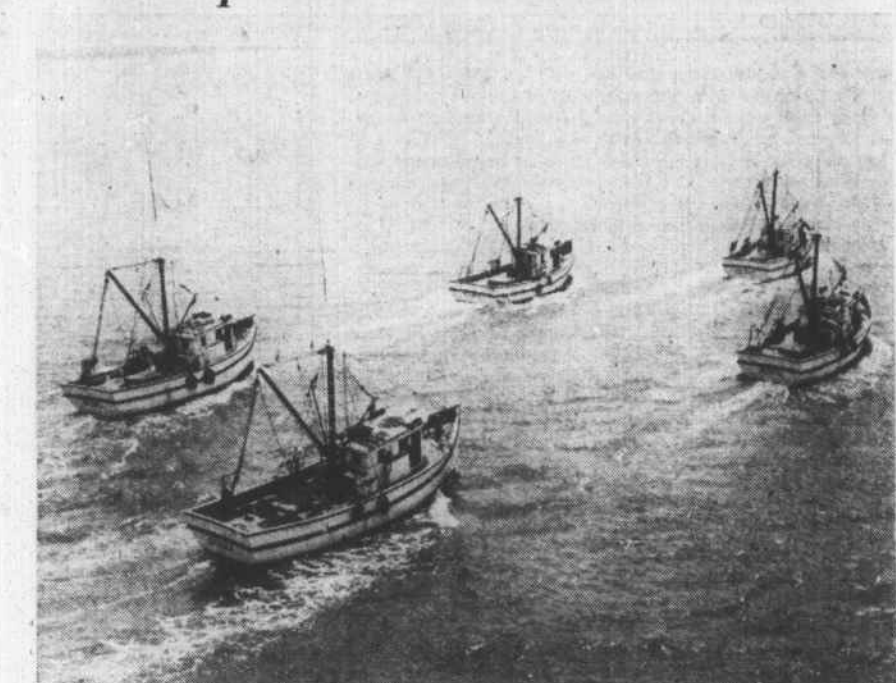


Shrimp Boats Seek Southern Waters



Shrimp boats, such as those of W. S. Wells, Southport, pictured above, leave North Carolina waters in the winter, seeking runs of shrimp in the southern, fishing grounds, including Key West, Fla., where the shrimp bonanza was uncovered just a year ago.

Efforts are being made now by Key West shrimpers to have a jetty built in the harbor to prevent losses of \$1,000 a year per boat, due to damaged shafts, propellers, etc. Shrimpers say the Key West harbor should be swept and a mini-

mum depth of 12 feet maintained. Army engineers have been approached on the problem. Owners of shrimp boats say that because of the hazards increased insurance costs alone are \$400 or \$1 a day. During the last week in January Key West shipped out 350,000 pounds of shrimp valued at \$142,000. In the 10 months following February 1950 nine million pounds of shrimp were shipped from Key West. Boat owners have been request-

Court Grants Divorce in Josey Case During Special Superior Court Term

Community Concert

Elwood Gary, Tenor, to Appear Monday Night at Beaufort School

When the Philadelphia Bulletin termed Elwood Gary "a fine, big, rich tenor," it was reporting on a performance with the Metropolitan opera. This comment aptly sums up the assets of a young American singer who will appear at 8:15 Monday night in Beaufort school auditorium. This will be the last Community Concert of the 1950-51 season.

Elwood Gary began as a typical American boy of average-income family, he's reached the top brackets of recognition by determination and hard work rather than the padded path of money or prestige backing.

Like many Americans, Elwood Gary's ancestry is a medley of strains. From his Scotch-Irish father he inherited his naturally beautiful voice; from his mother, of German descent, he absorbed the expressive feeling with which he sings and the disciplined working habits which established him.

Born Elwood Charles Von Weich Garrison, in Bridgeton, New Jersey, the artist shortened his surname for professional purposes. The Garrisons moved to Baltimore, Md., when Elwood was a boy. There he led the usual active youngster's life of school and play, adding a somewhat disinterested study of the violin only at the insistence of his mother. With his father he shared a love of sports, particularly boxing, and became so interested in fistic competition that he came close to amateur welter-weight championship.

During childhood days Elwood Gary's singing was entirely spontaneous, but at 15 the rich tenor quality of his voice was so apparent that his mother suggested he abandon the violin for vocal training. This change of medium was immediately successful. Elwood realized that he would rather sing than anything else in the world.

Baltimore was more than willing to listen. Billed as "The Irish Tenor of Baltimore," the boy was soon in demand for local club and business entertainments. In his late teens, there came the opportunity to tour in vaudeville. Although these experiences were in the realm of light music, Elwood Gary

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Elwood Gary

While the plaintiff was in jail charged with attempted murder of his wife, a divorce decree was issued in superior court Tuesday, dissolving the bonds of matrimony between Anthony V. Josey and his wife, Josephine.

Mrs. Josey remains in Morehead City hospital, recovering from four bullet wounds she suffered Monday morning, Feb. 5, during an alleged attack by her husband.

Dr. John Way, Beaufort physician, said that Mrs. Josey may be released from the hospital in about a week.

The suit for divorce was brought by Josey, who is listed on the warrant as "incompetent." Because of injuries which have made him mentally deficient, he is under guardianship.

Custody of the child, Curtis Franklin Josey, was granted to the mother with rights of visitation to the father under conditions acceptable to Mrs. Josey. The judge ordered that the father pay \$60 a month, beginning March 1, for support of the child, funds to be handled by the guardian, Gene C. Smith, Beaufort attorney.

The court also ordered that the law firm of Hamilton and McNeill be awarded \$100 for services rendered to the defendant, Mrs. Josey, and that the plaintiff pay the costs of court action.

Josey receives pensions from the government because of his service-connected disability. In the case of Beaufort and Carteret county vs. David C. Richardson and Nellie Richardson Cooke, a non-suit was granted. It was ruled that the cause of action as to Beaufort was improperly joined with a cause of action in favor of Carteret county.

The action as to the county was dismissed, and was continued for the town of Beaufort with the defendant allowed 20 days to file an answer. Wiley Taylor, jr., Beaufort attorney, stated that he was instructed by county officials to draw the warrant jointly with Beaufort and the county, even though he contended it was wrong.

In the tax suit, Carteret county and Morehead City vs. J. W. Brock and others, the defendant, Mrs. Violet Howard, pleaded the statute as limitations as defense but the judge found that the statute of limitations did not apply and the case was remanded to the clerk of court for further procedure. A demurrer filed by Suttons Service station in the case of Vel-

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Beaufort Will Undergo Air Raid Alert Tuesday

Civil Defense Director Explains What Citizens Are Expected to Do

Gene Smith, director of civil defense, Beaufort, announced today that final plans are being made for Beaufort's air raid alert at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Three blows on the siren, mounted on the town water tank, will indicate the beginning of the alert. At that time all automobiles will pull to the side of the street and stop. Pedestrians are requested to take stock of their present locality and determine where would be the best place to drop to protect themselves, should bombs rain down.

Persons in buildings should get under desks or lie close to a wall, as far away from windows as possible, in case of a real attack. Smith requested that they, too, determine during the practice alert exactly where they would go and what they would do.

Above all, people should not stand in the open, the defense director stated.

In homes, persons should turn off or douse any flames or burners to prevent additional hazards from fire. Insofar as possible, all precautions are expected to be taken in Tuesday's test.

Members of the civil defense committee will make checks throughout town to determine how well citizens are complying with rules.

One constant long blast on the siren will designate "all clear" and people may proceed then with their usual activities, Smith stated.

Beaufort JCs Will Raise Fund For School Music, Football

JCs to Appoint Civil Defense Co-Director

Morehead City Jaycees Monday night agreed to have one of their members serve as co-director of Morehead City's civil defense program.

The request for such an appointment came from Robert G. Lowe, director of civil defense, who also asked Jaycee support in the program at the weekly meeting of the Jaycees in the Hotel Fort Mon-

Low told the group that the co-director would be in charge of transportation and evacuation. The board of directors will appoint the co-director.

Jasper Bell was named chairman of the March scrap drive which will take place on the first Sunday of next month. P. H. Geer, jr., who was in charge of this month's drive, reported that it was successful, no excessively large amount of paper was collected, but he said that more individual homes made contributions.

Jimmy Meeks and Jimmy Wallace were appointed to attend the school piano-purchase committee meeting Tuesday night at the civic center, with instruction to state that the Jaycees would assist the Women's club in any way to raise money. They decided, however, that they would not be able to spearhead the campaign.

Two guests, in addition to Lowe, attended the meeting. They were Billy B. Willis and Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber of commerce. Bill Chalk, president, presided.

Beaufort Firemen Answer Three Alarms This Week

Beaufort fire department answered three alarms this week, one to 106 Marsh st. again.

At the Marsh street residence the oil stove flared up for the third time this winter, and for the third time the fire department went to the rescue. The blaze caused no damage.

Grass caught fire in the 1000 block of Ann street Wednesday afternoon and this was brought under control by firemen also.

At 11:45 Monday night a '40 Chevrolet on Queen street near Cedar was destroyed. It is not known how the fire started. Firemen said they didn't know the owner of the car. The alarm was turned in by Carleton Garner, Beaufort night policeman.

Streets Graded

A portion of 11th street by Morehead City school was graded this week, as well as part of Fisher street, extending eastward from the school.

Beaufort Jaycees will raise \$1,000 to supplement salaries of a public school music and band director and football coach at Beaufort school.

This decision was made Monday night and Kenneth Johnson and James Wheatley were appointed as head of the committee to solicit funds. The Jaycees stated that T. G. Leary, principal of Beaufort school, will be informed of the decision in order to plan for the coming year's faculty requirements.

Serving on the preliminary committee to investigate the possibility of subsidizing a public school music teacher and band director were Gene Smith and Wiley Taylor, jr.

\$100 Request Made

A request for \$100 from the town recreation committee for the summer program was tabled. It was reported that efforts are still being made to return the Morehead City Jaycee bleachers to the Morehead City field.

The committee to locate a director for the proposed Jaycee minstrel stated that it was not ready to make a report. The group agreed that they would make up the difference between the number of tickets they have been requested to sell and the number they do sell to the BASH dance tomorrow night at the Channel club.

Building Fund

The group raised several dollars to pay on the Jaycee War Memorial building, Tulsa, Okla. George Cottingham, president, was in charge of the meeting.

The next Beaufort Jaycee meeting will be a joint session with the Morehead City club to hear a talk by a Jaycee officer.

Officer Uncovers Still Near Town

Constable Charlie Krouse, Morehead township, confiscated parts of a 65-gallon copper still at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. The constable said that the parts were located on the property of R. R. Barbour in a dense thicket one-quarter mile to the rear of the Barbour home, which is located on highway 70 just west of Morehead City.

Krouse gained access to the dismantled still by using a road on Crab Point and then walking to the site. The parts, a copper kettle, copper condenser, and the most modern up-to-date whiskey-making gadgets, were taken to the jail yard in Beaufort where they were smashed.

The constable said that the still had been run and then moved. The pieces were wrapped in burlap and hid in various sections of the overgrown area. Krouse said that there were evidences that a truck had probably hauled the still there within the past several days.

Chamber to Hear Program Advisor At Feb. 23 Meeting

Duane Strawbridge, program advisor for the Southeastern Division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, will speak at 7:30 Friday night, Feb. 23, to members of the Morehead City chamber of commerce. The meeting will take place in Webb Memorial civic center. Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber, stated that Strawbridge's remarks will help form a basis for the chamber's program for the coming year.

The speaker is a native of Dallas, Tex., and attended the University of Texas. He has had a successful business career which included association with Westinghouse Electric corporation and Johns-Manville Sales corporation. In World War II he was an officer in the United States Merchant Marine and holds a commission in the USNR.

Strawbridge joined the staff of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in Washington, D. C., a year ago. Since then he has been developing methods to assist chambers in instituting programs dealing with national problems which have a direct effect upon the local community.

During this same period he had experience nationally in meeting with local chambers and assisting them in setting up programs in their communities. He was appointed program advisor for the southeastern division Jan. 1 and devotes his time to working with member organizations of the National Chamber in the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. He maintains his residence in Washington.

Strawbridge's major responsibility is to assist local chambers in the development of National Affairs committees, which concern themselves with better government. DuBois explained. In addition, he helps local chambers in establishing educational programs to explain the purposes and functions of business.

State Conducts Bus Station Inspections

The bus transportation division of the State Utilities commission has rated bus stations on cleanliness, according to a report this week, and Beaufort's Seashore Transportation Bus station received a rating of 95.5. Morehead City's bus station grade was 90.5. Ratings are based on 100.

New Bern and Aurora stations received ratings of 100, stations in Sylva, Raeford, and Hamlet, 99; Greenville, 94.5; Jacksonville, 93; Washington, 92.

Generals Plot Strategy For Operations Piano

Medical Society To Investigate Clinic Proposal

The Carteret County Medical society agreed at their regular meeting Monday night to investigate the feasibility of establishing a cancer detection program in Carteret county. A committee, appointed by the president, Dr. C. S. Maxwell, will report at the March meeting.

Serving on the committee are Dr. B. F. Royal, Dr. M. B. Morey, secretary of the society, and Dr. N. T. Ennett, health officer. This action was taken following the reading of a letter from the Carteret Business and Professional Women's club suggesting that a cancer detection clinic be established. Dr. N. T. Ennett, county health officer, informed the doctors of the state health department's regulations on clinics.

Club Makes Request

The scientific session consisted of the presentation of a paper by Dr. Maxwell on the use of cortisone. The paper was discussed and considered an excellent presentation of the subject.

Civil Defense Civil defense will be discussed at the March meeting. Dr. B. F. Royal, Morehead City, delegate to the state civil defense meeting in Greensboro, will bring a report back to the society.

The business session followed dinner, with the hospital acting as host. The meeting was conducted in the Morehead City hospital. Dr. Maxwell presided.

No Recorder's Court

There was no recorder's court Tuesday due to the special term of superior court for trial of civil cases.

Car Hits Child Riding Bicycle

Keitt Sawyer, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Keitt Sawyer, 1906 Bridges st., Morehead City, is recovering in Morehead City hospital today from injuries received Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock when he was struck by an automobile. The youngster was riding his bicycle.

His upper right leg was fractured, according to Dr. John Way, attending physician, who said yesterday that the lad's condition was satisfactory.

Morehead City Police Officer Richard McLean reported that the car, a 1950 Studebaker, was driven by Sgt. Roy Berchoff, 1504 Front st., extended, Beaufort. Berchoff told the officer that he was traveling east on Bridges street at approximately 20 miles an hour when the youngster on the bike darted in front of him.

Riding with Berchoff was Alton R. Fodrie of route 1, Beaufort. The car is owned by G. C. Johnson, Cherry Point.

Fire Destroys Part of Former Navy Building at Ocracoke

By Alice K. Rondthaler

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a small section of the abandoned Navy base at Ocracoke Island Saturday morning. Only the prompt and vigorous action of the local Coast Guard unit prevented the destruction of one entire building and the docks. The fire started in what was formerly the watchman's section of the building, occupied for several years by Hunter Robinson, custodian of the Navy base during the time it was the property of the University of North Carolina.

This annex was completely destroyed and the fire had started to burn into the main building. It was first noticed by Henry O'Neil from the deck of the Ocracoke freight boat anchored nearby. Capt. O'Neil notified the Coast Guard and true to their motto "Semper Paratus" (Always Ready), Capt. Henry Peelle and his men got their fire apparatus to the scene and at the same time the Coast Guard Cutter, known locally as the "83-footer", moved from its dock to a place in the harbor where its firehose could play upon the flames. There was no lack of water, since both outfalls pump sea water out of the harbor.

Several privately-owned fishing boats moored to the docks were quickly manned by their owners and run out of danger. The Coast Guard was not able to save any of the annex, and in view of the high winds it did a remarkably good job in saving the main building, which had it burned would certainly have endangered nearby dwellings.

The Coast Guard has the only fire-fighting equipment on the island and fire is consequently greatly dreaded by the population; all precautions are taken by individuals to avoid it, since the Coast Guard equipment would not suffice in case of a real conflagration. The abandoned and rapidly deteriorating buildings of this former Navy base have for some time been a source of local concern because of their fire hazard and the Islanders

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General's outlined strategy for Operations Piano at a meeting Tuesday night at the civic center in Morehead City.

Commanding general of the operations, Mrs. Darden Eure of the Morehead City Woman's club. Major generals are Mrs. George Wallace of the Woman's club and Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce.

Object: capture of a grand piano for Morehead City school.

D-day: Saturday, Feb. 24.

In a communique from municipal building headquarters yesterday General Eure stated that everyone in Morehead City township will be on front lines next Saturday. The only ammunition required to attain the objective is \$1 per person. "Victory will be ours," she declared, "when 3,000 persons fire their \$1 shot simultaneously in the big offensive Feb. 24."

"This is an all-out push," the general asserted. "There will be no series of thrusts and retreats in this campaign. With concentrated effort on all fronts, by all civic divisions and every individual, the objective can be won!"

In charge of patrol units, who will scout the town house by house to collect ammunition are the following recently-promoted colonels: Mrs. B. F. Royal, Mrs. A. B. Roberts, and Mrs. George Ball.

Captain Grover Munden has been assigned special public relations detail, assisted by the following: Miss Ann Arthur, Ralph Wade, Bill Chalk, Mrs. George Wallace, Miss Madie Bell, Joe DuBois, Jim Morrill, Mrs. H. M. Eure, Mrs. Skinner Chalk, and H. L. Joslyn.

Concluding her strategy conference on Operations Piano Tuesday night, General Eure declared: "In every drive, it's the little guy who counts, who is responsible for the final victory. Those are the ones who will bring success on D-day. We want a continuous volley of fire from hundreds and hundreds and hundreds. With everyone taking his place on the front lines, a grand piano for Morehead City school is assured!"

Rotarians Tell of Experiences

Choral Club Sings At 8 P.M. Tonight

Tonight will be the last opportunity to hear the Beaufort Choral club this season. Under sponsorship of the Carteret Business and Professional Women's club, the chorus will present a concert at 8 o'clock in the Morehead City school auditorium.

Likened by many to Fred Waring's well-known choral group, the Beaufort Choral club has been highly acclaimed since its organization last fall under the direction of Mrs. Charles Hassell, Beaufort.

The Choral club presents tonight, with several variations, the same program given two weeks ago at Beaufort school under auspices of the Beaufort Junior Woman's club.

Outstanding soloists will be Mrs. Ralph Hancock, who has won numerous honors in music in her home state of Wyoming, and Ruth Webb Bailey, who has gained fame in North Carolina for her vocal talents.

Among the choral numbers will be Prayer Perfect, The Blind Ploughman, I Heard a Forest Praying, Bless This House, and Ol' Man River.

The 52 members of the club are from Beaufort, Morehead City, Harkers Island, North River, and Harlowe.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Friday, Feb. 16		
4:03 a.m.		10:34 a.m.
4:19 p.m.		10:26 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17		
4:58 a.m.		11:28 a.m.
5:15 p.m.		11:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18		
5:48 a.m.		12 Midnight
6:06 p.m.		12:16 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 19		
6:33 a.m.		12:09 a.m.
6:55 p.m.		12:57 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20		
7:15 a.m.		12:54 a.m.
7:31 p.m.		1:35 p.m.

Large Crowd Hears Concert At School Monday Night

A large crowd heard the concert presented by the Morehead City senior band Monday night at the Morehead City school auditorium. The concert took the place of the February PTA meeting. Skinner Chalk, president, welcomed the audience and G. T. Windell, principal, gave a brief history of the band.

The performance was very well received. "Men of Ohio" was played as an encore and during another number the drum majorettes performed.

Vocal numbers were presented by the Clarion quartet, Ralph Wade (who is also director of the band), William Lloyd, Al McElmon, and Bobby Bell.

Farm Trainee Deadline

Veterans taking GI Bill institutional on-farm training in North Carolina were reminded today by the Veterans Administration that reports of their 1950 earnings must be submitted to their VA regional office by March 1, 1951.