red Cross?

As one of these people up until this year, I knew about the Red Cross drive and what I read in the newspapers, about the work they did in floods and disasters, but I never realized the full force of their good work until this year.

My husband, arriving in the United States the first of October, 1949, from China, was taken to the Oakland Naval hospital. The first letter I received from him told of the good works of the Red Cross.

They taught handicrafts and games to the patients. They keep the patients supplied with books and magazines, and if anything special is wanted, they get it for the patients.

I know that twice they took my husband's radio to be repaired, got him stamps, stationary, and picked out all of his Christmas and birthday cards.

During Christmas, they decorated trees and had a present for each

of the patients. Christmas Eve night they came and sang carols till lights out. Christmas day they came and spent the day writing letters for those unable to write, and talking to those who needed cheering up. Late in the day they had a troupe show and movies.

The high morale and welfare of the men in these hospitals is due largely to the Red Cross and its services. I know the Red Cross has helped my husband and by helping him it has helped me.

As you know, the Red Cross is supported by public subscription to its annual fund campaigns. The money we contribute each year is as important as the premiums we pay on our insurance policies. None of us know when our homes or communities will be ravaged by fire, floods, hurricanes or epidemics, and the Red Cross will be called upon for assistance.

Don't wait till these things happen to you! Give now.

—Dorothy Eure Pouik
Beaufort