

When the Rains Descended ...



These photographs were taken early Sunday morning, July 9, after the week of rain subsided and Carteret countians realized how Noah felt after the flood. In the upper left picture is shown the washout on the Swansboro road in which a Buick and two pick-up trucks crashed Saturday night, July 8. The size of the washout can be judged by comparing with the height of the highway patrolman, J. W. Sykes, shown in the photo.

slid down into the 25-foot deep ditch. Mr. Sykes is shown again at right. In the lower right photo the highway just east of Newport is shown flooded with water. This highway was impassable for 30 hours.

At lower left is a view of one of the flooded farm fields on highway 70 just west of Morehead City. Farmers sustained a heavy loss from the excessive rains.

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Draft Delinquents Urged By Board Chairman To Clear Records at Once

Alert Neighbor Prevents Attempted Beaufort Burglary

Fish Destruction Relatively Small, Specialist Says

Only Small Number Destroyed by Fish Nets, Dr. Roelofs States

Destruction of small fish by commercial fishermen is much smaller than reported in many quarters, Dr. Eugene Roelofs, scientist with the University of North Carolina Institute of Fisheries Research at Camp Glenn, told Morehead City Rotarians at their Thursday night meeting.

Dr. Roelofs said it is a popular belief that some fish nets destroy many small fish that otherwise would grow to maturity and become edible. He added that this is a false conception, that the number of fish that would reach a size large enough to be eaten were extremely few and far below the percentage that most people thought.

The fisheries scientist cited cases and methods of study used by the institute to prove his point. He said some misled persons would have the public believe that local waters were gradually being emptied of marketable fish because of the use of improper nets.

Dr. Roelofs' speech was concerned with the development of the institute and the nature of its work. He praised Senator Frank P. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, for his foresightedness and ingenuity in obtaining Knapp Foundation funds and state-owned buildings for the institute.

Work at the institute is concerned with research and not teaching, he observed. No students are present but only skilled technicians who do investigative work on various forms of marine life.

Ex-president L. D. Gore presented outgoing president George W. Dill with a past president's lapel button as a gift from the club. A new pianist, Joyce Willis, was welcomed to the club's meetings and several songs were sung to conclude the program.

Four Vehicles Damaged In Beaufort Wrecks

Two cars received damages totaling approximately \$700 late Saturday afternoon in Beaufort when one of the two darted out from a filling station into busy highway traffic.

Cecil Fodrie, Beaufort soldier home on leave, was parked at the filling station at the foot of the Beaufort draw bridge Saturday afternoon. He started his car, a 1950 Chevrolet, and, after looking to see if any traffic was coming, pulled out into the highway, headed east.

At the same time, O. J. Morrow of Morehead City was headed west on Ann street in his 1949 Plymouth. As Fodrie left the station and entered the road his car (Fodrie's) passed directly in the path of Morrow's oncoming automobile. Morrow swerved his car to the left to avoid striking Fodrie's but his effort was too late. The Plymouth's right front struck the Chevrolet straight on, damaging both cars to the extent of approximately \$350 each.

No charges were preferred in the accident though Beaufort police stated that charges would be made as soon as investigation of the wreck is completed. Investigating officers were Hiram Kerr and Carlton Garner.

A few minutes later another accident took place at the corner of Ann and Pollock sts. Alton Swain was driving east on Ann when he started to make a right turn off Ann into Pollock.

As Swain made his turn the door of his car flew open and he reached to close it. When he did he lost temporary control of his car and ran into the oncoming truck of Henderson Godette. Little damage was caused by the accident and no charges were preferred.

Swansboro Road Reopens As Workmen End Repairs

Highway 24 west from Morehead City to Swansboro was opened to all traffic yesterday following a nine-day period when the road was closed to traffic because of a washout that caused one death on the night of July 8.

County road superintendent J. L. Humphrey stated yesterday that the Masontown road leading from highway 70 to the Nine Foot road would be opened this afternoon and Roberts road, which connects Highway 70 and Nine Foot road also, would be opened the latter part of the week to complete repair work on roads damaged by recent rains.

With the completion of today's work county highway workers expect to get back on a regular schedule of maintenance and repair. Recent rains played havoc with the county road system and it has taken 10 days to catch up with damage caused by the down-pour, Humphrey said.

An over-eager dog owned by the Austins prevented police from apprehending the would-be burglar, however. Before police could arrive the Austin's dog was awakened by the noises next door and began to bark, frightening the burglar, who ran just as police arrived.

Police officer Carlton Garner and night watchman Maxwell Wade tried to catch the burglar but he escaped. Evidence gathered at the scene of the thwarted break-in led them to suspect two different persons who were arrested Sunday and held in jail pending further investigation into the case.

X-Ray Campaign Hampered by Rain

Less Than Half Those Planned For Appear, Dr. Ennett States

Heavy rains during the recent mobile X-ray campaign in the county cut down the expected number of patients who took X-rays to only 50 per cent of the number prepared for, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, announced yesterday.

Dr. Ennett commented that approximately 250 patients were expected while only 120, 44 in Beaufort and 76 in Morehead City, showed up for the special retakes.

Patients referred to the unit were selected only from those who showed symptoms of tuberculosis in other X-ray campaigns, those who had been in contact with TB patients and new patients suspected to have the disease. Extra-large X-ray plates were used while the mobile unit was in the county.

The health officer stated that interpretation of the X-rays would be done by the State Sanatorium and that it would be two weeks before results are known. Doctors, patients and the health department will be notified, he said.

Miss Peggy Hamilton of Beaufort assisted in the brief campaign as volunteer clerk. Dr. Ennett expressed the appreciation and thanks of the health department for her assistance.

Bids Requested For Work On Newport River Bridge

Bids on the reconstruction of the fender system for the Newport river bridge on highway 70 between Morehead City and Beaufort will be opened by the State Highway Commission July 27.

Bids on bridge work were asked for by the commission Thursday, along with bid requests for 23 other highway projects totalling 277.7 miles in 21 counties.

Of the 23 projects, 14 are part of the \$200 million secondary road bond program now in full swing throughout the state's 100 counties. Work on the Newport river bridge will not come under the secondary road program, a commission spokesman stated.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, July 18	LOW
10:15 a.m.	4:10 a.m.	
10:30 p.m.	4:19 p.m.	
	Wednesday, July 19	
10:58 a.m.	4:48 a.m.	
11:14 p.m.	5:08 p.m.	
	Thursday, July 20	
11:46 a.m.	5:29 a.m.	
12:00 Noon	6:02 p.m.	
	Friday, July 21	
12:05 a.m.	6:15 a.m.	
12:41 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	

All delinquent draft registrants were urged yesterday to clear their records immediately with the county draft board as reopening plans were being completed by the board and an upswing of registrants was felt.

Registration last week was more than three times as heavy as the previous week, draft board chairman Graham W. Duncan, jr., reported, and an even heavier volume of business is expected as soon as the draft board finds permanent quarters.

Delinquent draft registrants, Duncan pointed out, are those who fail to return their selective service questionnaires or who fail to comply with an order from the local board. It is believed, he continued, that many are delinquent due to negligence or ignorance of the law.

Duncan stressed that under existing selective service regulations, the name of a delinquent registrant is placed at the top of the list of men eligible for induction into the Army. If such delinquents act promptly however, they may be able to clear their records before the first call for men is issued.

North Carolina has been given a 610-man initial quota under the new draft law, with all the draftees to be in uniform not later than September 30.

The draft board is in the process of procuring office space and personnel preparatory to opening on a half day basis five days a week, the chairman said. He stated that it would probably be the first of August before the office is opened.

Those persons who wish to register may contact him at his insurance office next to the Beaufort theater at anytime, he said. Until the opening of the draft office, registrations may be made at Duncan's office.

Though it is too early to be absolutely certain, the board chairman expressed the belief that very few draftees would be obtained from the 23, 24 and 25-year olds. Most young men of that age have seen service or are physically unfit for service, he said. Therefore, he added, the first draftees probably will be closer to 20 than 25.

As soon as directives or other information from state headquarters concerning draft rules are received they will be announced in the newspaper, Duncan concluded.

Robbery Suspects Jailed by Police

Both persons suspected in the robbery of Economy Auto and Appliance store, Morehead City, on July 7 were placed under arrest by Morehead City police Friday after they had fled from police earlier in the week.

Friday morning, Pete Fulford, one of the two suspects, walked into the police station and gave himself up. Fulford said he had fled when police went to a local construction project Tuesday morning because he thought "Wooten had turned in my bond and you were going to put me in jail."

A short while later police went to the home of George Brown on Avery st. and arrested him for suspicion in the robbery. Brown's excuse for fleeing police was that he believed "you were going to arrest me for slapping a girl up at Harlowe."

Both suspects were jailed immediately under suspicion of robbery. Investigation of the crime is still continuing, police said.

Hotel Discussion Promised At Beaufort Chamber Meeting

A full discussion of requirements necessary to bring a hotel to Beaufort, with some hitherto unrevealed information on the subject, will be one of the features tonight at the annual Beaufort Chamber of Commerce banquet.

In addition to the hotel discussion, a full program of work for the chamber's coming year will be outlined and discussed and new chamber officers, headed by R. Braxton Adair, president, will be installed.

Time of the meeting is 7 o'clock in the Scout building on Pollock street. Chamber manager Dan Walker emphasized in his announcement of the banquet that "the building will be cooled by plenty of electric fans!"

Those present tonight will have full opportunity to assist in developing the chamber's program for the coming year, Dr. W. L. Woodard, retiring president and incoming president Adair stated. They pointed out that no program has been developed yet, pending an

Morehead City Legion Ceases Club Operation

Decisive Vote Favors Discontinuance of Downtown Area Social Room

Operation of the Morehead City American Legion club in downtown Morehead City has been discontinued following action taken by the Legion at its Friday night meeting.

A vote on continuing operation of the club was taken following months of discussion concerning what manner the club should be operated. Almost all recent meetings of the Legion have been taken up partially with comments on club operation.

Accordingly, at the meeting prior to Friday night's meeting a motion was made that all Legionnaires should be notified to be present at Friday's meeting to vote on whether or not to continue club operation.

Before voting took place Friday Commander James Meeks stated that it was common sense to realize that no organization could function properly if a large percentage of its members were not in favor of certain organization activities. He said operation of the club seemed to fall into such a category.

The motion to discontinue club operation passed by more than a three-fourths majority. Immediate following passage of the motion it was decided to clear all Legion property out of the club Saturday and use the Legion hut west of Morehead City for any future gatherings or social functions. Commander Meeks announced that the hut had been open every night in the week for Legionnaires and would remain open in the future.

Ethan Davis reported that all Morehead City Legionnaires who attended the state convention in Charlotte were well pleased with the programs of business and entertainment arranged for them. Those attending were Davis, Duffy Guthrie, Earl Dunn, J. B. Rice, Floyd Chadwick and Floyd Chadwick, jr.

Floyd Chadwick, jr., chairman of the Legion's local 1951 membership drive, announced that the drive would begin immediately. He disclosed the appointment of Ethan Davis to act as his assistant in increasing 1950 membership in the organization.

Commissioners to Meet Tonight
Morehead City commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 in the municipal building.

Fire at Hatteras Inlet Causes \$50,000 Damage

Current Will Go Off One Minute at 4 A. M. Tomorrow

All current at Newport, Morehead City, on the Atlantic Beach bridge and on the Morehead City draw bridge will be off for 1 minute at 4 a.m. tomorrow.

This stoppage is necessary to make changes at the Tide Water Power company sub station in Morehead City. George Stovall, manager, said that this outage will stop all automatic equipment.

Ports Authority To Open Local Bids Next Month

The North Carolina State Ports Authority will open bids on the \$2,500,000 port development program for Morehead City on August 10, SPA officials said today.

In addition, they predicted that, in all likelihood, the work on the Morehead City project will be completed and new facilities in operation prior to completion of port construction in Wilmington. That will be in about one year, it was stated.

Meanwhile, the SPA has held a meeting at Wilmington to discuss the authority's budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 1951. This budget must be presented to the State Legislature when it convenes in January, SPA executives said.

There are unconfirmed reports of still another meeting of the authority to be held later this month. However, no official statement regarding this meeting or its possible purpose has been released.

It is expected, however, that a plan of operation and a time schedule for the SPA port development program will be presented and studied by the Ports Authority whenever its next meeting is held.

Morehead City Chamber Plans Three-Day Membership Drive

Clyde Jones, chairman of the membership committee of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, announced today that the chamber's drive for increased membership has been scheduled for the 25, 26 and 27 of this month. Mr. Jones, aided by D. G. Bell, is in charge of overall planning of the campaign.

Dr. John W. Morris and A. B. Cooper, both past presidents of the Morehead City organization, have been named by Jones as majors in command of the two battalions which will compete in securing new and renewal memberships.

Newport Youth Struck By Car On Highway 70

George L. James Suffers Fractured Leg When Hit By Motorist

George L. James, 9-year-old Newport youngster, suffered a fractured left leg and bruises Sunday morning when he was struck by an automobile driven by Roy T. Ward, Cherry Point Marine, in front of the Blue Ribbon club west of Morehead City.

The James boy was taken to Morehead City hospital where he was treated and admitted to the hospital. His physician stated yesterday that he was in a satisfactory condition but would remain in the hospital for at least a week.

Following investigation of the accident by State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, Ward was charged with careless and reckless driving and will be tried in today's session of recorder's court.

Ward told Patrolman Sykes that he was headed east on Highway 70 and attempted to pass another car in front of the Blue Ribbon club. As he did, he stated, he saw another car approaching and swung back behind the car he was passing.

When he did this, his car traveled over to the right side of the road and struck young James who was walking east on the shoulder of the road. Only slight damage was caused to Ward's car.

Cleaning Plant Damaged In Fire Thursday Night

Fire caused by the spontaneous combustion of a cleaning fluid filter damaged one corner of Johnson-Saunders cleaning plant, Beaufort, Thursday night but heavy damage was averted by quick work of the Beaufort fire department.

The filter was placed outside the plant to dry at about 8:30 and a few moments later the outside corner of the building was discovered in flames.

An alarm was sent in immediately. Shortly afterward, firemen arrived to find the corner of the building on fire. Water was played on the fire without success so a chemical extinguisher was then used that finally put the flames out.

Damage to the building was slight with only the outside corner scorched and partially burned. Credit was paid to the fire department for its quick work which was said to have averted a more serious conflagration.

Firemen were away from the station until 9 o'clock when they returned after the fire was put out and the situation under control.

Specialist Visits County

Joe B. Gourlay, senior marketing specialist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, visited in the county yesterday to discuss routine marketing problems with county agriculture authorities.

Warren Beck as captains. The company each will be composed of eight men, divided into four two-man teams.

Several meetings have been held and plans are now virtually complete for a thorough, whirlwind campaign. No individual participating will find that his duties will be a heavy drain on his time and energy as long as the team functions as a whole.

The purpose of the effort is to provide the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce the man-power and financial backing required to forward the growing program of work that must be undertaken to maintain the tempo of Morehead City's progress.

Each of the four captains have See MEMBERSHIP, Page 8