

## Truck Driver Arrested after Motorcycle Wreck Injures Two Newport Men

A Morehead City truck driver was arrested by the highway patrol Monday night after he was involved in an accident which sent two Newport men to the Morehead City hospital.

Roy Clinton Rapor was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to yield the right of way.

He was arrested by Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard.

The two Newport men, Douglas Henderson and Elwood Jenkins, were seriously injured when the motorcycle on which they were riding struck Rapor's truck on US 70 west of Morehead City. They were taken to the Morehead City hospital where their condition is reported as satisfactory.

Rapor told Pickard that he was making a left turn when the accident happened. He said that he had waited for traffic to pass and then had started to make the turn.

Rapor said that he did not see the motorcycle, operated by Henderson, until it was about 15 feet from the truck. The motorcycle struck the side of the truck and went off the road. It traveled about ten feet before coming to rest in a shallow ditch.

The truck driver said that he stopped and called an ambulance and the highway patrol.

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## State Engineer Says Work to Begin Monday On Long-Sought Relocation of Highway 70

Work will begin Monday on the relocation of Highway 70 in Morehead City, according to R. Markham of Greenville, highway commission engineer. Markham made the announcement Wednesday at a conference with Mayor George W. Dill, jr., of Morehead City.

The work will be done by the highway commission, not by a contractor, highway commission workmen and engineers will move equipment into the area Monday and work on part of the project will begin immediately.

Plans call for the new road to run from the present highway at the Blue Ribbon club to Arendell street. The first step will be the surfacing of a right of way from Highway 70 along the north side of Arendell street. It will tie in with the town pavement at 24th street.

When the first part of the project is completed, the crew will then begin work on the south side of Arendell street. This will tie in with the town pavement at 34th street. The final step in the project will be the resurfacing of the remainder of Arendell street.

The exact route to be followed by the new road is at present known only to the highway commission and its engineers. The time table for the project is also unknown, but town officials hope that the work will be completed before next summer.

The relocation of Highway 70 has been sought for several years by officials of the town and the chamber of commerce. The change was first proposed in the 1920's and has been hanging fire ever since. It has been known for some time that the change would be made, but the date for beginning the work had never been released.

Mayor Dill said, "The relocation of the highway will mean a great deal to Morehead City. It will bring the summer tourist traffic through the business district instead of routing it along Bridges street. It will also cut down the heavy traffic which constitutes a hazard on Bridges street which is almost entirely residential."

When informed of the highway commission's action, Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, said, "That's the best news I've heard in a long time. It's something the chamber of commerce has been seeking for many years. We knew it was coming but did not know when."

Members of the group also instructed the athletic committee to purchase four portable oil heaters for installation in the Beaufort high school gym. The heaters are designed to radiate 140,000 BTU per hour each. Club members believe that these heaters will heat the gym to a comfortable temperature. Estimates for heating the gymnasium by steam had been accepted but were not received in time for action on Monday night.

The club has now officially taken over the basketball activities of the Beaufort school on request of school officials. The gym heating project is the first step in their program in adopting this activity.

Jaycee members also made a trip to Cherry Point last week to look at an assembled metal goal and backboard in order to determine how to put together the two which have been property of the school for some time. They will assemble and install the two sometime during the Christmas holidays.

The club also adopted as a project for the year the Crusade

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### Port Manager Negotiates With Taylor Import Firm

Negotiations to secure some of the business of the Norfolk import-exporting firm of D. E. Taylor and company for the port terminal have been underway for many months, J. D. Holt, port manager, announced today.

A banana freighter, the S. S. Fraser, operated by the Taylors, docked with 5,000 tons of bananas at Wilmington last week because the freighter ran low on fuel. It had been scheduled to dock at Norfolk as usual.

Unloading operations were carried on at Wilmington with stevedores and banana conveyors borrowed from the Norfolk docks.

Due to rivalry between the two state-owned ports, it was believed at Morehead City that Wilmington had stolen a march in securing D. E. Taylor and company business which for sentimental reasons, if no others, is believed rightfully due Morehead City.

D. E. Taylor and his brothers are natives of Sea Level where they are now building a 15-bed hospital and tourist hotel from earnings of their far flung shipping business and hotel ownings which

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### Fulcher to Head Medical Society

Dr. Luther Fulcher, Beaufort, is the new president of the Carteret County Medical Society. He succeeds Dr. M. B. Morey, Morehead City.

Dr. Fulcher was elected president at the group's meeting last Monday night at the Morehead City hospital. Dr. Manly Mason, Newport, was also elected as secretary-treasurer of the organization, succeeding Dr. Fulcher.

Other action at the Monday night meeting included a report from the public relations committee. The report stated that arrangements had been made with the county superintendent of schools, H. L. Joslyn, for an essay contest in the high school grades. The contest subject will be "Why the private practice of medicine furnishes this country with the finest medical care."

Substantial prizes are offered on the county, state and national level. The first prize on the national level will be \$1,000.

Dr. Allen Davidson of New Bern was a visitor to the society and discussed certain medical matters to be considered at the next session of the general assembly.

Two committees of the society, the public relations committee and the censorship committee, were, by action of the members, consolidated into one committee. Members of the consolidated committee are Dr. N. Thus, Ennett, chairman, Dr. F. E. Hyde, and Dr. John W. Morris.

Dr. B. F. Royal was elected delegate to the North Carolina Medical society and Dr. K. P. B. Bonner alternate.

Dr. Luther Fulcher presided in the absence of Dr. M. B. Morey, outgoing president.

Since the December meeting is the time for election of officers, no scientific program was presented.

### Menhaden Run Prospects Good

A report from C. D. Kirkpatrick, state commercial fisheries commissioner, indicates that menhaden prospects are good this season. He says that most of the fishing boats are bringing in the large fish which are, of course, the most valuable.

The oil content of the menhaden is running as high as 15 gallons to the thousand, he reports. And he expects that the fish will be brought in in great quantity if the good weather continues. It should be an excellent season from current indications.

Kirkpatrick says also that the oyster season is going along very well. The oysters are not quite so fat as last year, the commissioner reports, but production has been good, considering the weather.

Food fish catches are excellent, he says, and are better than in a number of years.

For some reason completely unknown at this time, Kirkpatrick reports, practically all of the scallops in this fishing area died this year. The prospects for the scallop season had been excellent but the catches this year will amount to almost nothing.

He points out that some 45,000 gallons were taken last year and the drop this year will be felt here. Only a small quantity of scallops and those in a limited area are now available.

### Fisheries Head Releases Report

Fin and Shellfish Take Being Sixteen Million To State's Fishermen

Some 16 million dollars in fin fish and shellfish has been taken from the waters of North Carolina during the last two years.

The figure was released in the report from C. D. Kirkpatrick, Morehead City, state fisheries commissioner and head of the commercial fisheries division of the State Department of Conservation and Development. He submitted his report to George R. Ross, director of the conservation and development department.

Kirkpatrick says the catch of food fish for the biennium was 41,715,000 pounds, with a value of \$4,020,150 to the catchers. Catches of spotted and gray trout and flounders showed a decrease of about 50 per cent from the preceding biennium, but the take of shad and pompano was about double. He put the valuation of the menhaden catch for the period at seven million dollars.

The business of fin fishing in eastern North Carolina water was materially affected by weather conditions during the period, according to the commissioner. Weather conditions were not too good.

Kirkpatrick also reported that as a result of the 1947 enacted law providing for the development of the state's oyster and other bivalve

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### Beaufort Calls Public Hearing

A public hearing on the extension of town limits in Beaufort has been called for Dec. 30 in the town hall at 7:30 p.m.

The public hearing was called after the board of town commissioners received a petition from residents in an area not now included in the town limits asking for annexation.

The area in question includes residents on Ann and Front st.

Petitioners asking to be included in town limits are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Haskins, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Baxter, Jr., Mrs. Paul L. Alden, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Quinn, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Sadler, and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin.

If 15 per cent of the qualified voters residing in this area proposed for annexation file with the board of commissioners at the public hearing a petition requesting an election on annexation, then an election is required by law.

Furthermore, if a petition is filed by 15 per cent of the residents of the town requesting an election on the proposed annexation, the election is then required under North Carolina law.

Christmas Carols To Ring Sunday

Ralph Wade, music director of the Morehead City school, yesterday released the program for the Union Christmas service to be held at the school Sunday night. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Theodore Phillips, organist, Mary Lou Norwood, Ann Garner, Ann Webb, Corinne Webb and James B. Willis, accompanists, and the school chorus.

Carols of Christmas will begin the program, followed by the chorus processional, O Come All Ye Faithful; The Sleigh, Kountz and White Christmas, Berlin, are sung by the entire chorus; O Little Town of Bethlehem, Redner, congregation; Scripture and prayer, the Rev. C. R. Berry of the First Christian church.

Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee, Bach, chorus; How Lovely Are the Messengers, Mendelssohn, chorus; Joy to the World, Handel, congregation; Announcements.

A Child This Day is Born, a traditional English song and Shepherds Awake, Davis, the boys glee club; Birthday of a King, Neidlinger, solo by Billy Laughton and Shepherds Christmas Song, arranged by Luras, the girls chorus.

A Christmas meditation, Rev. Berry; Silent Night, Holy Night, Gruber, congregation; Gesu Bambino, Pietro A. You, chorus, David Small, solo; Hallelujah Chorus, Handel, chorus; Benediction, Rev. Berry.

The public is invited to attend and no admission will be charged. This is the annual winter concert of the chorus and glee clubs.

### High Bond Set In Civil Suit

A civil suit slated for trial in the next session of the superior court in Beaufort has resulted in confinement in the county jail under \$11,650 bond for a man listed as George Higgins.

The suit arose out of a complaint by Henry Joel Clark, Morehead City, that Higgins had wrongfully, willfully and fraudulently disposed of an F-7 1951 Ford tractor and a Fruehauf trailer. The complaint further alleges that the tractor and trailer has been concealed, removed or disposed of so it cannot be found and the defendant has therefore been guilty of a fraud.

The plaintiff, Clark, asks that the possession of the tractor and the trailer, if found, be returned to him, that if it cannot be turned over to him that he be paid some \$10,000, the marketable price of the vehicle, and that he be awarded \$1300 actual damages and \$5000 punitive damages.

Clark also asks that the court assess the costs of the court action and the suit against Higgins.

The suit claims that Higgins, employed as a driver by Clark to move a truckload of furniture from Houston, Tex. to Sacramento, Calif., in equipment owned by Clark, with the profit to be split equally by the two men, left the furniture and the truck and trailer in Los Angeles and it has not been found since.

Higgins was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hugh Salter at the AAA Storage company in Beaufort. According to Salter, Higgins was working there at the time of his arrest.

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### Court Gives Speedy Justice

The few cases on the docket of the Beaufort Municipal recorder's court were dealt with speedily last Tuesday afternoon. Court adjourned shortly after 2 p.m.

Another public drunkenness conviction resulted in an order that Willie Stewart be confined to jail for 30 days, with the sentence to be suspended on condition that he work on town property for 15 days on each of two counts of public drunkenness. He was also ordered to remain on good behavior for two years.

In other action by the court, Judge Earl Mason ordered a capias issued for Charlie Jones for failure to comply with the judgment of previous sentence. He had been convicted on a charge of public drunkenness but had failed to pay costs of court.

Judge Mason also ordered a capias issued for Reuben Davis. Davis forfeited bond when he failed to appear on a charge of driving too close to another vehicle.

Frederick Bailey was given a 30 day suspended jail sentence on a charge of public drunkenness. The sentence was suspended on condition he pay costs of court.

James Easter, convicted on a charge of public drunkenness, was ordered to pay court costs.

A conviction on a charge that entered a place of business and had in a disorderly manner, tending to leave when ordered to do so, resulted in an order to pay costs of court against Rufus Fair.

He was also ordered to pay five dollars as costs of a front glass window broken during the attempt to evict him from the place of business.

Sampson Taylor, John Bullard, Charlie Lyons, Harry Blackwell, Douglas Swain, and George Lynch are ordered to pay court costs on convictions of public drunkenness.

Calvin Robinson and Leo Otis Wiley were both given 30 days in jail, with the sentence to be suspended on payment of court costs, charges of public drunkenness.

Willie Godette, charged with operating without an operator's license, was ordered to pay costs of court.

The case of Cecil Merrill, charged with public drunkenness, was continued.

### Jaycees Plan Toy Collection

The Morehead City Jaycees at their Monday night meeting completed plans for a toy drive to be conducted tomorrow afternoon.

Toys collected during the drive will be distributed at the Jaycees' annual children's Christmas party.

Members of the Jaycees in radio-equipped cars will tour the city between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. tomorrow.

Those wishing to contribute toys or money to the drive will call the radio station which will relay the message to the cars.

New toys or used toys in good condition will be accepted by the Jaycees. Any money collected during the drive will be used for the purchase of toys.

Toys will also be collected at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning at a special children's movie at the City theatre. The show will consist of a program of comedies and cartoons for the children.

Children will be admitted on presentation of a new toy, a used toy in good condition or payment of 15 cents. The money will be used to purchase toys.

President Walter Morris announced that the football committee has arranged several tentative dates for the 1953 football schedule. The remainder of the schedule will hinge on the choice of a site for the Beaufort-Morehead City game. The two teams will meet only once next year, and representatives of the Jaycees of both towns have been unable to agree on a site. The game will be played Oct. 9.

Ralph Gardner reported that work is still going ahead on the new athletic field. He said that most of the brush has been cleared away and asked for volunteers to finish the job tomorrow afternoon. He said that grading will begin as soon as possible.

Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber of commerce, reported to the Jaycees on the town's Christmas promotion. He explained what has been done and what has yet to be done in the way of decoration.

### Week's Warmest Day Brings Some Rainfall

Carteret county had a small rainfall on the warmest day of this week. The rain fell on Wednesday when the temperature reached a maximum of 70 degrees.

Lowest temperature during the week was 42 degrees.

### Little Opposition To Rezoning Lot

A public hearing Wednesday night on a request for rezoning of a lot on Bridges street, Morehead City, produced almost no opposition to the request.

Only one resident of the neighborhood, Frank Sproul of 2005 Bridges street, appeared to register any sort of protest against rezoning the property for business.

The request for rezoning was made by James Smith who plans to erect a laundrette on the property located on the north side of Bridges between 20th and 21st streets. The change in the zoning was recommended by the zoning board of adjustment. Two other lots on the block already are being used for business purposes.

Sproul, who lives across the street, said that he has no objection to the laundrette. He said that he is, however, afraid that rezoning the lot would open the way for a later conversion of the laundrette into a "juke joint." He said that he wished to object to the rezoning if the certificate of use and occupancy does not protect adjacent property owners for at least five years.

Mayor George W. Dill, jr., said that the certificate of use and occupancy does not protect adjacent property owners for at least five years.

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### Abandoned Fishing Boat

The menhaden boat Doswell S. Edwards which sank Monday night at the Beaufort bar is scheduled to be blown up as a menace to navigation. The demolition had not been taken place at press time but may occur at any time within the next 30 days.

The Edwards sank as it was being towed into port by another menhaden boat, the W. A. Mace, after its pumps had broken down 12 miles west of the bar.

Capt. T. B. Piner, skipper of the Edwards, said that the towing hawser broke as the ships reached the bar. The Edwards began to fill with water and sank in about ten minutes. The 23 crewmen abandoned ship in the purse-boats and were picked up by the Mace.

William Potter of the Beaufort Fisheries says that the boat was worth about \$3,000 before it left port Monday morning. Potter also said, "The boat is now worth nothing. It has been abandoned and will be demolished by the Army engineers."

The 85-foot boat sank in about 20 feet of water at the edge of the shoal about 100 yards west of the main channel. The Coast Guard buoy tender Conifer has been standing by since the sinking to keep tabs on the position of the wreck.

Captain Piner says that the trouble with the pumps