

Core Sound Claims Lives of Hoke Matthews, John Holt

Dredge Gorges Sand to Make Channel at Morehead City Port

By Frank Weaver
That strange looking contraption—one minute moving left, the next right—now operating off Morehead City Port terminal, is a dredge. This hybrid between a boat and a suction pump has been eating at the harbor bottom for over a month and spewing up the debris in a block-long dump between the Trumbull Asphalt co. and the Jefferson hotel.

Captain of the dredge is W. L. Gillikin, a native of Carteret county. He has been in the dredging business these past twenty years and knows all the duties as only personal experience can teach them.

The dredge looks something like an Ohio or Mississippi river boat gone berserk. The bow is cut off square and from it protrudes a mechanism called the ladder which sticks out 50 feet and looks akin to a derrick. This ladder holds in place the six cutting blades which bore into the mucky harbor floor.

Tube Sucks Sand
Directly behind the revolving blades is the mouth of a steel tube which sucks up the sand, mud, fish, and anything else which the blades churn. The diameter of the mouth is 18 inches, but as the tube extends back toward shore, it tapers until at the dump point the tube is only 14 inches across. Below water level, the tube is steel, above water, hard rubber.

At the stern, instead of a water paddle, are two spuds, shafts of steel 65 feet long. They are pushed into the bottom to anchor the boat. By raising both of them the dredge moves forward; by raising only one, the dredge may pivot as much as 90 degrees.

Crew of 25
"At present," said Capt. Gillikin, "we have a crew of only 25. That's because we're only working 16 hours a day. If we were going right on around the clock, we'd need another five hands."

Most cherished compartment on the dredge for everyone on board is the mess hall. The reason, of course, is the delicious food. The meals are on the colossal scale. For example, the noon lunch is a simple little affair with only six or seven dishes being passed around. The men eat in quiet informality around the same table. They go on the democratic theory, first come first served.

The crew, said Gillikin, comes from this area for the most part, so at present few are living on board. The dredge, however, can accommodate a full crew. Most of the bunkrooms sleep eight. The captain's sleeps two.

Owner of the dredge is the Atkinson Dredge co., of Norfolk, Va. See DREDGE, Page 6

School Board Acts On 'Sex Club'

Considered Friday night at a meeting of the Morehead City school board was the recent attempted formation of a sex club at Morehead City school.

A statement released Saturday by the school board, which appears below, corroborated THE NEWS-TIMES story of Tuesday which stated that the club was in the embryonic stage when it was reported to parents and the principal, G. T. Windell, and thereby disbanded.

Although reports were widespread that "doped cigarettes" were in the hands of some of the students, the school board's statement was similar to a statement made by the principal, and published in THE NEWS-TIMES last Tuesday, to the effect that the principal found no evidence of marijuana or dope being used at the school.

The school board statement follows:

"After a thorough investigation by the entire faculty, working with the board, it is our belief that the origin of the so-called club in question was started by one high school girl and that only a few others were contacted by this one person. "It is our definite opinion that the situation is completely under control, furthermore we have been unable to secure any evidence from any source relative to any student having at any time smoked marijuana or any other type of dope-carrying cigarettes.

"It is our opinion that this unfortunate occurrence was greatly exaggerated by the local newspaper. "However regrettable the occurrence has been, it is our belief that it will be a means of bringing a closer harmony among faculty, students and parents."

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OPS Analysts Will Visit Town of Beaufort Today

Office of Price Stabilization analysts will be in Beaufort today at the town hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. They were in Morehead City yesterday offering help to businessmen who wanted further aid and advice on compliance with OPS regulations.

Although all deadlines for filing price charts have passed, the OPS is offering, with these visits, one last opportunity for businessmen to obtain assistance on compliance requirements.

Shrimp Men Express Interest In Organizing

A group of Pamlico shrimpers were reported today to have written Capt. Harry L. Everett, president of Local 333-B, United Marine division of the International Longshoremen's union, Norfolk, requesting organization of a union in Pamlico county.

Shrimpers there have manifested interest in a union ever since organizational efforts were started at Southport. It is also believed that they see organization as a possible solution to alleged fixing of prices paid by dealers to shrimpers, a custom broken recently by an independent dealer, Robert Minott, who is reported to have paid as high as 33 cents per pound.

There are an estimated 1,200 shrimping boats of all sizes, from the small one-man outfit to the giant 75-foot trawler, in the Pamlico sound waters, some 400 of whom have their home base in and near Pamlico county ports.

Although Carteret county shrimpers ply Pamlico waters, there was no evidence in this county yesterday that organizational attempts are being made among Carteret fishermen. Attempts several years to organize shrimpers here met with failure.

Recorder to Hear Jackson Case

Mayor George Dill found probable cause against Charles Jackson Monday in municipal court. Jackson was charged with fornication, adultery, and possession of non-tax-paid liquor. The defendant, who lives at 1316 Bay st., Morehead City, must appear in recorder's court, Beaufort, at 10 a.m. today.

Jackson was arrested by Officers Buck Newsome and Carl Blomberg Friday after neighbors in the other side of the same dwelling complained of the noise in his apartment.

Officer Blomberg testified in court Monday that upon arriving at Jackson's apartment, he found Dorothy Hester with Jackson. She was wearing some of his clothing.

Jackson said on the stand that the woman was not living with him. Mayor Dill fined Jackson court costs for disturbing the peace and placed him under \$50 bond for appearance today in recorder's court.

Edward Fitzgerald, who skipped bond last April 6 on a public drunkenness charge, was sentenced to 30 days in the city jail on the same charge.

Otho E. Brinson of Havelock was fined court costs after being found guilty of driving through a stop sign Thursday at the intersection of 28th and Arendell, and colliding with a Whiteway Laundry truck.

Two Cars Collide Sunday On Highway 70 at Newport

Mrs. Ruby Smith Fleming, Newport, has been charged with failure to yield the right-of-way and Robert Pynckels, Cherry Point, has been charged with driving with an expired operator's license as the result of an accident at 5:30 Sunday afternoon on highway 70 one-half mile west of Newport.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, said Mrs. Fleming was leaving a loop road and entering the highway, but failed to stop. Pynckels, who was approaching, applied the brakes to avoid hitting the Fleming car. His car went off on the right shoulder of the road but struck the other vehicle anyway.

Damage to the Pynckels' automobile was estimated at \$100 and damage to the other at \$25.

State Employment Figures Rise

Employment Commission Chairman Releases Data For First Quarter 1951

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—Average monthly employment in North Carolina for the first quarter of 1951 was 10 per cent above that of a year before, but slightly under the average for the last quarter of 1950, it is revealed by Chairman Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security commission of North Carolina. This is employment covered by the employment security law.

Carteret county, in the first quarter of 1951, had average employment of 1,293 covered workers, which was a loss of 27.48 per cent, as compared with the last quarter of 1950. Total wages paid in this county during the quarter reached \$609,993 with an average weekly wage of \$36.29.

In the five major divisions of employment, the figures for this county follow: construction: average employment, 62; total wages, \$27,555; average weekly wage, \$34.19; manufacture: average employment, 699; total wages, \$30,862; average weekly wage, \$34.10; transportation and communication: average employment, 19; total wages, \$10,158; trade: average employment, 373; total wages, \$203,243; service and other: average employment, 140; total wages, \$59,175.

Total average monthly employment in January, February and March amounted to 690,022, pulled down by low employment in January. Average monthly employment in March reached the highest point recorded since October, 1950. Due to high inventories reached in later months, employment probably shows a decline in months since.

Payrolls in covered employment in the first quarter of this year amounted to \$441,201,319. This gives an average weekly wage of \$49.18, which is above the first quarter average for several years, but below the last quarter of 1950. This is due to the fact that bonuses, commissions and contingent or incentive pay are frequently distributed at the end of the year.

In major divisions of employment, the figures on average employment, total wages, and average weekly wages for the two principal classifications, are as follows: construction: average employment, 47,341; total wages, \$28,097,279; weekly wage, \$45.65; manufacture: average employment, 428,354; total wages, \$277,265,203; weekly wage, \$49.79; transportation and communication: average employment, 35,096; total wages, \$25,153,478; trade: average employment, 123,044; total wages, \$68,706,853; finance, insurance and real estate: average employment, 16,430; total wages, \$12,961,055; service and other: average employment, 39,757; total wages, \$19,117,450.

Lions Sponsor White Cane Week

Oscar Allred, president of Morehead City Lions, pointed out today that this week is White Cane week and contributions for the blind will be solicited by Lions.

By contributing to this worthy cause, Allred said, Morehead citizens can aid the blind of the state and county.

The White Cane drive, he continued, dates back 17 years when North Carolina Lions clubs began a campaign to promote a single state agency to work for and with the blind. This happened in 1935, Allred said, and since then the White Cane drives have continued to provide extra funds for the agency, The North Carolina State Commission for the Blind.

"We want the citizens to give as much as they can," Allred stressed. During business discussed at Thursday night's Lions meeting, before the entertainment began, was the progress of the proposed Lions club house. It is to be built on a lot near Camp Glenn, a one-story building 25 by 40 feet long. Lions entertained their wives at Thursday night's meeting.

Four Clubs to Meet

Four Home Demonstration clubs will meet this week. They are as follows: Core Creek-Harlowe, 2 p. m. today with Mrs. Clyde Taylor; North River, 1:30 p. m. Thursday with Mrs. Otis Warren; Pelletier, 2:30 Friday at the community building, and Bettie, 7:30 p. m. Friday with Mrs. Charles Pake.

Businessmen Visit Farms



A group of business people representing the chamber of commerce from Wilmington, Morehead City, and Beaufort, are shown above at one of the stops on a recent tour in Carteret county. Cecil Gillikin of the Bettie community tells the group how well his fine Jersey cow has been faring during the spring and summer months on a lush growth of ladino clover and Kentucky fescue pasture.

Cecil is a member of the County 4-H Club. His calf won second place and a \$9.00 premium at the recent Wilmington Dairy Calf show.

Native Carteret Artist Wins \$500 Award in Atlanta Show

Special to the Carteret News-Times By Mary Alice Woodson

Atlanta—John Chapman Lewis of Straits and Washington, D. C., was awarded the top \$500 purchase prize award in the sixth Southeastern Annual Art exhibition opening formally in Atlanta last week.

This exhibition is the largest regional show in this part of the world and Lewis' painting will become a part of the Atlanta Art association's permanent collection representing the finest in southern contemporary art now hanging in the High Museum of Art gallery. Lewis' prize-winning oil, "Bay Nets," was the result of summers spent painting at Straits and along the coast of North Carolina in the area of Beaufort, Marshallberg and Davis. The artist is completing a series of canvases depicting the section—the fishermen handling their nets, the boat builders, and the other activities along the waterfront.

"All my close ties and background lie in the area of North Carolina," said Lewis, "and this section, along with a very similar area along the coast of Chesapeake Bay, is the source of my painting in the Southeastern Art exhibition."

The work of the young artist has been included this year in the Metropolitan Museum's American Painting Today exhibition, and he has just received the first prize award in oil painting at the recent Delgado Museum exhibition. His previous awards include: 1948 Pepsi-Cola "Painting of the Year" award, first prize in the 1947 Washington Arts Club exhibition, 1948 Society of Washington Artists Landscape metal, and best-in-show prize in 1949.

He was presented in a one-man show in 1949 at the Contemporary Arts gallery in New York. Of this show, the Herald-Tribune critic commented, "These are unpretentious canvases, eminently honest and characterized by subdued and delicate harmonies of coloring and design."

Comments from the enthusiastic crowd of over 1,000 persons who attended the opening of the exhibit See ARTIST, Page 6



R. M. Williams

County agent of Chowan county, R. S. Marsh, assistant county agent of Chowan county, treasurer.

Williams has been secretary of the association for the past four years. As the newly-elected district head, he will attend the National County Agents convention this month at Memphis, Tenn. Accompanying him will be Mrs. Williams.

The convention opens Thursday, Oct. 25, and continues through Oct. 31.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	TUESDAY, OCT. 9	LOW
2:41 a.m.	8:52 a.m.	
3:21 p.m.	9:53 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10		
3:54 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	
4:29 p.m.	10:53 p.m.	
THURSDAY, OCT. 11		
4:59 a.m.	11:16 a.m.	
5:28 p.m.	11:44 a.m.	
FRIDAY, OCT. 12		
5:55 a.m.		
6:20 p.m.	12:12 p.m.	

Concerts Board Selects Soloist, Cello-Piano Duo

Mac Morgan, The Graudans To Appear in Addition To Apollo Boys' Choir

This season's Community Concerts will be the Apollo Boys' choir, the Graudans, cello-piano duo, and Mac Morgan, baritone.

The concerts were selected Saturday night, following the close of the membership drive, by the board of directors and the executive board.

Mrs. Charles Hassell, chairman of the Carteret-Cherry Point Community Concert association, termed the drive "very successful," especially in Carteret county. There was a large drop this year in the amount of support from the Havelock-Cherry Point area.

Newport more than doubled its number of members this year, but there was a drop in total membership of about 40, attributed to the lack of interest on the part of nearby Craven county residents.

The choir will appear in Beaufort and the other two concerts will be given in Morehead City, all in the school auditoriums. Approximate dates are as follows: the Apollo choir either late November or early December; the Graudans in February; and Mac Morgan in March.

As soon as the dates are confirmed they will be printed on the back of membership cards and the cards will be mailed to members.

The Apollo choir has gained fame throughout the country and high acclaim wherever it has performed. The Graudans achieved individual distinction as soloists in Europe, Nikolai as cellist and Joanna as pianist. As a duo they gained even greater popularity and marriage soon followed their musical merger. They came to America 10 years ago and since have been making transcontinental tours.

Mac Morgan is one of America's favorite concert and radio singers. He was born in Texas, reared in Florida, and studied at the Eastman School of Music. Then followed three years of war in the Pacific, from which he returned to win nationwide acclaim.

Rites Conducted For Leo Lupton

The body of M/Sgt. Leo Lupton, formerly of Lola, has been interred at Gadsden, Ala. Sergeant Lupton, whose parents now live at New Bern, was killed in action in Korea Feb. 12, 1951.

The funeral was conducted with full military honors with members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a detachment of soldiers from nearby Fort McLehlan participating. Soldiers acted as pallbearers. Interment was in Crest View cemetery.

Sergeant Lupton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lupton and the husband of the former Miss Ardelle McCollough of Asheville, Ala. Surviving him also is a son, Don, a brother, James, of New Bern RFD and numerous relatives in Carteret county.

His parents and brother attended the funeral.

Marine Corps Investigates Death of Snake-Bitten Private

Cherry Point.—The fact that the best in medical equipment and knowledge can still fail to save a man's life if the snake is big enough and poisonous enough, was conclusively revealed this week in an investigation report of the circumstances surrounding the recent death of Private First Class Thomas F. Corrigan, United States Marine Corps, Cherry Point, N. C.

Private First Class Corrigan was bitten at 9:20 a.m. on the 22nd of September while a member of a forestry working party. He walked less than twenty feet before one of the other men in the group made him lie down so that the wound could be examined.

Tourniquet Applied

A tourniquet was immediately applied to his leg and he was carried approximately 100 yards to a pick-up truck which had been already turned around and had the motor running.

When the truck got under way, one of the men lanced the wound in the prescribed manner advised for emergency treatment of snake-bites. See SNAKES, Page 6

Carteret Men Lose Gamble With Death in Open Skiff

Hoke Matthews, Lennoxville rd., Beaufort, and John (Jack) Holt of the Morehead City-Beaufort causeway, lost their lives Thursday in the wake of last week's hurricane as they were attempting to return to Beaufort from Portsmouth in a 22-foot open skiff.

Services for Matthews were conducted at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in Ocean View cemetery, but Holt's body had not been found until yesterday morning. Funeral services for him will be conducted at 2:30 this afternoon in Bay View cemetery, Morehead City.

Matthews and Holt had been fishing at Portsmouth and attempted the trip to Beaufort Wednesday, but because of rough weather returned to Portsmouth. Two other men, Dave Silverburg and Abe Silverman, who had also been fishing at Portsmouth left Wednesday on the Ocracoke mailboat but Holt stayed over to help Matthews bring his boat back.

Coast Guard Called
When the men had not returned by Friday, Mrs. Holt notified the Coast Guard. A civilian plane, in which Silverburg was riding, sighted a body Sunday morning one mile north of Drum Inlet in Core Sound. The Coast Guard was notified and rescue boat 30345 from Fort Macon, skippered by Reginald Lewis of Harkers Island, picked the body up and took it to Atlantic, arriving there at 11:30 Sunday morning.

Stripped of clothes and decomposed. See DROWNINGS, Page 6

Army Engineers To Resume Work On Two Channels

Army engineers have assured North Carolina congressmen that suspended maintenance work on the channel between Harkers Island and Cape Lookout and on Wainwright slough channel above Atlantic Beach will be resumed immediately.

They also said that further study will be made on starting upkeep once again on other projects in the area that have been neglected in recent months due to lack of funds.

The assurances were given at a meeting in Representative Robert L. Doughton's office, and attended by Representatives Graham A. Barden, Herbert C. Bonner, F. Eitel Carlyle and others.

About a month ago the North Carolina congressmen took the engineers sharply to task for neglecting upkeep of virtually all of the existing coastal waterway connecting links along the state's coast. At that time the engineers explained that curtailment had been made due to reduced appropriations, but they promised to review their program.

In addition to the two projects that will be resumed at once, the engineers said they would give additional study to other neglected projects such as the breakerwater at Oriental.

Firemen Place Display in Window

In observance of National Fire Prevention week, which opened Sunday, the Beaufort fire department has placed a display of fire-fighting equipment in Lipman's department store display window, Beaufort. Shown also are pictures of the fire department in years gone by, as well as pictures of present department personnel.

Presented to the department for this display is a fireman's hat worn by one of the men in Beaufort's earliest brigade of fire fighters. It was found in the attic of the home of Mrs. N. W. Merwin, 306 Ann st. Made of leather, it is extremely heavy, and bears the letters "OH&L" above a ladder insignia.

Miss Elizabeth Merwin states that the hat had a nest of mice in it when found. It is not known to whom the headgear belonged. Among the equipment shown is an asbestos suit, gas mask, resuscitator, fire extinguisher, hose, nozzles, axes, hooks, and a can of "Phomaid" which is used in extinguishing oil fires.

In observance of fire prevention week, fire departments of Beaufort, Newport and Morehead City are also conducting demonstrations at schools.

Two Cars Collide Friday At Beaufort Post Office

Two cars collided in front of the Beaufort post office at 8:30 Friday morning. No one was hurt, but damage to the car driven by Miss Julia Bell Kelly, Beaufort, was estimated by Officer Carlton Garner, who investigated, at \$45.

Driver of the other vehicle, a pick-up truck, was Sue Gertrude Ward of North Harlowe. According to Officer Garner, the truck was pulling away from in front of the post office as Miss Kelly was attempting to park when the collision occurred.

No charges were preferred.

Ports Authority Officials Discuss Dredging Work

Dredging of ports at Morehead City and Wilmington was discussed by members of the State Ports authority Thursday. Only two members of the authority were present, Col. George A. Gillette, executive director, and A. G. Myers, chairman.

Gillette said he and Myers also discussed the hiring of personnel at both ports, and the purchasing of equipment for warehouses on the dock sites.

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