

## Wire Grass, Bettie Men Build New Labor Camps

Two Carteret county farmers, Neal Campen of Wire Grass and Heber Golden of Bettie, have constructed new camps to house the migrant workers who will assist them with their harvesting this spring.

The construction of the camps was the result of a meeting last August at which state and Federal employment officials warned farmers that better housing would be needed to attract the necessary number of workers to the county. Health officials have also warned that housing which does not meet sanitary requirements will not be approved.

At the present time, only Mr. Campen and Mr. Golden have constructed new camps although several other farmers have announced plans to do so.

Mr. Campen and Mr. Golden are representative of the two types of farmers in Carteret county. Mr.

Campen, who has about 105 acres under cultivation, represents the large farmers, while Mr. Golden, with less than half of that acreage, represents the smaller operators. The labor needs of both men are quite different and the size of the camps varies accordingly.

Mr. Campen normally employs about 60 to 80 workers during the harvest season and has accommodations for that number. Mr. Golden needs only about 20 harvest hands, and his camp will house about 25.

Mr. Campen's new camp and an old one which has been reconditioned are located about 1 1/2 miles from the Beaufort town limits on NC 101. The new camp, a 16-foot by 100-foot wooden structure, contains ten rooms. The older building, 24 by 60 feet, contains six rooms. Mr. Campen says that the two buildings will house about 68 workers. Any overflow will be housed in two dwelling houses near the farm.

Both buildings have been wired for electricity and are equipped with running water from a 258-foot well. Several outdoor toilets have also been erected to comply with sanitary regulations.

Mr. Campen provides the workers with beds and mattresses, but they must provide their own sheets and blankets. The workers also provide their own cooking equipment. Mr. Campen says that most of them use electric hot plates which operate on the current which he supplies.

Mr. Golden's camp, located south of US 70 in Bettie, is much smaller and less elaborate than that of Mr. Campen.

The 14 by 32-foot building is divided into two rooms. The crew leader will have a private room, while the other workers will share the larger room which can be curtained off for privacy.

The larger room will accommodate about 25 workers, although Mr. Golden plans to install only about 20 bunks. He will furnish the bunks and springs, but the workers must furnish their own mattresses and bedding.

When completed, the camp will have electricity, and a pump will be installed to provide fresh water. Mr. Golden plans to erect outdoor toilets near the camp.

Working in his free time, Mr. Golden has done most of the work on the camp himself and he hopes to have it completed in a few weeks. He does not plan to install the bunks until just before the workers arrive, and he will use the building for storage until that time. Mr. Golden also plans to use the building as a storage shed after the harvest season.

Mr. Golden said that he would be glad to show the camp to any other farmers who are contemplating the construction of similar housing facilities.

## Missing Oyster Fund Stirs Up Investigation

A House subcommittee began investigating the disappearance of a \$100,000 revolving fund for oyster rehabilitation last week in Raleigh.

Members of the House Commercial Fisheries committee discovered that the fund, which was started six years ago, has apparently revolved itself out of existence. According to Russell Swindell, chairman, the fund has "dwindled down to nothing."

The subcommittee will be headed by Representative T. J. Collier of Pamlico. Serving with him will be Representatives Carl Venters of Onslow, Addison Hewlett, jr., of New Hanover, Bascom Sawyer of Pasquotank and Ashley Murphey of Pender.

Created by the legislature in 1947, the fund was supposed to be maintained by a tax of eight cents a tub on oysters with the administration of the fund coming under the Conservation and Development board. The eight-cent tax has been collected but the fund has still dwindled, Mr. Swindell said.

The subcommittee will devote its efforts to finding out what has happened to the money. Some members feel that the fund may have been used for purposes other than oyster rehabilitation.

At the same meeting the committee made a favorable report on a bill to limit the weight of oyster dredges to 100 pounds. Last summer the Conservation and Development board authorized dredges up to 160 pounds. Representative Collier said that the heavier dredges "have been very harmful" in working over oyster beds.

Last week the Senate passed the Conservation and Development board reorganization measure. Earlier in the session, the bill passed the House without a dissenting vote. Under the provisions of the bill, Governor Umstead will have the power on June 30, 1953, to appoint a completely new 15-member board.

Five of the members of the present board have terms which expire May 1 of this year, and the bill terminates the service of the remaining 10 members on June 30. Governor Umstead has indicated that he will place members on the board to represent each phase of its activities including commercial fisheries.

Earlier in the legislature session, Representative Collier reported that he was preparing legislation to divorce the commercial fisheries from the Conservation and Development board and establish a separate fisheries commission. Some members of the General Assembly have said that the reorganization is intended to answer the fisheries complaint without setting up a separate board.

## Collier Hard Aground Here



The collier, Seaconnet, started back to Newport News, Va., last Thursday night to be repaired after being hard aground on Beaufort bar on Saturday night until early Thursday morning. Shipping officials at first thought the vessel was undamaged but later checks revealed some damage. The Seaconnet was refloated by the tug, Cable. Earlier efforts by Coast Guard ships proved unsuccessful. The Seaconnet was coming to Morehead City to refuel before sailing for Europe with a load of coal. (Marine Corps photo)

## County Receives Minor Damage As High Winds, Sea Lash Coast

Carteret county received relatively minor damage in the storm which struck without warning along the southeastern coast of the United States early Sunday morning.

Winds ranging up to 55 miles per hour and high seas pounded the coastal areas of Carteret county beginning shortly after dawn Sunday morning.

Heaviest damage in Beaufort was reported by Carl Hatsell, 121 Orange street. Hatsell said that a tree blew down and struck his truck which had been parked beside the house. Mr. Hatsell estimated that damage to the truck would amount to about \$150. He also reported that the wind had broken several windows in his home.

Other damage in Beaufort and Morehead City was largely of the nuisance variety and estimates are that none of the damage will amount to more than \$100.

Shingles were torn from roofs in both Morehead City and Beaufort, and several tiles were blown from the roof of the Morehead City town hall.

Television antennas bore the brunt of the high winds and were blown down in many places. Dr. John Morris of Morehead City had just installed a new television antenna on his Evans street home. The antenna lasted less than 24 hours and was blown down early Sunday morning. The tip of the antenna at the Machine and Supply company on the Morehead City-Beaufort causeway was twisted by the high wind.

Much of the damage was caused by falling trees and limbs. George Stovall, local manager for the Carolina Power and Light company, said that falling branches disrupted electric service in several places. He said that the power failures, however, were largely confined to one or two homes.

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company reported similar damage. L. A. Daniels said that the company had received a few reports of wires being torn down by falling limbs but that there was no serious damage.

Small boats tied up along the Beaufort waterfront were badly beaten by the heavy seas and high tides which accompanied the wind, and at least one boat sank in the storm.

The Fort Macon Coast Guard station reported that wind velocity reached 55 miles per hour at noon Sunday at the Frying Pan shoal lightship off Southport and that the wind had died down to 45 miles per hour at 7 p.m. Sunday. Winds of 30 miles per hour were reported from Jacksonville Sunday morning.

The storm kept one ship from entering the Morehead City port. The tanker Esso Reading, due to arrive at the port terminal Sunday afternoon, waited offshore until the storm ended and docked yesterday.

The storm which struck Carteret county was part of a general disturbance which buffeted the entire coast and which was at its worst in the Gulf of Mexico. An airliner bound from Tampa, Fla., to New Orleans crashed off Mobile, Ala., with 46 persons aboard. Another airliner reported winds up to 100 miles per hour in the Gulf area.

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## 'Hold Out Arms to Democrats' Says Lincoln Day Speaker

### Mobley Reports On Legislature

The bill changing the rules for becoming a pilot for the Morehead City harbor passed the House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly last week, H. Earle Mobley, Carteret county's representative, revealed this week.

Mr. Mobley introduced the measure at the request of the Morehead City Navigation and Pilotage Commission. Under the existing state law passed in 1947, no person can become a pilot without the written approval of two licensed pilots.

The legislation which passed the House and has now been sent to the Senate would allow the commission to examine applicants and issue licenses without the approval of the other pilots. There was no opposition to the measure in the House.

Mr. Mobley reported that he had received many letters favoring the measure from residents of Carteret county.

At the present time the port has three pilots, Charlie Piner, sr., Charlie Piner, jr., and Ira Willis. Captain Charlie Piner, sr., has said that the port will be unable to get "qualified pilots" if the bill becomes law. He describes the local harbor as "one of the trickiest on the east coast."

Mr. Mobley also announced that he will meet with the Beaufort town board this week to discuss with board members their request for an extension of the town's court and police jurisdiction. The present limit of the court's jurisdiction is one mile beyond the town limits.

The commissioners at their regular meeting February 5 drew up a resolution asking Mr. Mobley to introduce legislation extending the court's jurisdiction to five miles from the town's limits. Such an extension would require a special act of the General Assembly.

In reporting on the General Assembly's activities, Mr. Mobley revealed that W. H. Potter, Beaufort menhaden boat and processing plant operator, had written the House Commercial Fisheries committee asking that the law forbidding the processing of "scrap" fish be changed.

Under existing regulations, the scrap fish which are caught in nets with other fish can be processed only by dehydration. Mr. Potter asked the committee to give consideration to allowing the fish to be processed in menhaden plants. Such a change would benefit the coastal economy and make it possible for fertilizer operators to compete with foreign feed and fertilizer firms, he said.

Mr. Mobley revealed that he had discussed Mr. Potter's suggestion with Representative Russell Swindell, chairman, and Representative T. J. Collier of the fisheries committee. No action has been taken on the suggestion yet.

### General Jerome Takes Command

Major General Clayton C. Jerome, USMC, just returned from Korea where he commanded the Marine Air Corps, assumed command of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point, in military ceremonies yesterday morning.

He succeeded Major General Thomas J. Cushman who was transferred to the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, last month where he is deputy commander.

In his first press conference since returning to the United States, General Jerome told reporters following the ceremonies that at least 50 per cent of all Marine officers serving in Korea are reservists and that all of them are performing as well as career officers.

Very few enlisted reservists, he said, still remain in Korea and the few who are there will be shipped stateside within the next few months.

He praised the Army for the chow it serves and said the best of food in quantity reaches the furthest front line man. "Chow is an Army operation," he said.

To prove the fine quality of the food, the General told how he had been put at a "training" table for two weeks before embarking on his new assignment at Cherry Point. All he got, he said, was spam and weenies. When he asked why such sparse fare, he was told it would be the best conditioner for stateside eating.

General Jerome said that, while not minimizing the fact that enemy bullets were still lethal objects, men of all services are well clothed, well fed and the wounded are given blood plasma as needed.

"There is no shortage of blood plasma. However, I do not wish to indicate that efforts to secure more and more blood should ever cease. A day could come when there are shortages. Blood has saved untold numbers of lives and blood will be required for as long as hostilities continue," General Jerome said.

Raw troops are no longer to be seen among the fighting men. The General praised the valor of the fighting American draftee and gave credit for a large part of it to the confidence built up in them during their stateside training.

A native of Kansas, General Jerome is a Naval Academy graduate who has been flying with the Marines since 1925. He was born in 1901 and received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1922. He was designated a Naval aviator three years later.

During World War II he was three times awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement and he won the Distinguished Service medal for his service in Korea.

An honor guard of Marines was present at the ceremonies and the General received a 13-gun salute upon assuming command of the Second Wing. Participants included members of the wing staff, group and squadron commanding officers.

### Company Asked To Stop Burning

The Beaufort town commissioners, at a special meeting Thursday night, requested the Twin City Parts and Metal company to stop burning tires and to stop wholesale burning of old automobiles at its junk yard on Broad street.

The action was taken at the request of the county health department. J. V. Fulford, county sanitarian, said that the health department had received several complaints about the burning.

Representatives of the company told the commissioners that it is often necessary to burn old automobiles in order to obtain the metal, but they agreed to hold such burning to a minimum in the future.

Dan Walker, town clerk, asked the members of the board to draw up individual lists of capital outlay improvements which they believe are needed in the town and to indicate the order in which they believed the improvements should be made. Mr. Walker said that such lists will make it easier to draw up next year's budget by showing where more money is needed.

Present at the meeting were Mayor L. W. Hassell, Mr. Walker, Charles Stevens, town attorney, Wardell Fillingame, street foreman, and Commissioners Carl Hatsell, Matthew Chaplain, Clifford Lewis, James D. Rumley and Dr. W. L. Woodard.

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### Officers Stress Bike Safety

Capt. Herbert Griffin of the Morehead City police department and Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith spoke on bicycle safety at a meeting Friday afternoon in the Morehead City school auditorium.

About 450 members of the school bicycle club heard the two officers describe the proper methods of operating bicycles safely. After the lectures, the officers answered questions from the floor on safety rules.

The officers were accompanied by Paul (Sonny) Geer of the Morehead City Jaycees who sponsored the lecture. The Jaycees voted at last week's meeting to work with the club in an effort to promote bicycle safety among the pupils at the school.

The Jaycees also voted to donate Scotchlite safety tape to be placed on the pupils' bicycles. Members of the Jaycees will apply the tape to the bicycles tomorrow afternoon at the school.

In a special election held after the safety lectures, Francis Swanson was elected president of the club to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the former president. Other officers of the club are Rodney Nelson, vice-president, and Jimmy McElroy, secretary-treasurer.

Membership in the club, formerly restricted to those pupils who ride bicycles to school, was recently opened to all pupils who own bicycles. G. T. Windell, principal of the school estimates that there are about 500 potential members, most of them in the elementary grades.

### Pianist Hopes To Visit Here

Samuel Sorin, concert pianist who played in Morehead City on January 13, has written the Community Concerts management that he hopes to be able to bring his family here during the summer.

Mrs. George W. Dill, jr., president of the county Community Concerts series, received the letter from Mrs. Arthur Diehl, representative of the national booking agency.

In the letter, Mr. Sorin thanked Mrs. Diehl for booking his concert here and said he was "delighted with the place, people and piano." He indicated that he might bring his family here this summer.

While Mr. Sorin was in this area, George W. Dill, jr., mayor of Morehead City, took him through Beaufort and Morehead City. They also went to the beach and had lunch at a local seafood restaurant.

### Survey of Inland Ports Asked of Legislature

Legislators from 27 tidewater counties have been invited to attend a meeting tomorrow called by the Conservation and Development board to consider recommendations for economic and engineering surveys of inland ports and waterway facilities.

The Marine council unanimously approved a proposal for a legislative appropriation of \$47,000 for such a survey and the development later gave its approval. The survey would lay the groundwork for a "master plan" for the development of such ports.

## Atlantic Beach Studies Budget

A proposed budget and tax rate for the town of Atlantic Beach will be presented to the town's board of commissioners at a meeting in New Bern this afternoon by Alfred Cooper, mayor of the resort community.

"We want to build a progressive beach and resort community at Atlantic Beach," Mr. Cooper said in explaining the preparation of the budget. He indicated that a large part of the proposed budget would go to obtain police protection for the business and cottage area throughout the entire year and other needed services.

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During the meeting, proposals for setting up annual business permits and closing hour, beer and concession ride restrictions will be considered. Under one proposed ordinance, signs would be posted requiring that all beer be consumed within the building in which it is purchased.

A map has also been prepared for the board's approval establishing house numbers for each lot in the incorporated area. Cottage owners will be asked to remove their present numbers, which were put up for a newspaper route originally, and replace them with the proper number.

Cottage owners will also be asked to comply with an existing town ordinance requiring off-the-street parking in the cottage area. The ordinance requires each cottage owner to make some provision for parking his car and his guests' vehicles off the town streets. This is designed to lessen the ever present summer parking congestion in the cottage area.

Members of the board in addition to Mr. Cooper are Miss Mamie Ruth Tunstall, Greenville; E. L. Baker, Greenville; L. T. White, Raleigh; and Burke Taylor, New Bern. The meeting will be held in Mr. Taylor's home. Also attending the meeting will be Harvey Hamilton, jr., town attorney, and H. M. Eure, clerk.

## All Aboard for Puerto Rico



Jeeps from the Second Marine division are shown being loaded onto a Navy transport at the Morehead City port terminal. The Marines are holding maneuvers in the Caribbean. (Marine Corps photo)

All roads lead to Morehead City this week for thousands of Second Marine division Leathernecks who will be funneled through the bustling port on their way to extensive Marine maneuvers in the Caribbean area.

Constantly handling Navy and Marine corps shipping, the seaside port city this month will process the largest troop maneuver to pass over its dock since the Second Marine division last sailed for the Caribbean nearly a year and a half ago.

The current troop movement will climax a year in which the State Ports authority in Morehead City has seen thousands of Marines sail everywhere, from the cold reaches of Labrador to Scandinavia, to the Mediterranean countries and the Caribbean.

With all the trappings of a combat operation, the Second division will move out of the port with the realism which goes with the preparations for an attack on the "enemy."

Known as "Lant Phibex II," the current maneuvers will feature a mammoth show of strength seldom seen on the Atlantic seaboard. More than 25,000 sailors and 17,000 Marines will converge on the tiny "enemy-held" island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, in a combined air-

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Feb. 17	LOW
10:44 a.m.		4:42 a.m.
11:13 p.m.		4:57 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18		
11:34 a.m.		5:36 a.m.
		5:46 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19		
12:06 a.m.		6:32 a.m.
12:24 p.m.		6:38 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 20		
1:03 a.m.		7:33 a.m.
1:24 p.m.		7:37 p.m.

### Home Demonstration Meetings Scheduled

Miss Martha Barnett, home demonstration agent, has announced the Carteret county home demonstration clubs meeting this week.

The Camp Glenn club will meet tomorrow, Feb. 18, at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Leslie Brinson.

The Crab Point home demonstration club will meet on Thursday, with Mrs. W. J. Blair at 2 o'clock.

The Gloucester home demonstration club will meet Friday, Feb. 20, at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Monroe Whitehurst.

### Defense Bond Quota Set

Carteret county has been assigned a U. S. defense bond quota of \$880,320 for 1953, according to V. H. Wickizer, county defense bond chairman. The quota consists of \$548,280 in Series E bonds, \$155,890 in Series H bonds, and \$140,170 in Series J and K bonds.