

Dry Spell Breeds Woodland Fires, Threatens Crops

Two-Story Former Dwelling at Quinn Menhaden Plant Burns

Fire consumed a two-story abandoned home on the western boundary of Quinn fish factory property, Beaufort, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Flames continued eastward, threatening to reach a tank of fish oil, but were stopped by 2 o'clock.

The Beaufort fire department was called to the scene and the No. 5 truck, driven by Roma Willis, dumped 500 gallons of water on the fire. Two hundred gallons were spewed from the second truck driven by Julius Duncan and both returned to town for refills.

The abandoned house was occupied until recently by William Henry Fulcher, colored watchman, and his family, who are now living in a brick home on the property. The burned dwelling was formerly the factory cook house.

It is not known how the fire originated. Another grass fire occurred at the factory several weeks ago and the Beaufort fire department answered the call. At that time, too, buildings were threatened.

Rape Case, Two Others Dismissed In Court Tuesday

Three cases were dismissed, and the state decided not to prosecute two others in recorder's court Tuesday. Judge Lambert R. Morris presided.

Dismissed were cases against Otis Joyner, charged with assault on his wife, Doris; Matthew Collins, colored, charged with raping a woman in a car on the Merimion road, Saturday night, and John Deibert, charged with obstructing a public road, making it impassable and creating a motor hazard. Cases against Jesse Lefers, charged with trespass, drunk and disorderly conduct, and V. Cecil Britt, charged with abandoning and failing to furnish adequate support for his wife, will be heard at a later date.

Suspended six-month road terms were given Harold Lloyd Bass, found guilty of driving while intoxicated after his license had been revoked, and Dave Bell, found guilty of assault on a minor. Bass must pay \$200 and costs within 30 days and remain sober and on good behavior for three years, while Bell is required to pay \$10 and costs within 60 days and remain sober and of good behavior for two years.

Fines of \$25 and costs were levied on Carlton A. Brubake, who pleaded guilty to driving on the wrong side of the road and speeding, Jesse Alonzo Moore, who also pleaded guilty to driving on the wrong side of the road, and Jasper Golden, who pleaded guilty to failure to report an accident in 48 hours.

The judge fined Benard Francis Reidel \$10 and costs for speeding. Speeders George R. Evans, Robert Hainey, and Jurel Lee Dudley paid costs, as did Harold E. Askew and Shirley Anglado, no operator's license, Theodore Johnson Smith, improper registration, and Francis Leo Anglado, allowing an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle.

For failing to appear in court, bonds were forfeited by Charles Lindberg Gillikin and Harold James Lagassey, charged with speeding; Roy Kimball, charged with following too close; Columbus Woodard, improper license and failure to stop at a stop sign; and George Staton Styron, passing on a double line without sounding his horn.

Cases continued were James Nickels Weeks, Peggy Spray, Paris Willis, John Joseph Farnem, Billy Ruffin, Easton Wayne Phillips, Leon Daniel Garner, Coolidge Guion Murphy, Thomas J. Gallagher, H. M. Clark, Mishew McNeill Cooper, Curtis Brinson, Raymond Leslie Garner, and Ola Ragalki.

Phillips, charged with speeding, driving while intoxicated in a reckless manner, is in the hospital.

Morehead City Post Office Gets New Doors, Paint Job

Exterior painting and repairing at the Morehead City post office will be completed this week.

Yummy Fish Stand Little Chance With Spearmen



Captain Munro, left, and Major Bolt, right, flank their Fourth of July 56-pound speared fish. Captain Munro holds his spear gun. Feet flippers can be seen on Major Bolt. The masks parked on their heads are pulled over the face right before diving.

Two enthusiastic underwater fishermen, Capt. R. J. Munro and Maj. J. F. Bolt of Cherry Point, will trade a hook and line for a spear-gun any day. When they can bring in 56 pounds of fish in several hours as they did the morning of July 4, more than one angler should be inclined to listen to them.

Both men have spearfished in Florida waters and vow that the North Carolina fish population density is much greater than farther south. "People are making a big mistake here by ignoring spearfishing," exclaims Captain Munro.

Equipped with rubber feet flippers, a glass and rubber face plate, and armed with spear guns, the two dive 10 to 20 feet below the surface, find their quarry, release the trigger and nine times out of ten rise to the surface with a prize sheephead.

To get a good idea of the manner in which the two Marine officers operate under water, Major Bolt suggests that folks go to see the movie, "The Frog Men," the story of the Navy's underwater demolition teams.

Captain Munro and Major Bolt's spear guns are home-made contraptions made of stainless steel,

wood, string and heavy surgical rubber bands, which provide the driving force to shoot the spear forward into the fish.

The spear is actually just a small pointed piece of metal attached to the end of a wire which in turn is attached to a shaft. When the shaft is secured in the housing the gun is 5 feet long. After the trigger is pulled the weapon measures 10 feet.

Captain Munro has experimented with several types of spears and finds that the single point is better than a barbed tip. "Barbs tear the fish up too much," he explains.

The spear fishermen add that conditions and tides must be right, and they watch those just as closely as any expert hook and liner.

In addition to the 56 pounds of sheephead speared at Shackleford banks, Captain Munro one day caught an 8-pound sheephead under the Beaufort bridge. At another time four dives netted four fish.

The Marine corps officers swear that nothing can beat going right down in the water after the fish—it's a sport filled with thrills and the end results are good eating!

New Bridge Across Neuse at New Bern To Open July 20

Raleigh—A number of top State officials will go to New Bern Friday, July 20, for the formal opening of the new mile-long bridge spanning the Neuse river.

The new bridge, which cost nearly a million and a quarter dollars, will be dedicated at noon in ceremonies arranged by the New Bern chamber of commerce. Governor Scott, Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan, and Mayor George Roberts of New Bern will take part in the program.

Highways 17 and 55 which cross the structure will be formally opened to traffic when Mrs. W. Guy Hargett, wife of the Second Division highway commissioner, cuts a ribbon.

A large number of special guests have been invited. They will assemble at the Queen Ann hotel in New Bern at 11:30, follow a highway patrol escort across the old bridge to the Bridgeton side of the Neuse, then follow the new bridge back to the New Bern side where the dedication ceremony will be held. Mayor Roberts will welcome the guests, and John Beaman of New Bern will serve as master of ceremonies. Among those to be recognized will be engineers on the project, Highway Commission personnel and leaders in local civic and official life.

Dr. Jordan will introduce Governor Scott, who will present the See BRIDGE, Page 6

Tide Table
Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, July 13	LOW
2:12 a.m.	8:18 a.m.	
2:57 p.m.	9:31 p.m.	
Saturday, July 14		
3:17 a.m.	9:21 a.m.	
4:01 p.m.	10:39 p.m.	
Sunday, July 15		
4:24 a.m.	10:27 a.m.	
5:06 p.m.	11:43 p.m.	
Monday, July 16		
5:29 a.m.	11:43 a.m.	
6:07 p.m.	12 Midnight	
Tuesday, July 17		
6:31 a.m.	12:41 a.m.	
7:05 p.m.	12:34 p.m.	

Mayor George Dill To Welcome Board Of Conservation

Superior Court Judge Henry Grady to Administer Oath To Incoming Members

George W. Dill, mayor of Morehead City, will welcome members of the Board of Conservation and Development this morning as the board convenes at the commercial fisheries building, Camp Glenn.

The opening invocation will be given by H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.

At 10:15 Superior Court Judge Henry A. Grady of New Bern will swear in two new members and three members recently reappointed by Governor Scott. The new members are Charles H. Jenkins of Aulander and Hugh Morton of Wilmington. Those reappointed are Chairman Smith, Fred Latham of Belhaven and W. B. Austin of Jefferson.

The fisheries hearing will begin at 10:30.

The board will accept title to the James Iredell Home in Edenton. Under an act of the 1951 General Assembly, the State agreed to pay off a \$15,000 mortgage on the home of the man who served as an associate U. S. Supreme Court justice when George Washington was President.

The Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR will hand over the deed to the property during the C&D board meeting.

The Hampton Marine Museum, named for the late Roy Hampton of Plymouth, who was C&D chairman at the time of his death early this year, will be dedicated on Sunday. The ceremony is to begin at 3 o'clock at the museum which is located at the section base.

At 7 o'clock Monday morning the board will embark on the Pamlico, largest of the State's fisheries patrol vessels, and will go to Wanchese.

A fisheries hearing will be conducted at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at Manteo to consider whether to close Martin's Point creek in Dare county to commercial fishing.

The board will attend the Lost Colony Tuesday night and return to Morehead City aboard the Pamlico Wednesday.

Fort Macon Park Personnel to Live In New Quarters

Carrying forward the extensive construction program at Fort Macon State park, engineers and architects this week laid plans for the building of living quarters for park personnel, a workshop, garages, warehouse, and an office for the park superintendent.

Work on the living quarters will begin as soon as possible. Superintendent Douglas Starr announced today. The quarters will be located on the right of the highway near the entrance to the park and will consist of eight rooms, a bath, and kitchen. At present employees at the park are living in a building on the boardwalk near the beach.

Under construction now is a picnic shelter. Superintendent Starr reported that Tom Morse, superintendent of state parks, will arrive today for further consultation on improvements at Fort Macon.

With 20,083 visitors, all previous attendance records were shattered the week of July 4, Starr stated.

Saturday's attendance was 2,282. There were 440 children, 1,842 adults, 215 picnickers, 650 swimmers, 125 fishermen, and 600 visitors at the fort.

Sunday's attendance was 4,726. There were 850 children, 3,876 adults, 485 picnickers, 956 swimmers, 250 fishermen, and 1,175 visitors at the fort.

Nonchalant Banker Pony Sleeps In Car on Trip After Roundup

Bringing home the groceries in the car is a usual sort of procedure, but using the family vehicle to bring home a purchase from a banker pony roundup Tuesday at Diamond Pen on Shackleford banks is a horse of another color.

Beaufort Jaycees Will Give Miss Beaufort \$100 for Trip

Beaufort Jaycees at their meeting at the Inlet Inn Monday night voted to give Miss Beaufort of 1951, Carroll Ann Willis, \$100 to cover her trip to Burlington July 20-21, where she will compete in the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant.

Miss Willis will be accompanied by Miss Morehead City, Lois Simpson, and her mother, Mrs. Mattie Simpson, and Miss Betty Lou Rice. Miss Rice will drive the Nash Ambassador being lent for the trip through the courtesy of the Gurley Motor company, Morehead City.

For the occasion Miss Willis has designed a formal evening dress and a street dress, which she will model. She will also display sketches of her fashion designs.

Concession chairman Jarvis Herring and Osborne Davis reported that material for a new concession stand in the Beaufort Ball park will arrive soon, and Robert Stephens, architect, stated that he was drawing plans for new bleachers. As their share of semi-pro baseball June gate receipts, the Jaycees received \$57.84 from the Beaufort ball club.

Also on the sporting front, President Gene Smith announced that high school football practice will begin Sept. 4. An 11-game schedule is being worked out by the new coach, John Evans. Evans, Smith said, is looking for an apartment for his family, and Jaycees would appreciate assistance in locating living quarters.

Evans, an outstanding eastern North Carolina football player and graduate of High Point college, will teach eighth grade besides assuming duties as head football coach.

Guest at the meeting was William Smith of Lancaster, Pa., brother-in-law of Herring. Smith, a Jaycee member, last year was chosen Lancaster man-of-the-year.

Rotarians Hear Marine Scientist

Marine animals and fish, particularly the porpoise and the whale, were discussed Tuesday by Dr. Henry Kritzer of the Duke Marine laboratory, Pivers Island. He described interesting facts of the underwater world to Beaufort Rotarians at the Inlet Inn.

Emphasizing that the porpoise is animal instead of fish, Dr. Kritzer, former Florida Marine expert, rated the ponderous, blunt-nosed animal's intelligence between the dog and the chimpanzee. In fact, said Dr. Kritzer, the porpoise is slightly more intelligent than the dog.

The scientist also played two supersonic records of undersea sounds that distinctly proved that all is not quiet under the waves. The exact opposite being true—noise caused by the marine animals and fish causing almost as much sound as a submarine.

Following the talk, President James Davis announced that Beaufort Rotarians have been invited to meet next Tuesday with the chamber of commerce at the American Legion hut.

Guests at the meeting were James Wheatley and Earl Mobley, Morehead City Rotarians, and Stanley Potter of Henderson.

Morehead City Police Investigate Two Accidents

Police investigated two accidents recently, one a hit-and-run affair Tuesday at 10 a.m. According to Officer Carl Blomberg, a two-door Chevrolet owned by Walker Styron, 209 N. 10th st., was parked on the south side of Fisher st. when an unknown auto sideswiped the parked car, damaging it on the left side from front to back.

At 4:45 p.m. Friday police reported that Camille Oliver was backing out of a parking place at 8th and Arendell st. when her four-door Oldsmobile rammed a two-door Ford driven by Robert Taylor, 1707 Shepard st. Taylor told Officer Blomberg that he was going west when the Oliver auto backed into his left front door. No one was injured.

Before coming to Atlantic Beach the Smiths operated the Sunset See BANKER PONY, Page 6

draw when it let out a whinny that shivered Mrs. Smith into a near wreck against the bridge railing. Unperturbed, husband Smith continued in his role of passenger.

The Smiths stopped near the post office on Arendell st., Morehead City, to show their purchase to a friend. Poncho whinnied once and an irate pedestrian yelled: "Turn your radio down!"

Finally at home at the Sombrero, the colt unlimbered, sniffed the new atmosphere and went heartily to drinking a pan of milk Mrs. Smith fetched for him. The following morning he was not only gulping milk but eating grass.

Mrs. Smith has already been offered \$75 for Poncho. But she won't sell. "I want to raise Poncho to riding size and let the kids around here ride him. Perhaps we'll get more ponies and start a pony ride."

Forest fire fighters and farmers anxiously searched the skies for signs of rain yesterday as flames roared through woodland throughout the county and crops withered under scorching heat.

Darkened clouds hung in the north yesterday afternoon, but whether they held rain or were merely darkened by smoke from numerous forest fires remained a question.

Fire fighters throughout the county, under the direction of Warden E. M. Foreman, battled a stubborn blaze in the pocosin at Long Bay as well as repeated outbreaks of flame near Wildwood between highways 24 and 70.

Crops WILL R. M. Williams, farm agent, reported yesterday that the dry spell, going on three weeks, is forming one of the most serious threats to crops in many a season. Tobacco, corn, hay, peanuts, and tomatoes are failing to hold their own in the face of the relentless heat.

Flames, urged on by a light southwest wind, sped through woodland on the north side of highway 24 yesterday afternoon, opposite Camp Morehead. The Morehead City fire department was called at 1 p.m. to protect camp property. Farther east along highway 24, toward the 70 intersection, the ground is black, with bushes and pines scorched a lifeless brown by the fire that fed on them Wednesday.

Smoke Hangs Low Several hundred feet to the north along highway 70, motorists passed through heavy pall of smoke. Each side of the highway, as far west as the airport, furnished fuel for the blaze. Small homes stand in islands of green, protected only by homeowners who kept the flames clear.

Even in the burned-over areas, there was evidence yesterday that fire would break out again. Smoldering tree trunks, fanned by wind, occasionally burst into flame, and the bitter-sweet odor of burning pine pervaded the whole area.

Little Rain Falls E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer, reported that .01 inch of rain fell Wednesday night. But that was like spitting in a desert. Another splash of rain was recorded the night before the Fourth, but that was only .08 inch. Other than that, there has been no rain.

George Stovall, manager of Tide Water Power co., reported yesterday that power poles at the beach are caked with salt on the southwest side. Several cross-arms have burned out due to the salt and in other areas throughout the county poles have been damaged by fire and lack of rain.

Temperatures since July 3 follow:

	Max.	Min.
July 4	88	77
July 5	87	78
July 6	86	65
July 7	89	62
July 8	88	65
July 9	89	67
July 10	88	66
July 11	93	66

The fire warden urges that no fields be set afire and that trash fires be carefully watched because everything is so dry that once a fire starts it is practically impossible to put it out.

R. Garner Begins Rotary Presidency

Roy T. Garner, president of the Newport Rotary club, and other recently-installed officers, assumed their duties at the meeting Monday night in the Newport school lunch room.

Other officers are Milton J. Mitchell, vice-president; Edgar Hibbs, secretary-treasurer; and Robert H. Brown, sergeant-at-arms. Serving with these officers on the board of directors are Coy Wallace, Dick Lockey, and Ed Carraway.

Two members of the club, R. L. Pruitt and Albert Walker, have resigned. Both are leaving Newport to undertake work in other parts of the state. Rotarian Pruitt made a short farewell address. Members in the club now number 26.

The club sponsors the Boy Scout troop in town and the school safety patrol.

Beaufort Firemen Answer Calls to Three Fires

Beaufort firemen answered a call to the Joe House Drug store at 10:25 Tuesday night. A motor burned out and the heat was so intense it was believed that a fire might have broken out. Joe House, owner and manager of the store, estimated loss of the motor at \$85.

Firemen answered three calls Wednesday, all brush fires. They were called back twice to put out a fire in a vacant lot adjacent to Beaufort cannery on Lennoxville road. The other grass fire occurred on Piver's Island at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon. No property damage resulted from any of the brush fires.

Firemen Answer Call Answering the first alarm in weeks, Morehead City firemen put out a grass fire Monday at 11 a.m. in back of the Abbott Morris residence, Camp Glenn. The origin of the 30-minute blaze is unknown.

Order Returns On Gulf Coast Shrimpers' War Ends When Out-of-State Operators Join AFL Union

Alleged underselling by out-of-state boats and restriction of Mississippi fishermen in certain waters caused a violent flare-up in Pascagoula, Miss., this week. The dispute was settled late Monday but only after one North Carolina shrimp operator was attacked and lives of public officials threatened.

The price-cutting war ended when Louis Simmons, president of the Gulf Coast Shrimpers and Oystermen's association (American Federation of Labor), announced that out-of-state fishermen had joined his union and agreed to work under its rules and prices.

Gov. Fielding Wright threatened Monday to call out "all the National Guardsmen in the state" if necessary to combat violence in the shrimpers' war that for several days paralyzed the Gulf coast shellfish industry.

According to press dispatches, Wilson Whorton, a North Carolina trawler fleet operator, said one of his captains was attacked, and Tom Steed, Cameron, La., reported two of his men suffered bloodied noses when attacked by 8 to 10 men. Three other men were also reported beaten but none was hurt seriously.

State Representatives Herme s Gautier, representative on the fisheries commission, said strikers had threatened his life.

Operators estimated 4,000 to 5,000 fishermen, pickers, cannery, and other processors were idled as Mississippi boatmen swarmed ashore Monday and closed plants here and at other Mississippi Gulf coast ports.

The union did not call a formal strike but the shrimpers banded together to close the plants because they were being undersold. Packing plant officials were in a continuous session with their boatmen, trying to iron out the situation.

Jackson county Sheriff Guy Krebs called on the governor early Monday when it looked as though the situation was mushrooming beyond local law officers' control.