

# Fishermen, Courts Aid in Enforcing Fishery Rules

C. D. Kirkpatrick, law enforcement officer with the commercial fisheries division of the state, who assumed this position during the past year, commented this week that he has received excellent cooperation from the fishermen.

"Better than I expected," he remarked. "Everyone has been very nice, and the courts especially have been cooperative."

Mr. Kirkpatrick added that there have been, of course, a few fishermen who have disobeyed regulations and have been summoned to court.

At Swan Quarter in Hyde county he was requested by the judge during a court session one day to explain to the fishermen there what the regulations meant and how they were being enforced.

"Judge Lambert Morris here in Carteret county has been very helpful, also," he remarked.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is not a law enforcement officer by remote control. He's out on the patrol boats more than he's in his office at the commercial fisheries building.

Wherever there's trouble or a situation to be investigated, whether it's near the Virginia line or in Cape Fear waters, Mr. Kirkpatrick, most of the time, is right there getting the story firsthand.

## New Firm Will Publicize Value of Fish Solubles

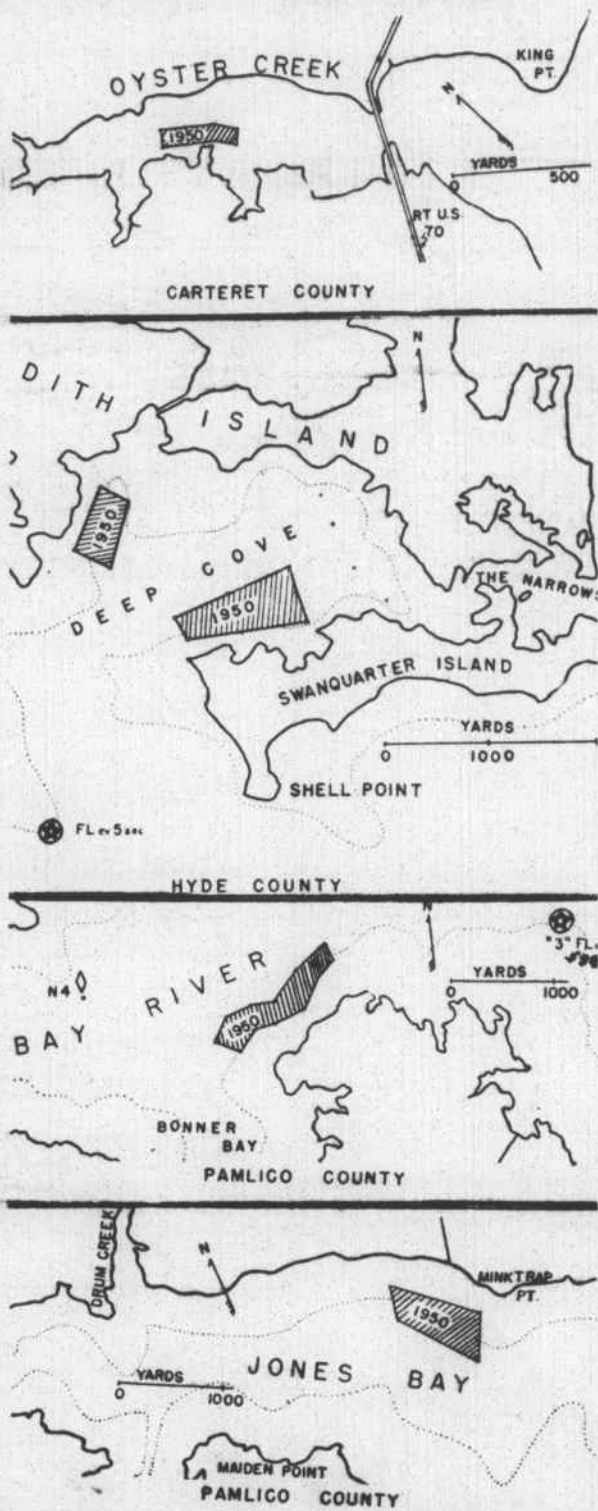
To publicize the value of fish meals and fish solubles to the feed mixing industry is the purpose of Menhaden Sales and Research, inc., a firm recently organized in Morehead City.

This goal will be attained through two programs, advertising in feed-mixing trade journals, and through regular bulletins on menhaden research to be issued feed-mixers from the laboratory operated by Menhaden Sales and Research.

Sales manager of the neophyte firm is Robert G. (Bob) Lowe, former manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce. Before joining the chamber of commerce in 1947 Lowe was in engineering sales work in New England and Tennessee. During the war he was a Marine corps officer.

The research end of the firm is handled by Ted Miller. Miller is a graduate chemist of John Hopkins university and was employed as a consultant chemist before entering menhaden research.

## Closed Oyster Areas



Oyster licenses and taxes brought in \$14,090.84 in 1949-50.

Certain areas planted this year with oyster shells have been declared closed to all dredging and fishing except hook and line and pound nets. The areas are indicated above with cross-lines and the date "1950."

There have also been two plantings in Brunswick county, not shown here. One is in Jenken creek which empties into Tubbs inlet and the other in East river near Bird island. The four charts pictured above, plus the two of Brunswick county shell beds, are given each fisherman who buys a license at the office of the commercial fisheries division.

Closing of the areas where shells have been planted is in conjunction with the state's efforts to increase oyster resources. This program is being supervised by Dr. A. F. Chestnut, shellfish specialist with the Institute of Fisheries Research.

### Oyster Farmers Own Land Under Water, Long Island

NEW YORK — (AP) — Since Colonial days, Long Island, New York, has been one of the few places where land under the ocean can be owned. As a result the bays around the island have an important place in the oyster industry. Oyster farmers grow their crops in their private ocean.

## It Happened Here

Once in many years a story like this comes close to us in time and space. Usually incidents such as the one related here come from lips of a grandfather or a grizzled old seaman — the story is embellished in repeated retelling, and facts cannot be verified.

But this happened less than two weeks ago. A short distance from these shores, the remains of a young man who loved the sea were scattered upon the waters. Robert Crowell, 24, lived here with his family, and went to school here, but was overtaken by a disease that continues every day to take a heavy toll. His body was cremated upstate and sent back here to the spot he loved.

### Sun Rises

As the sun was casting its early glow across Beaufort harbor, a boat lay expectantly at Morehead City waterfront. Boarding it were W. L. Martin, rector of the Episcopal church of Beaufort, his wife, and members of young Crowell's family.

Captain of the craft was Bill Styron of Morehead City and also aboard the boat was Ted Miller, a close friend of the Crowells. In a small container lay the remains of young Crowell.

### Boat Renamed

The boat, named The Sophie, was renamed The Black Crow early last month, for The Black Crow has been the name of boats in the Crowell family for years. Ted, who was familiar with the boat, explained its operation to Captain Styron, manager of the Gulf dock on Morehead City waterfront.

"You'll have to go below to the engine room to start her, because there's no starter up here."

When they were about to shove off, Ted nodded to Bill to go below. Bill did so and as he reached for the starter, the engines turned over.

He went above. The Black Crow moved majestically out into the channel, as if cognizant of its

grave mission. Its bow pointed toward the sun, it glided smoothly toward the bar.

"Runs nice, doesn't she?" Ted remarked to Bill.

"Yeh," Bill answered, "I thought you said she didn't have a starter up here."

Ted looked at him. "She doesn't," he declared.

"Well, how the h— did she start then?" Bill inquired.

"You started her below."

"I did not. I got down there and reached for the starter and the engines started up. I thought you did it."

And Bill says he will swear on a stack of Bibles that what he reports is so. "And, usually in the morning," he adds, "you have to use the choke. But not that time."

They say it's a mystery how The Black Crow got underway that morning... but is it?

## Terrapin Remain in Pens On Piver's Island

The terrapin pens are still full of terrapin on Piver's Island. The state of Maryland bought the terrapin several years ago but Maryland is still paying North Carolina to keep 'em.

Maryland plans, it is reported, to move the turtles up to Crisfield, but as far as can be learned here, they haven't even started to build the pens yet.

Charlie Hawkins, Beaufort, still takes care of the terrapin, takes the young out as they hatch and then the little ones are "planted"—or turned loose, as soon as possible. About 600 are awaiting planting now.

Mrs. G. B. Talbot, a graduate of the University of Washington library school, Seattle, and wife of one of the Fish and Wildlife investigators at the laboratory on Piver's Island, will serve as librarian at the lab.

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