

## Fishermen Continue to Take 'Pink Gold' Off Florida Keys

### 1949 PMA Rules Will Continue For Another Year

#### Four Carteret Countians Return from State Convention at Asheville

Current Production Marketing Administration Regulations will be continued during the coming year, county delegates to the PMA convention held in Asheville reported yesterday.

Sam D. Edwards, Roland Salter and D. W. Truckner, all members of the county PMA committee, and B. J. May, PMA secretary represented the county at the convention. Representatives from every county in the state plus state and national PMA officials were present also.

#### 1950 Program Discussed

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 1950 program and work out the best ways for administering the program. Various addresses and conferences served to enlighten the delegates.

Th first address was delivered by G. T. Scott, state PMA director, in which he gave a report on the workings of the program up to the present and brought to the attention of the assembly some of the problems facing them, now and in the future. Particular attention was called to the fact that crop surpluses have brought back the old problems of production and adjustment controls.

Four different conferences were held with each Carteret county delegate attending one of the conferences. Mr. Edwards sat in on a discussion of the agriculture conservation program, conservation materials and services and other quotas and acreage control. Mr. Salter worked with the conference on price supports, and Mr. May took part in a discussion of the proper method of administering the program.

#### Quotas Retained

Reports made by representatives of the four conferences disclosed that marketing quotas would be retained on all surplus crops for 1950. All farmers who stay within their allotments would be protected by the price support. See 1949 PMA, Page Three

## State Utilities Commission Approves Plan to End Rail Passenger Service

### Family Hopes For New House

The Danny Rose family, whose Harkers Island home was destroyed by fire Saturday, March 4, are living with Mrs. Rose's mother in a home just south of the Rose site.

Mr. Rose, a Merchant Marine, who was in Panama when the fire occurred, has returned home. They are hoping to build a new home, but funds are not immediately available.

Mrs. Rose said that she deeply appreciated all the contributions of clothing and furniture given them. The Beaufort fire department and THE NEWS-TIMES cooperated in collecting items for the family because all their household possessions and clothing were destroyed in the fire.

Mrs. Rose, who has eight children and is expecting the ninth, said she is reasonably sure the fire started from defective wiring. She discovered the blaze. A trapdoor in the ceiling, when lifted, revealed the whole attic aflame. The Beaufort fire department was called, but arrived too late to do anything more than prevent the fire from spreading.

Especially needed by the Rose family now is cash or food items. Persons who wish to contribute money or groceries may bring them to either the Beaufort or Morehead City office of THE NEWS-TIMES, or mail money directly to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Rose, Harkers Island, N. C.

#### Dance Tonight

To increase the funds in their treasury the junior class of Newport high school will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dance tonight in the school gymnasium. Single admission is 60 cents and \$1.00 per couple.

By Carter Broad  
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(Editor's Note: Mr. Broad, shrimp specialist, returned to Morehead City last Thursday, having spent three weeks as a crewman on the Penny — a scientist getting facts and the fisherman's calluses).

"It is the biggest thing since the gold rush of '49," said Lewis Hardee.

"Is it as big as Morgan City?" I asked.

"Well, no," he admitted, "but it is attracting more attention." This was a gold rush too, a "pink gold" rush. The story broke in the papers during February. Shrimp bonanza in Key West. That story to South Atlantic fishermen, humiliated by a winter of record low production, was the proverbial lone knock of opportunity. Radios tuned to Tampa's Marine operator frequency started rumors that grew and spread. The word flashed along the coast, "Fifty boxes, a trip — 50 cents a pound — a 100 box trip — a 75 box trip!" The "pink gold" rush was on.

Then other rumors worked their way north. "There's no place to tie up — they can only work 40 square miles of bottom — you can't get ice — there's coral — one fellow lost his net — two nets — three nets. But there were shrimp and there was work for boats and men. Men went to Key West and called back for boats.

In Southport, Morehead City, Beaufort, Harkers Island, Vandemere, Oriental, Belhaven, Davis, the boats made preparation. They sailed from the Carolinas, from Georgia, St. Augustine and Fernandina, Fla. An armada descended on Key West, Fort Myers, Sarasota, Cortez, Everglades City, Naples and Collier City. The buyers came and those who sell to a fishing fleet. Trucks came loaded with ice and left with shrimp. A new fishery had started.

I went to Key West in the Penny of Southport. Merritt Moore, her owner and captain, Pete Larson and John Carr Davis are her crew. We called from Southport on Thursday Feb. 16, cleared the bar at Lockwood's Folly as the sun fell and set course for Savannah lights.

Following in our wake was the Royal Flush of Southport. These boats are St. Augustine-built shrimp boats. They are high-sided, shallow draft, wooden vessels built to follow shrimp wherever they may go. They are work boats, rough and rough riding in a sea. Key West lay 700 miles ahead of us. The Penny and the Royal Flush See FISHERMEN, Page Five

The State Public Utilities commission on Monday said that the Atlantic and East Carolina railroad may discontinue passenger service from Goldsboro to Morehead City.

But the order is not final. The commission said the line must continue operating its passenger coaches for "a reasonable time" longer in case petitions are filed asking for further review.

Two passenger trains come into Morehead City daily and have been in service approximately 60 years.

Decision Not Unanimous

The decision by the commission was not unanimous. Dissenting opinions have been expressed by Edward McMahan of Brevard and Josh James of Wilmington.

At a hearing in December Harry P. Edwards, New Bern, chairman of the A & E C board and general manager, said passenger service has been a losing proposition since the end of the war. He told the Utilities commission that branch line passenger trains have ceased to serve a public need and except for business at Cherry Point Marine Air Base, the line might have to discontinue all service.

The A & E C is a privately-owned company and has a lease with the state to operate on the State-owned tracks from Goldsboro to Morehead City.

The commission said the addition of modern Diesel engines and all-steel coaches failed to attract additional passengers and noted the "results of widely advertised low weekend summer excursion rates to Morehead and Atlantic Beach have been disappointing."

The commission added the "entire line is paralleled with frequent bus schedules," which carry a daily average of more than 400 passengers against the average of 54 who travel by train.

McMahan and James held the majority order was based on profit and loss rather than only public service.

"I don't believe," McMahan said. See UTILITIES, Page Three

## Planning Board To Meet March 31

### Group Expects to Resume Discussion of Fire Protection Programs

The Beaufort Planning Board made tentative plans to resume discussion of fire protection for out-of-towners at their meeting Friday night, March 31, in the town hall.

During a session last Friday night they reviewed the statistics on the number of fires answered by the fire department in 1949 and also the cost of maintaining fire fighting equipment.

48 Alarms Answered

Of the 48 fire alarms last year 30 were out of town, more than half the total. With the exception of four, all of the out-of-town fires were within five miles of the town limits, the area the planning board is most interested in protecting through an equitable assessment plan.

Two of the four fires further than five miles beyond the town limits were at Harkers Island and two at North Harlowe.

Value of the fire fighting equipment is \$75,000 and it costs the town of Beaufort \$12,000 annually to maintain it. Expenses during the past two years have been as follows: 750-gallon Dodge pumper, \$7,500; factory - rebuilt LaFrance, \$6,500; 2,000 feet new hose at \$1.50 per foot, \$3,000; hose dryer, \$500.

The report on last year's fires was presented by Raymond Paul, secretary of the fire department. It was estimated that 35 cents of every \$1.80 the town taxpayer pays per hundred goes for fire protection.

One of the plans under consideration is to ask every resident within a five-mile radius of Beaufort from Gallant's channel east (the causeway remains a question mark) to contribute an annual amount based on the type or number of buildings on his property. This would go to a town fund which would be used to pay for fire fighting equipment.

Robert Stephens, a member of the planning board, suggested that a system be used whereby the more who join the fire protection plan, the less the cost per individual becomes. Mr. Stephens said that would be an incentive to get out-of-towners to get their neighbors to join.

Dr. W. L. Woodard, chairman of the planning board, said that the town has to stop relieving out-of-town fires or else raise town taxes to meet the expenses.

Braxton Adair, member of the board, said the taxes must not be raised lest future businessmen are discouraged from setting up business.

A. D. Fulford, now a resident of town who plans to move beyond the town limits in the vicinity of the highway 101 and 70 intersection, asked how much out-of-town residents would be saved, in dollars and cents on fire insurance, if they were members of a fire protection program.

Wiley Taylor, town attorney who attended the meeting, said the saving would be between 23 and 27 cents per hundred.

Several board members said they felt it would be better for the built up area on the outskirts to be taken into the town.

Larger Pipe Needed

In discussing Ann and Front street extended areas, Dr. Woodard said the town needs a pipe line larger than two inches in that area, also more alarm boxes.

Chief Charles Harrell, who attended the meeting said that trucks can't get within 20 feet to draught water from Taylor's creek should there be a large fire in that area.

The protection discussion followed what was intended to be a hearing on the matter, a hearing scheduled for the benefit of out-of-town residents, but no one showed up.

Kite String Hits Power Lines, Causes 'Outage'

A kite string falling across a power line caused an outage from 6:15 to 7:10 Monday night in Morehead City on the south side of Arendell street from the drawbridge to the west end of town.

## State Drops Manslaughter Charges; Raleigh Youth Put on Probation

### Two Girls Win Crowns at Atlantic



Patsy Robinson



Nancy Nelson

Patsy Robinson and Nancy Nelson were crowned queen and princess, respectively, at the recent dance at Atlantic school. The affair was sponsored by the high school annual staffs.

The dance climaxed a week of voting. Runners-up were June Howard, for queen, and Rebecca Ann Lewis, princess.

Other contestants were Betty Taylor, Lura Jean Salter, Varena Gaskill, Jo Ann Morris, Joan Ma-

son, Myrna Salter, Mary Lee Mason, Delores Willis, Francis Fulcher, and Colleen Taylor.

Diane Daniels, Burnice Lupton, Beatrice Salter, Sandra Salter, Adelaide Mason, Carolyn Owens, Joyce Fulcher, Janice Goodwin, Kara Jo Mason, Faye Gray, and Annis Lee Willis.

Miss Robinson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Robinson and Miss Nelson the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Maybetts.

## Moving of Tobacco Acreage Must Follow PMA Regulations

Farmers of Carteret county were warned today by the county Production Marketing Administration office against requesting removal of tobacco acreage to other farms without first following PMA regulations concerning such removal.

B. J. May, county PMA officer, listed the regulations which must be followed. Any farmer who desires to move his tobacco acreage because of the presence of Granville wilt or nematode disease in the soil must, immediately upon discovery of the disease in his tobacco, notify the county agent and the PMA office of the presence of the disease.

The county agent then will visit the farm, examine the tobacco, determine the nature of the trouble, and make an effort to find a remedy. After this is done, and if no remedy is found, the farm operator should make application before planting time next year for permission to lease land from another farmer for the purpose of growing tobacco for a five-year period.

If these conditions are met, the county agent will be in a position to give the required statement necessary for transferral and also to work out a five-year rotation plan for the diseased land.

Several applications for crop transferral already have been received by the PMA office this year. Due to the fact that the requirements contained in the PMA regulations have not been met, the applications have been rejected. All the agricultural agents in the county are anxious to cooperate with farmers in any way but they cannot go outside the regulations involved in each case, it was stated.

## Dr. B. F. Royal Seeks Checks Evidently Lost in a Pigeonhole

Dr. B. F. Royal, Morehead City, trustee of the University of North Carolina, yesterday requested help from Carteret County UNC alumni in re-locating misplaced checks! His letter and explanation follows:

Morehead City, N. C. March 16, 1950.

Dr. Louie R. Wilson heads a Faculty Committee appointed to devise ways and means of raising some money to supplement the meager retirement fund presently provided by the State for those faculty members who are forced to retire because of age or physical disability.

Dr. Wilson, in turn, has asked interested alumni in various towns of the State to contact local University people and obtain from them any donation that they care to make to this worthy cause. Dr. Wilson has asked me to contact Alumni in Carteret County and ask their help. This I tried to do by preparing a list of names of all former Carolina men and women known to be living in the County.

A list was prepared of those living in the Atlantic area and a similar list was prepared of those living in Beaufort and in Morehead. See DR. ROYAL, Page Three

## Farm Agent Tells Rotary of County Agricultural Work

Robert M. Williams, county farm agent, painted the farm picture in Carteret county for Rotarians at their weekly meeting at the Inlet Inn Tuesday night.

Tobacco, he told them, is the county's principal money crop, with Lionel W. Pelletier, of Stella, being the largest grower. His allotment is 30.7 acres.

K. W. Wright, farmer of Beaufort RFD, has the largest number of acres under intensive cultivation. This acreage amounts to 338. He grows more different crops than any other farmer in the county, Mr. Williams said.

Grows Radishes

This year he has 55 acres in radishes and expects to start pulling them Wednesday. Mr. Wright is the only radish grower in Carteret. The county agent remarked that Mr. Wright compared truck farming to a slot machine " . . . you can't win all the time, sometimes you're sure to get clipped."

The Ball brothers put out the largest Irish potato acreage, 120, while Miss Georgia Yeatman owns the largest number of acres, 90,000.

The M. A. Walker farm, Newport, operated by Albert Walker, has the largest pasture, 150 acres. See FARM AGENT, Page Three

## County Bond Sale Totals \$54,926

Victor H. Wickizer savings bonds chairman for Carteret county announced today that total U. S. savings bonds sales in the county for the month of February amounted to \$54,926.25. Of this total \$49,926.25 were in E bonds; none in Series F bonds; and \$5,000.00 in Series G bonds.

Total savings bonds sales in the 100 counties in North Carolina were as follows: series E \$3,824,508.75; series F \$282,939.00; series G, \$1,493,500.00; total \$5,600,947.75. The county chairman said that the 1950 U. S. savings bonds spring campaign to be known as the Independence Drive, will get underway May 15 and run through July 4. The Liberty Bell will be the campaign symbol, and "Save for Your Independence," emphasizing the traditional American faith in thrift, will be the campaign slogan.

## Superior Court Term Will Continue Today

Behind a battery of defense lawyers, young Charles Henry Stephenson, III, of Raleigh went on trial Wednesday in superior court, Beaufort, on charges of violation of the motor vehicle law in connection with the death of Patrolman Richard W. Jackson, Durham.

Held under \$2,000 bond since September, the 16-year-old boy was originally charged with manslaughter. Through counsel he pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving, speeding and failure to heed a highway patrol siren.

District Solicitor William J. Bundy told the court that there were no grounds to prosecute Stephenson on charges of manslaughter and hit-and-run driving. The prosecution was assisted by Claud Wheatly, jr., of Beaufort.

Judge Walter Bone handed down a two-year suspended sentence on the roads, and placed the boy under five years' probation. The Stephenson family will also pay \$4,000 to the widow of Patrolman Jackson for herself and the support of two minor children.

License Revoked

During the probationary period Stephenson will not be permitted to operate a motor vehicle.

The "trial" lasted less than an hour. In a conference preceding it, prosecuting and defense lawyers agreed to the defense paying \$4,000 to the family of the deceased and suspending the boy's license for five years.

Widow Sobs

During the judge's comments on the case and the fact that \$4,000 would not restore Patrolman Jackson to his family, the patrolman's widow, who attended the trial, quietly sobbed.

Appearing on behalf of the young defendant were Norman Shepard, Raleigh lawyer, D. L. (Libby) Ward, New Bern, Alvah Hamilton, and George McNeill, Morehead City attorneys.

Judge Bone remarked that the officer, in performance of his duty, had sacrificed his life and that the defendant's action brought about the necessity of his death.

Patrolman P. M. Herring, Jackson's companion when the fatal accident occurred at Newport Sept. 3, 1949, said that reports about bumper of the Stephenson car and patrol car locking were false. He related that the patrol car did not come closer than 150 feet of the Stephenson car during the chase.

During a hearing Sept. 5, at Newport, charges against three persons that Stephenson told patrolmen were accompanying him on the night of the fatal accident were dropped. Irene Lane and Frances Long of Tarboro and Bruce Warlick, a Marine, who had been held under bonds of \$1,000 each, were released, Stephenson said they were not in his car.

The patrol car, as it veered at more than 75 miles an hour around a car driven by a Cherry Point Marine, sideswiped the vehicle, then crashed through a telephone pole and into an oak tree. Jackson was thrown from the vehicle and died of a broken neck.

The Patrol commander, C. R. Tolar, exonerated the Marine of any blame in the accident. "He heard the sirens," Tolar said, "and was just trying to get out of the way when the cars collided." Stephenson's car, Tolar said, successfully passed the Marine's car.

Patrolman Herring received a fractured jaw, broken arm and leg in the accident.

The grand jury returned its report Wednesday morning. They found the jail fair and recommended an addition of two rooms, rather than a partition as recommended by previous grand juries. The jurors observed that suggestions made in the June 1948 and October 1949 grand jury report had not been carried out.

True Bills Returned

True bills returned by the grand jury are as follows: Alfred Smith, assault with a deadly weapon with See COURT, Page Four

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, March 17	
7:34 a.m.	1:25 a.m.
7:51 p.m.	1:47 p.m.
Saturday, March 18	
8:12 a.m.	2:06 a.m.
8:23 p.m.	2:23 p.m.
Sunday, March 19	
8:47 a.m.	2:44 a.m.
9:04 p.m.	2:56 p.m.
Monday, March 20	
9:20 a.m.	3:20 a.m.
9:39 p.m.	3:28 p.m.
Tuesday, March 21	
9:54 a.m.	3:55 a.m.
10:12 p.m.	3:59 p.m.

## Dr. C. S. Maxwell Chosen as 'Doctor Of the Year'

### Practitioners Elect Beaufort Physician at Meeting Monday Night

Dr. C. S. Maxwell, Beaufort practitioner and secretary of the Carteret County Medical Society, was elected "Doctor of the Year" for Carteret county at the Monday night meeting of the society in the Morehead City hospital.

A biography of Dr. Maxwell, listing his accomplishments in the medical field and the reasons for his selection as "Doctor of the Year" will be written and sent in to state medical society headquarters. The merits of Dr. Maxwell's accomplishments then will be weighed against those of 99 other doctors in the state.

State Competition

The winner of this statewide competition will be chosen North Carolina's "Doctor of the Year" and will have his record entered in competition with those of doctors from the other 47 states. The winner of the national competition will become "Doctor of the Year" for the nation. In 1949 a medical practitioner from South Carolina won this honor.

C. L. Beam, county veterans service officer, was present at the meeting to explain the rules and regulations for the hospitalization of ex-service men. He also explained the relationship between the private practitioner and the veterans administration.

Revision Suggested

Members of the society agreed that VA regulations should be revised to give better and more prompt medical and hospital service to the veteran.

Tentative date for the meeting of the second district medical society has been set for May 24, Dr. S. W. Thompson, second district president announced. The speaker for the April meeting of the Carteret county society will be Dr. H. S. Willis, superintendent of North Carolina sanatorium, who will speak on antibiotics and surgery in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis.

## Five Cars Crash In Heavy Rain

A five-car collision resulting in damages totalling \$1,000 occurred at 6:20 Monday night 200 feet east of the Rex restaurant on highway 70 near Morehead City.

J. W. Sykes, investigating state highway patrolman, said the accident occurred during a heavy rain and no charges were preferred against any of the drivers, all of whom were proceeding east in their automobiles.

Patrolman Sykes said that Rudolph Dowdy, 106 N. 6th st., Morehead City, driving a 1950 Nash, was traveling at approximately 25 miles an hour when a '40 DeSoto coupe, driven by Harry Clayton Hall, 203 S 10th st., Morehead City, smashed into the rear of the Nash. Hall applied his brakes to prevent hitting the car ahead of him, the patrolman related, but the crash occurred anyhow.

Then a third car, a '46 Dodge sedan, operated by William Edward McNeill, AES 42, Cherry Point, plowed into the back of the coupe. Car No. 4, a '47 Plymouth sedan, driven by Walter Bargamin of Norfolk, slowed up to see what was going on and a car behind him, '41 Dodge sedan operated by Edward Junior Zittle of Cherry Point, smashed into his rear.

Mrs. Bertha Phillips, a passenger in the '46 Dodge received slight injuries about the head, as did Larry Beunas, a passenger in the '41 Dodge. Both were treated at the Morehead City hospital and discharged.

Weather Delays Building

Low temperatures and rain have delayed work on the Morehead City colored school. Ray Ransom, contractor, announced this week.