

Twelve Forest Fires Strike Eastern Part of County

Carteret county foresters fought at least 12 fires over the weekend as dry weather and high winds increased the danger and extent of fires.

The largest fire was northwest of Williston. This fire started Friday afternoon and was still burning Monday.

Other fires were in the Smyrna area and near Harlowe. One started Saturday morning near Smyrna but was under control by Saturday night.

A second fire in the Smyrna area started Sunday and either burned itself out or joined the large fire near Williston.

A fourth fire was reported north of the North River Saturday.

Two or three fires have been reported in the area around Harlowe and one was still burning yesterday afternoon near the Negro school on the North Harlowe road.

Late yesterday afternoon another fire was reported in the section between NC 101 and the Merrimon road. Fire fighters had been unable to check on the report at the time the NEWS-TIMES went to press.

No estimate has been made as to the number of acres of timber destroyed by the fires.

Last April, foresters have reported, there were 1,030 forest fires which caused damage in excess of \$350,000. The month was marked by one of the heaviest and costliest series of forest fires in the state.

The great damage in April, 1952, was attributed to the combination of dry weather and wind. Foresters point out that the same conditions are true this year and everyone should exercise great care in order to prevent the possible outbreak of really serious fires.

According to forestry department estimates, nine out of every ten forest fires are man-caused. Foresters particularly ask the public to be careful during the hazardous months from April to June.

Two Drivers Hurt in Wreck

LL (Jg) Anthony F. Fugaro, executive officer of the Conifer, and Major Frank G. Parks of Cherry Point were injured Saturday afternoon when their cars met in a head-on collision on the Fort Macon road.

Parks received a broken leg in the accident. He was treated at the Morehead City hospital and later transferred to the Cherry Point dispensary. Fugaro lost several teeth and suffered a broken jaw. He was treated at the Morehead City hospital and sent to the Marine hospital in Norfolk.

Parks told Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard that Fugaro's car suddenly swerved across the road and struck his car. Fugaro told witnesses to the accident that a bug flew in the window of his car and struck his face, causing him to lose control of the car.

Patrolman Pickard said that Fugaro will be charged with careless and reckless driving. He will be tried after he and Parks are released from the hospital.

Damage to Parks' car has been estimated at \$500 and damage to Fugaro's car has been estimated at \$700.

Pages Will Filed

The will of the late Jesse Pagels was filed for probate last week in the office of the clerk of superior court. Captain Pagels left \$10 to his daughter, Mrs. Homer Leintford of New York, and bequeathed the remainder of his estate to his wife, Dora, who was named executrix.

Retired Bush Pilot Visits Here

A retired Canadian bush pilot and his wife came through Morehead City on the inland waterway this week en route to Ontario from Florida aboard a 32-foot, outboard powered, converted oyster galley.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael de Blicquy berthed their comfortable boat at the Morehead City Yacht Basin for the night as unseasonably cold weather forced them to turn on their heaters. Mr. de Blicquy said that his craft would make seven knots or eight miles per hour without difficulty. He has run his outboard motor more than 600 hours at full throttle.

They first saw Morehead City last fall when they were on their way from Georgian Bay, Ontario, their home port, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The trip takes almost six weeks as the de Blicquys' cross Lake Huron and Lake Ontario, go through New York on the Erie Canal, and come down the inland waterway from New York City to Florida.

Mr. de Blicquy described himself

Clean Up Drive Opens At Low Tide Tomorrow

Power Interruption Set for Morehead

Electric power will be cut off in Morehead City east of Twenty-fourth street next Sunday afternoon from 1 until 3 weather permitting. George B. Stovall, district manager for Carolina Power and Light company announced today.

The interruption is necessary in order to raise the voltage in Morehead City from 2,300 volts to 4,160 to meet the company's increasing customer load here.

Mr. Stovall explained that it was thought the Sunday afternoon stoppage would be the least inconvenient for most of the residents of the city and would give the five crews which will make the change the necessary time for preliminary work Sunday morning.

Service will be restored to the hospital first, the fire and police stations second, then the downtown area followed by the residential areas affected. Mr. Stovall emphasized that the interruption will allow the company to give Morehead City electricity users better service in the future.

Chamber Elects Warren Beck

Warren Beck, prominent Morehead City business man, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce by the group's board of directors Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Beck succeeds Grover Munden who has been president for the past year. George B. Stovall was named vice-president of the group.

Prior to the election the directors voted approval of the budget committee's proposed budget for the year 1953-54. This budget calls for the expenditure of \$12,000 during the coming year.

All of the directors were at the meeting which was held at the recreation center. Walter Edwards, H. S. Gibbs, Jr., and Alvah Hamilton, sr., newly elected directors, attended the meeting. Other directors are Bernard Leary, Mr. Stovall, George W. Ball, George Eastman, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Munden.

Joe DuBois is secretary and manager of the chamber and Albert Gaskill is treasurer.

Important additions or increases in the new year's budget are for the advertising and publicity area and the industrial development funds. Last year a total of \$1,378 was spent on advertising and publicity, while this year's budget calls for the expenditure of \$2,000.

In the industrial development field, the chamber proposes to spend \$1,000 during the coming year in attempting to locate small industries in Morehead City. During the past year the chamber spent \$52.24 in this area.

Other smaller raises in various fields are also planned. This year's budget was set at \$9,495 but due to the lack of funds from membership, expenditures were held to \$8,629.94.

The chamber and its various committees are busy planning for the coming summer tourist season.

Spotted Shrimp Not Yet Ready, Survey Shows

A survey of the spotted shrimp which can be caught only at night has been completed by the Institute of Fisheries Research of the University of North Carolina and the commercial fisheries division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The survey was made to determine the size and quantity of the shrimp and to aid in setting the opening of the night shrimping season for spotted shrimp.

W. A. Ellison, jr., director of the institute, reported that five boats made the survey in Bogue Sound, Core Sound, and the lower part of Pamlico Sound. The results of the survey showed that the shrimp were not yet available in commercial quantities.

Temporary licenses were granted to the boats making the survey by the division. These licenses have now been revoked. It was pointed out that some fishermen, not licensed for the survey, took advantage of the survey period to do night shrimping.

The opening of the night shrimping season which normally runs from the middle of May to July has been left at the discretion of Kirkpatrick, commissioner of commercial fisheries, and George R. Ross, director of the department of Conservation and Development.

In the past night shrimping for the spotted shrimp has added an estimated \$250,000 to the income of fishermen. The spotted shrimp can only be caught at night. It was first discovered by the institute in 1950. During the daylight hours, the shrimp evidently burrows in the mud.

In the fall the adult shrimp spawns at sea and the larvae are carried back into the estuarine waters near the sounds where the shrimp develop through the winter. In the spring, the shrimp starts migrating toward the ocean and it is during this period that it may be caught in the sounds.

The Institute of Fisheries research is engaged in a study of the life-cycle of this shrimp at the present time. It was upon the recommendation of the institute that the Conservation and Development board first allowed night shrimping for the spotted shrimp in 1951.

Third Freighter Scheduled For Port with Fertilizer

The Morehead City port terminal is expecting its third fertilizer ship around the middle of May, J. D. Holt, manager of the port, reported this week.

Mr. Holt said that the Allied Chemical and Dye company has ordered the freighter Costolos, a Greek ship, to discharge a cargo of sulphate of ammonia at the Morehead City port. The exact amount of tonnage involved was not known, but Mr. Holt said the cargo would be substantial.

The Costolos is scheduled to arrive here between May 15 and May 20.

This will mark the third commercial freighter to use the port since its opening last August. The Navy and Marine Corps have used the port extensively during maneuvers affecting men and equipment from the two nearby marine bases at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point and the Standard Oil company has leased a part of the port for petroleum. Until the first of March however, the port had not been used by commercial shippers.

The first two ships were also fertilizer ships. Both of them were German vessels bringing potash from Hamburg, Germany.

Mr. Holt said that the port of-

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, April 28		
7:35 a.m.	1:43 a.m.	
7:53 p.m.	1:37 p.m.	
Wednesday, April 29		
8:10 a.m.	2:22 a.m.	
8:29 p.m.	2:11 p.m.	
Thursday, April 30		
8:46 a.m.	2:59 a.m.	
9:05 p.m.	2:47 p.m.	
Friday, May 1		
9:25 a.m.	3:37 a.m.	
9:46 p.m.	3:27 p.m.	

officials were encouraged by the fact that the last cargo unloaded is getting a good distribution throughout North Carolina and the South. Parts of the cargo have been shipped as far as Kentucky.

No action has been taken as yet on the Ports Authority proposal to build tobacco warehouse space at both the Morehead City and Wilmington ports, Mr. Holt reported.

Earlier this spring the authority recommended the construction of additional tobacco storage space in order to make the ports better equipped to compete for the tobacco export business originating in the tobacco section of North Carolina.

The members of the slate are also the only ones who have yet issued a public statement of their principles. They said in the statement, "We are all property owners and taxpayers in the town of Beaufort and, as such, are interested in efficient, economical government. We believe in a government that will render equal service to all at the lowest possible cost. We stand for our town saving money through prompt payment of its bonded debt. Furthermore, we feel that citizens of Beaufort deserve, and are entitled to, the best in town government and, if elected, shall continue to work toward this end."

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Rotary Club Hears Boy Scout Leader

District Commissioner R. B. Howard of Morehead City discussed the Boy Scout program at last week's meeting of the Newport Rotary club which sponsors the Newport Boy Scout troop.

Mr. Howard told the Rotarians, "The boys of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Anything we do now to help these youngsters means that we are building for a better tomorrow."

After the meeting, Mr. Howard, Gordon Willis of Morehead City and B. J. May of Beaufort met with the Newport troop committee to make plans for the year.

Morehead City Commissioners Extend Time for Registration

Migrant Laborer Shortage Seen

Frank Nance, farm labor placement interviewer for the state employment service, says that there will be a shortage of labor this spring in Carteret county.

The labor interviewer said that there has been a similar shortage every year but that the labor situation this year will be worse than in most recent years. He says that many farmers will lose crops because of the labor shortage.

Several factors have contributed to the labor shortage, according to Mr. Nance. The major reason for the shortage is the fact that the cabbage season here has coincided with an early tomato season in Florida. In previous years, Florida has been the source of most farm labor for the harvest season in the county. This year, no workers are available in Florida.

Housing for migrant workers has been another factor in the shortage. Some of the housing in the county has been considered inadequate and

has been condemned by health authorities. Mr. Nance says that the condition of some labor camps has made it difficult to obtain workers. He says, however, that farmers who have constructed new camps or who have remodeled old ones will have few worries when it comes to obtaining laborers.

Mr. Nance says that since Florida labor is not available he is being forced to recruit most of the labor force from within the state. He says that he hopes to obtain enough workers from the Lumberton and New Bern areas to handle most of the crops in the county. He also hopes to get some workers from with the county although the county's labor pool is small.

Beginning this week, Mr. Nance will maintain an office in a trailer near Tom's service station on Live Oak street, Beaufort. At this office, he will handle the placement of workers with farmers who need help with their crops.

Field Appears Complete As Filing Deadline Nears

As yesterday's deadline for filing approached, it appeared that all candidates had filed for the May 5 municipal election in Beaufort. Three filings at the end of last week brought to 18 the number of candidates who will be on the ballot.

Charles Hudgins filed Thursday afternoon for town commissioner and also filed the name of William Skarren for town commissioner. Marcus Mason filed Saturday for town commissioner.

Clifford T. Lewis, a member of the present town board, is running for the office of mayor, left open by Mayor L. W. Hassell's decision not to seek reelection. He is opposed by Roy Eubanks.

Mr. Lewis is running as a member of a slate made up of commissioners James Rumley, Dr. W. L. Woodard and Carl Hattell, all seeking reelection; Gerald Hill and W. G. Temple, seeking to fill vacancies on the board; and Earl Mason, running for reelection as judge of the town recorder's court.

The seven candidates are the only ones openly running as a unit. None of the other candidates have as yet banded together to seek election.

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The Florida Chamber of Commerce estimates that the 1952 crop of fishermen spent \$500 million in that state for everything from boats, bait and charter fees to real estate.

The Florida sport fishing industry has mushroomed since the war. The 1952 estimate was up \$100 million over the 1951 business, and the fisherman now contributes almost as much to Florida's economy as the combined citrus and cattle industries.

As a side issue of the fishing craze, Florida boat works are booming with orders for sport fishermen and conversions of other pleasure craft to sport fishers. One Miami firm reports that it will build at least 50 such craft this year after a record 40 last year.

Boat builders in other sections of the country who ship their products to Florida by rail have also felt the boom. Hundreds of

The Morehead City town board, at a special meeting Friday afternoon, decided to extend until this Friday the period in which voters can register for the coming municipal election.

The action was taken when it appeared that many of the candidates were confused about the state election laws particularly those relating to registration of voters. At another meeting Saturday night, all the candidates gathered to hear an explanation of the state election laws.

The extension of the time limit for registration will allow more voters to register for the election. Many

who are eligible to vote have not registered. Town officials believe that many people think that because they are registered on the county books they are also registered on the town books. The officials have emphasized that this is not true, and have urged people to check to see that they are registered.

Residents of Morehead City may register at the town hall every day this week. Grady Bell, registrar, will be at the town hall until late Friday afternoon to accommodate those who have not yet registered. Voters must, by state law, register in person, and no person can register for another. Challenge day will be Saturday.

The field for the election was reduced Saturday when A. L. Brinson announced that he was withdrawing from the race for town commissioner. Mr. Brinson said that his job would not allow him to devote the necessary time to the office if he were elected.

Mr. Brinson has asked that his friends give their support to four other candidates, Leroy Guthrie, V. J. O'Neal, Thomas Wade and Ted Garner. He said that they favor the same principal for which he stood.

When asked for comment, Mr. Garner said that he wanted to make it clear to the public that he is an independent candidate and is not running with any other group of candidates, including others mentioned by Mr. Brinson.

Since Mr. Brinson withdrew from the race, there are now 12 candidates seeking election to the five places on the town board. The present commissioners, D. G. Bell, Dr. John Morris, M. T. Mills, W. L. Derrickson and S. C. Holloway, have filed for reelection.

Opposing the incumbents are D. J. Hall, W. E. Cottingham, R. Doug West, Mr. Garner, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Wade and Mr. O'Neal.

All other town officials have filed for reelection and are unopposed. They are Mayor George W. Dill, jr.; A. B. Roberts, jr., and Gordon C. Willis, hospital trustee; George H. McNeill, judge of recorder's court; Alvah L. Hamilton, sr., assistant judge; John E. Lashley, clerk of court; and Herbert O. Phillips, III, court solicitor.

Judges will be Warren Beck, president of the Morehead City police club of commerce; Mrs. M. T. Mills, jr., president of the Junior Woman's club; and Paul Geer, president of the Jaycees.

Donald Davis Named to Order
Donald T. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Davis of 504 Bridges street, Morehead City, has been named a member of the Order of the Old Well at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The order was founded four years ago to honor juniors and seniors who have participated in numerous activities.

Rose is free on \$100 bond and will be tried today in municipal recorder's court.

Tommy Rose of Harkers Island was arrested Saturday by Beaufort police for public drunkenness, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. Rose allegedly struck Lt. Otis Willis when Willis and Chief Carlton Garner attempted to arrest him.

Roland Samuels, Negro, of Columbia, S. C., was arrested Sunday for public drunkenness. He is free on \$25 bond. Roy Fulford of Harkers Island was arrested yesterday morning for public drunkenness. He is being held in the county jail.

Expenses for the avid fan who owns his own boat run considerably higher. One fisherman who has tried his luck up and down the coast has estimated that his expenses per fish have averaged \$1,000 for blue marlin, \$750 for tuna, \$500 for white marlin and \$250 for sailfish.

While sport fishing in Florida is carried on the year round, many fishermen head north as the summer sets in to fish off North Carolina, New Jersey, Maine and Nova Scotia, the article continued.

The Journal story described some of the long-range promotional activities which real estate groups and others interested in the tourist trade have started in order to keep the fishing business in high gear. Islands and marinas, city docks and publicity have combined to keep the fisherman conscious of his desire to fish.

Engineers Plan Bombing Areas

A request for the establishment of five danger zone areas of navigable waters near the south side of the mouth of the Neuse River in Carteret county has been made by the commandant of the Fifth Naval district in Norfolk.

The U. S. Army corps of engineers announced that areas are Rattan Bay, Point of Marsh Peninsula and Pamlico Sound.

All five danger areas would be circular target and bombing areas with radii of one-half mile with the exception of the first area which would have a radius of 1.8 miles. The center of the first area would be latitude 35°20'12" north, longitude 76°28'00".

The second area's center would be at latitude 35°01'24" north, longitude 76°29'36" west; the third center latitude 35°04'36" north, longitude 76°28'12" west; the fourth center latitude 35°01'37" north, longitude 76°25'12" west; and the fifth center, latitude 34°58'51" north, longitude 76°23'13" west.

These areas will be used as target and bombing areas by marine aircraft. Live and dummy ammunition will be used. The first and second areas will be closed to fishing and navigation at all times. Prior to target or bombing operations the area will be "buzzed" by a plane to warn unauthorized vessels that they are in a danger zone.

The third, fourth and fifth areas will be open to navigation at night and will be patrolled during the daylight hours.

The regulations will be enforced by the commander of the Cherry Point Marine Corps air station and such agencies as he shall designate.

A map showing the proposed danger areas may be seen at the office of the corps of engineers in Wilmington or in the post offices at Atlantic, Oriental and Vandemere. Anyone having an objection to the establishment of the danger zones should communicate with the corps of engineers.

Objections will be received at the Wilmington office of the corps until May 22.

Research Group Holds Meeting

Marine scientists from the eastern United States were in Morehead City over the weekend for the ninth semi-annual meeting of the Atlantic Estuarine Research society. Scientists attending the two-day meeting at the division of commercial fisheries came from research laboratories ranging from New Jersey to South Carolina.

The 54 scientists heard papers on a wide range of subjects relating to marine biology and chemical oceanography. Among the scientists presenting papers were T. Rice and G. B. Talbot of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service station at Pivers Island, J. D. Costlow and C. G. Bookhout of the Duke Marine laboratory at Pivers Island and A. B. Williams of the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City.

At the business part of the meeting, James B. Engle of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, Annapolis, Md., was elected president of the society. He succeeds Dr. J. L. McHugh of the Virginia Fisheries laboratory, Gloucester Point, Va. David Cargo of the Chesapeake Biological laboratory, Solomons, Md., was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed Dr. A. F. Chestnut of the Institute of Fisheries Research.

The society was formed in 1949 in Morehead City. The organization was founded by 22 scientists engaged in research on the fisheries of Chesapeake Bay, the sounds of North Carolina and their estuarine tributaries.

The group meets twice yearly at research laboratories in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. At the informal meetings, members discuss mutual problems and matters of common interest. The meetings also serve to eliminate overlapping of activities by the various laboratories.

Originally, the members of the society came from only Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, but the society has now expanded to include scientists from other states. It now has a membership of 73 active and eight honorary members.