

Army Engineers Seek Funds For Port Channel Dredging

The Army corps of engineers has recommended that the federal government spend \$1,367,000 for dredging to the Morehead City harbor channel and turning basin, Brigadier General Charles G. Holle, division engineer, reported this week.

Based on its information, the engineers found that a channel and enlarged turning basin, all 32 feet deep, would "substantially meet the needs of present and prospective navigation and would be economically justified."

"It is mandatory that something be done," J. D. Holt, manager of the state port terminal, said in commenting on the announcement. The turning basin at the present time is 30 feet deep, but Mr. Holt reported the channel has filled in at spots to 27-28 feet at mean low water and is no longer at its full width. The State Ports Authority has been working on this project, he said, and feels that "something has got to be done."

The engineers recommended that a channel 400 feet wide and 32 feet deep at mean low water be dredged over the bar and that the remainder of the channel be made 300 feet wide at the same depth. The turning basin would be enlarged by lengthening the west leg of the present Y-shaped basin by 800 feet and widening the western end of that leg from the present width of 600 feet to 1,000 feet, with the northern boundary of the west leg extending to the state ports bulkhead and wharf. The throat of the Y would also be enlarged.

These modifications would cost an estimated \$1,367,000 for the initial dredging and \$15,000 annually for maintenance in addition to the maintenance now required. This recommendation is contingent upon local interests furnishing all lands, easements, rights-of-way and spoil-disposal area, maintaining adequate terminal and transfer facilities open to all on equal terms, and hold the United States free from damages that may result from the construction and maintenance of the project.

All written communications on the project should be sent to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Room 305, 119-D Street, N.E., Washington 25, D. C. Further information on the project may be obtained from the corps of engineers in Wilmington.

Money for the project is not now included in appropriations measures before the Congress. Mr. Holt said that many shippers hesitate to send heavily loaded ships to channels as shallow as the Morehead City harbor. "Eventually we will have to have a channel of 35 feet in depth," he said.

Morehead Lions Install Officers

The Morehead City Lions club installed its officers for the coming year Thursday night during a cruise on the Motor Vessel Darco. Fred Hardy was installed as new president succeeding Fred Lewis. Other officers are Ethan Davis, first vice-president; Cecil Sewell, second vice - president; Gordon Laughton, third vice - president; Owen Fredericks, secretary; and Allen Colenda, treasurer.

The new officers were installed by Lester Gould of Jacksonville, a zone chairman of Lions district 31E. Mr. Gould spoke briefly to the incoming officers and the club on the duties of each officer. After discussing the ideals of a service organization like the Lions club, Mr. Gould urged the members and the officers to work during the next year to help their community and the club. He praised the club for its speech clinic for county school children which was recently held.

He also commended the club for its standing in the district based on monthly reports of activities filed with the district office each month. The members of the club had their wives as guests and a picnic supper was served during the cruise. Approximately 33 went on the cruise.

Fisherman Disappears; Employee Held in Jail

Walter V. Whicker of Walkertown is being held without charge in the county jail pending an investigation into the mysterious disappearance of his employer, William Southern of Winston-Salem.

Whicker was arrested Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff Hugh Salter after he could offer no explanation of his employer's disappearance while the two men were on a fishing trip on the Newport river. The two men left Jeff Jackson's cabins on the Morehead City-Beaufort causeway Saturday for the fishing trip. When the pair did not return by Sunday morning, their wives notified Jackson who called the Coast Guard.

Whicker returned alone Sunday afternoon and told Jackson that his employer had disappeared while he was asleep. He said that they had run out of gas somewhere in the vicinity of Core creek. He said that they then anchored and he went to sleep. Whicker said that when he awoke about dawn, the boat was aground about a mile from where it had been anchored and Southern was gone.

Whicker said that he then walked along the shore and finally hailed a passing boat which brought him back to the causeway. He then told Jackson what had happened.

Jackson and Whicker then returned to the spot where the boat had run ashore and brought it back to Jackson's dock. Jackson found some of Southern's clothes in the bottom of the boat and discovered a ten-pound anchor and several feet of the anchor rope were missing. He found the footprints of only one man on the beach where the boat grounded.

After returning to the causeway, Jackson discussed the disappearance with Roy Eubanks of Beaufort, who urged him to report the matter to the sheriff's department. He did so and Salter was sent to investigate.

Under questioning by Salter, Whicker repeated his story of Southern's disappearance. Salter finally decided to place him in jail pending further investigation.

At the sheriff's request, a Coast Guard crew from Fort Macon began dragging operations yesterday morning near Core creek. At press time, the searchers had found no trace of Southern.

George Canady of Kinston, SBI agent in charge of the eastern district, has been called into the case to assist the county officers with the investigation.

Officials of the Beaufort-Morehead City Railroad have announced that fishing from the railroad's two trestles will be prohibited in the future.

A. T. Leary, jr., son of the railroad's president, said that the action has been taken following orders from the Interstate Commerce Commission. The people using the trestles for fishing have created a serious hazard and have also impeded passage of trains on the two trestles, according to Mr. Leary.

The first step under the policy was taken Saturday morning when Deputy Sheriffs Hugh Salter and Marshall Ayscue ordered fishermen to leave the trestles. In some cases they had to threaten the fishermen with arrest in order to make them leave. They said that at one time during the morning there were about 350 persons using the bridges.

Mr. Leary said that the company is preparing metal signs and gates which will be placed at the ends of the trestles. He said that on two previous occasions, such signs and gates have been torn down by fishermen. The railroad official said, "This time we are going to put up metal signs on iron posts. We hope that these will stay up." He added that the last time the railroad tried to enforce the fishing ban, fishermen threw a work car and several hundred dollars worth of tools into ten feet of water after they tore down the signs and gates.

Mr. Leary said that the state highway commission has agreed to assist the company by banning parking on the north side of the road between the two trestles. He said that "no parking" signs will be placed along the highway right of way. He said that he believes that such signs will make it easier for the railroad to enforce the ban.

Leaders Report Beach Traffic System Works

Increasing Numbers Of Cars Cause Many Problems for Towns

"Every weekend it seems we have more people and more automobiles to take care of on the beach," Alfred Cooper said yesterday in commenting on the beach's efforts to improve traffic and parking for visitors and residents of the beach.

Mr. Cooper, mayor of the beach community, reported that a new cooperative endeavor by the police forces of the beach, Morehead City, and the state helped greatly in expediting the flow of traffic on Sunday.

Atlantic Beach has hired two policemen for traffic duty on weekends, the state is assigning two highway patrolmen, and Morehead City has assigned two patrolmen to handle traffic during peak hours.

D. G. Bell, Morehead City police commissioner, said that the first trial of the system showed that policemen were needed at the Evans and Arendell street intersections with 28th street Sunday mornings between 10 and 12 o'clock. Last Sunday policemen were at the intersections between 3 and 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

"It isn't going to work perfectly and we're trying our very best to find a way of improving the system," he said. Mr. Bell pointed out that the city was primarily concerned with the traffic across 28th street, since Morehead City residents have in the past waited long periods of time trying to cross the traffic going to or from the beach.

On the beach, the authorities have made the circle in the main area a one-way drive and additional parking has been found for some cars. "It's better than we have ever had before," Mr. Cooper said.

The traffic Sunday afternoon moved slowly at various peak times, but the policemen kept it moving, Mr. Cooper commented. He said that the town of Atlantic Beach would like to ask yachtsmen to avoid excessive use of the drawspan on the beach bridge at low tides when the traffic is heaviest.

The same system of cooperation will be used to handle traffic Saturday, July 4, and Sunday. The beach is preparing for the largest holiday in its history during the weekend.

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Rotarians Hear Clyde Douglass

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Golf Course Almost Ready

Officers of the Morehead City Golf and Country club say that the course is rapidly nearing completion and should be ready for play in the latter part of July.

Tentative plans call for the grand opening of the course to be held sometime between July 15 and July 25.

The course is ready for play with the exception of the greens which need further work. Top-soil has been placed on the greens, and another layer of soil and some more seed will be placed on them before they are completely ready for play.

C. C. McCuiston, architect who designed the course and supervised the construction, examined it last week and told the club officers that he was pleased with the progress of the work on the course. He recommended, however, that no playing be permitted until he considers the course completely ready.

A spraying unit has been purchased for the course and will be used for mosquito and insect control. No pro has yet been hired for the course, but Mr. McCuiston will be on hand on weekends and will serve as pro until one is hired.

Banks Close July 4
The three branches of the First Citizens Bank and Trust company in Carteret county will close Saturday, July 4, for the holiday. The branches are located in Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport.

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Morehead Merchants To Stay Open July 4

Members of the Morehead City Merchants association will remain open Saturday, July 4, R. B. Howard, president of the group reported today.

Scallop Research Continues Here

The Institute of Fisheries Research has completed moving the scallop population of a marked area in the shoal waters of Core sound as a part of its experiment in determining the effect of high temperatures on scallops.

W. A. Ellison, jr., director of the institute, reported that it would be the end of July or the first of August before any results could be obtained from the experiment.

Conducting the experiment is Dr. William Fahy under the direction of Dr. A. F. Chestnut. Dr. Fahy reported that on Wednesday of last week the water temperatures in shallow waters ranged up to 96 degrees.

The purpose of the experiment is to determine the effects of high water temperatures and transplantation on scallops. Last summer following the very high temperatures of June, most scallops were found to be dead, reducing the incomes of fishermen.

In order to test the effect, the researchers have taken a marked area of shoal water, counted the scallop population, marked the scallops with indelible ink and then transplanted half the population to deeper waters. In late July and early August, the two areas of scallops will be compared.

If the results of the experiment show that scallops can be transplanted to deeper waters and maintain their rate of growth and that scallops in shallow waters are harmed by the hot days, then the institute may recommend the transplantation generally if it is economically feasible.

Beaufort Soldier Killed in Korea

Pvt. Leland Hucks, 19, Negro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Parker, 309 Marsh street, Beaufort, was killed in action June 15 while serving with the Third Infantry division in Korea.

His family has been notified that he was killed in ground action during an enemy attack. The family has not yet received full details of his death, but it is believed that he was killed by a mortar burst. He had been overseas about a month at the time of his death.

Private Hucks is the third Carteret county youth known to have been killed in the three years of the Korean fighting. Other victims of the war were Andrew Slaughter of Newport and Delmas Gillikin of Otway. Private Hucks was the first Negro from the county to die in action.

Before entering the army, he attended Queen street high school in Beaufort where he starred on the football, basketball and baseball teams.

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Police Wait Report On Girl's Condition

Morehead City police said yesterday that no charges have yet been preferred against Arnold Borden, driver of one of the cars involved in Thursday morning's near-fatal accident.

The officers said that they are waiting for reports on the condition of Mrs. Reynolds May of Greenville and her daughter, Mary, 11, most seriously injured of the accident victims.

Hospital authorities said that both the little girl and her mother are showing some improvement and are expected to recover. The girl suffered a ruptured spleen, a ruptured liver and a broken arm in the accident, and her mother suffered multiple fractures, including fractures of several ribs, both shoulder blades, her spine and collar bone.

The girl underwent an emergency operation Thursday morning and has been receiving blood transfusions since the accident. Until Sunday it was doubted that she would recover from the accident.

Borden received lacerations of the head, face and arms and possible chest injuries in the accident. Mrs. May's mother, Mrs. Vina Mae Garris, also of Greenville, received minor injuries in the accident. She is also receiving treatment at the Morehead City hospital.

Two other passengers in Mrs. May's car, her son, Louis, 14, and Sue Parrish, 12, of Beckridge, Va., were treated and released after the accident.

The accident occurred Thursday morning on Arendell street when Borden drove his car into the rear end of that driven by Mrs. May and knocked it against a telephone pole, a tree and a parked car.

Witnesses to the accident told police that Borden was driving at about 70 or 75 miles per hour when he struck Mrs. May's car. They said that the impact was such that Borden's car went several feet into the air after striking Mrs. May's car.

Sgt. Bruce Edwards of the Morehead City police, who is conducting the investigation, said that Borden has been able to offer no explanation for the speed at which he was allegedly driving. Hospital sources said that he has told some visitors that his accelerator stuck as he was driving along Arendell street.

Mrs. May's car was struck in the left rear, crushing the back of the car and knocking glass out of every window. The seats were thrown forward and the doors were forced open by the force of the crash. Glass from the windows was thrown up on the porches of nearby houses. The car's hood was stripped off when it struck the telephone pole.

The entire front end of Borden's car was pushed in about two feet by the impact. The steering wheel was bent almost double when Borden gripped it during the crash.

Damage to the parked car, owned by Leslie Earl Davis of Morehead City, was confined to the left rear fender. Davis said that he had left the car and gone into the house only a few minutes before the accident.

The Council of State last Friday gave its approval to a proposal for repairs to the old wharf at the Morehead City port terminal. Bids will be asked for the repairs which will probably total \$224,000, George Gilllette, director of the ports authority, reported.

The wharf was inherited from the old Morehead City Ports Authority. It is 1,350 feet long. The council also approved payment of \$8,700 for greenheart lumber bought last year to make emergency repairs.

During the meeting Governor William Umstead observed that a proposed bond issue for construction of tobacco storage warehouses should be deferred until it can be passed on by new members of the State Ports Authority.

Registrar Named; Books to Open Saturday, July 11

F. R. Seely, chairman of the county board of elections, has announced that the board has set Saturday, Aug. 8, as the date for the new Morehead City annexation election.

As was the case with the first annexation election, the polling place will be the Clyde Jones building on 28th street. Registration for the election will be held at the same place.

John T. Conner, 2716 Arvon avenue, has been named registrar for the election. The registration books will open at 9 a. m. on Saturday, July 11, and will close at sundown July 25. Challenge day will be Saturday, Aug. 1, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

To qualify to vote in the election, a person must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of North Carolina for one year, a resident of Carteret county for four months and of the proposed area for three months. Only those who register will be allowed to vote, and no absentee ballots will be accepted.

The election will be the second attempt at annexation since May. On May 23, residents of the area voted 78-67 to defeat a proposed annexation of a slightly larger area.

Immediately after the last election, residents of the area began work on a new annexation proposal. Because state law requires that one year must pass between elections for the same area, proponents of annexation changed the area, making it possible to hold another election.

The election was ordered at a public hearing Wednesday night at the town hall. Those desiring annexation presented a petition, signed by 108 persons, asking the town to annex the area by resolution.

The election was forced when 54 residents of the area signed a petition opposing the annexation. State law provides that if at least 15 per cent of the residents of an area oppose annexation, an election must be held. The Morehead City commissioners adopted a resolution asking the election board to call an election on the question.

The petition asking an election on the question was presented by Claud Wheatly of Beaufort, attorney for O. O. Fulcher and L. G. Norris, leaders of the opposition to the annexation.

Leaders in the annexation movement are Mr. Conner, Mr. Jones, E. G. McKinley and Capt. Howard Ferguson. They said Wednesday night that they will double their efforts to register and vote every resident of the area who favors annexation.

The men seek the annexation of that area west of the present city limits bounded on the north by the present U. S. 70 and on the south by the railroad and the sound. The western limit will be the state property line at Camp Glenn. The old rifle range north of the highway has also been included in the proposal at the request of county school authorities.

The proposal defeated in the May election would also have included the area between 25th and 28th streets north to Calico creek. Opponents of annexation base their opposition on the contention that the city will not give them services in line with the increase in their taxes.

Proponents have argued that the tax increase will be partially offset by lower fire insurance rates, garbage disposal, higher property values and higher mortgage values. They also point to improved schools, zoning protection of property, street maintenance and other city services.

New Uniforms Ordered For Beaufort Band

C. F. Jones, jr., music director for the Beaufort school, has announced that new uniforms for members of the band have been ordered and should be ready in time for the opening of school in the fall.

Home Agent Announces Club Meeting Schedule

The Newport home demonstration club meets tomorrow afternoon at 2 in the Newport school lunchroom, announced Miss Martha Barnett, home agent, yesterday.

Thursday the Core Creek-Harlowe club will meet at 1:30 with Mrs. Will Conner. The Bettie club meets Friday at 7:30 with Mrs. Curtis Pake. Demonstration this month is on Buying Pots and Pans.

Privilege Tax Penalty Period Starts July 1

Beginning July 1 penalties will be due on state privilege licenses for the tax year June 1, 1953, to May 31, 1954, it was announced this week by John B. Warren and Robert Brock, deputy collectors for this area.

The collectors advise that the penalty will be five per cent per month for each delinquent month and urge all taxpayers to file their applications for licenses immediately in order to avoid penalties. Applications for licenses should be mailed to the Department of Revenue in Raleigh. Mr. Warren is in charge of collections for the state from Beaufort east, and Mr. Brock from Morehead City west.

Beach Board Meets July 11

The meeting of the board of aldermen of Atlantic Beach was postponed until Saturday, July 11. Alfred Cooper, mayor of the town, has reported. The regular first Saturday meeting date would have conflicted with the July 4 holiday.