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Big Crowd Tours Open Grounds For First Time

Miss Yeatman Welcomes Visitors to Farm; Hopes for Success

More than 1,500 people from all over Eastern North Carolina made a tour of the Open Grounds farm on the Merrimon road owned by Miss Georgina Yeatman Wednesday afternoon.

"I never dreamed I'd see all these cars and people on the Open Grounds," Miss Yeatman said in welcoming the crowd. Cars were parked along both sides of the dirt road leading to the central area for more than one mile.

Briefly describing the farming operation, Miss Yeatman said that farming consultants had told her the investment was "hazardous." "Modern machinery, though, makes all the difference in the world," she commented.

Miss Yeatman also gave credit to the efforts of previous companies which attempted to farm the huge expanse of pocosin and to the scientific information and help available through state, federal and private agencies.

"I am absolutely sure that someone, somewhere, somehow is going to make land like this a success," she declared. "We just hope it's going to be us."

Miss Yeatman's tract covers approximately 43,000 acres, and she has mapped out a long range program for eventually converting approximately 20,000 acres to cattle pasture. Her immediate goal is to have nearly 5,000 acres of permanent pasture with a herd of 5,000 head of cattle within the next several years.

At the present time slightly more than 1,000 acres of permanent pasture support a herd of 1,300 head of Angus cattle. Many of these were shipped in this summer from drought-stricken areas in the Southwest. There is a considerable expanse of wooded and timber land in the tract and this is used to supplement the permanent pastures, Miss Yeatman explained.

L. W. Howard, Newport tobacco farmer and supervisor of the Lower Neuse Soil conservation district, introduced each of the speakers during the tour. At each site a speaker explained one phase of the farm's operation. Roy Beck, soil conservationist, began by explaining the over-all drainage program for the area. He pointed out that the pocosin is a plateau with little natural drainage.

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Shepherd Visits Cherry Point

General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., commandant of the Marine Corps, arrived yesterday at Cherry Point Air station to inspect air reservists undergoing two weeks of summer training duty at the base.

When General Shepherd arrived he was greeted by Major Clayton C. Jerome, commanding officer of the Second Marine air wing, Brigadier General William G. Manley, commanding officer of the base and Brigadier General F. H. Lamson-Scribner, commander of air reserve training.

General Shepherd received full military honors from an honor guard from MAG-24 and the Second air wing band. The ceremonies took place on the station athletic field.

After being welcomed to the station, General Shepherd inspected the areas of reserve training and then addressed the reserve officers at the station theatre. He will leave this morning to return to Washington, D. C.

The reserve fliers, from fighter squadrons east of the Mississippi, are taking their summer training at Cherry Point for the first time since the start of the Korean war.

The reserve pilots are from units stationed at Squatton, Mass.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Columbus, Ohio; Atlanta, Ga.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gross Ile, Mich.; Miami, Fla.; Anacostia, D. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Birmingham, Ala.; Akron, Ohio; and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

New Pupils to Register Tomorrow in Beaufort

B. E. Tarkington, principal of the Beaufort school, has announced that pre-registration for all children who have not already registered and who are entering Beaufort school for the first time, will be held tomorrow morning from 10 to 11 at the school.

Included in this registration will be children transferring from other schools and also who will be 6 by Oct. 15.

Under a new state law, children who will be six by Oct. 15 are now eligible to begin school. Under the old law, children had to be six by Oct. 1 in order to start school.

Dan Walker Quits Beaufort Chamber

Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort chamber of commerce, offered his resignation Tuesday night at a meeting of the chamber's board of directors. The action came during a lengthy discussion of what is wrong with the chamber.

Mr. Walker offered the resignation after he was accused of failing to teach the citizens of Beaufort and the chamber members the purpose of the chamber of commerce.

He admitted his failure and cited instances where it had been attempted. He stated emphatically that neither he nor anyone else alone could give Beaufort a chamber of commerce unless the citizens actively gave it financial and personal support by working on committees and taking part in the various activities aimed to better the community.

Mr. Walker said that in order that the residents of Beaufort might have an opportunity to decide whether or not they want a chamber of commerce he would be willing to serve as manager for one year without pay.

Mr. Walker said that he would serve without pay provided that a sufficient budget be raised to meet necessary chamber expenses and to complete the program of work covering all phases of chamber work. He also stipulated that he would do so only if the members of the chamber would work as hard as he during the year.

Since all directors were not present at the meeting no action was taken on Mr. Walker's resignation or his offer to work without pay.

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Tri-State Fish Group Recommends Research

Union Service To Hear Hobbs

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist church of Goldsboro, will speak at the regular fifth Sunday union service Sunday night at the Morehead City high school auditorium, Jasper Bell announced today.

The committee established by the legislatures of North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia met July 16 in Virginia and appointed a scientific sub-committee to offer proposed research program.

State Senator James V. Whitfield of Burgaw heads the state delegation to the committee. He presided over the Wilmington meeting. The scientific report was signed by W. A. Ellison, Jr., director of the Institute of Fisheries Research in Morehead City; R. E. Tiller, Maryland Department of Research; and J. L. McHugh, director of the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory.

Mr. Ellison, chairman of the scientific sub-committee, told the legislators that any program to determine the causes of finfish fluctuation would be "long and costly."

"There is a long history of similar investigations with no definitive results obtained," he said. "It is commonly believed that fishing pressure and destruction are minor factors when compared to natural factors affecting migratory fish populations."

In an interview after returning from the meeting in Wilmington Ellison commented that he was "lukewarm to the idea of spending state funds for such a project." "I am interested in finding the facts," he continued, "but there are many things in North Carolina to be investigated which are of immediate importance to state fishermen."

North Carolina's share of the proposed investigation expense would be \$23,100 per year for five years. Mr. Ellison pointed out that this is one-third of the total amount now appropriated to the Institute of Fisheries Research for the carrying on of investigation directly affecting fishermen.

In the past eight years total finfish catches in the Chesapeake Bay and state sounds has declined radically. Many opinions have been advanced as to the causes of the decline, and members of the Maryland delegation have commented that trawling by North Carolina fishermen may be a major factor.

The scientific report made it clear that there is no evidence for this theory at the present time and an extensive research would be needed to test the theory.

It was announced at the meeting that the contract has been let for the proposed cement block fence around the athletic field at the high school. The fence is to be completed before Sept. 25. A store-room for the concession stands and for athletic equipment will also be erected. It was reported that the old grandstand at the field is being torn down.

Final plans were made for a cruise on the Danco which was held last night.

The schedule of events for the state quarterly board meeting this weekend in Rocky Mount was read and plans were made for attendance at the meeting. Dain Domich, national Jaycee president, will be the featured speaker at the meeting.

If the states decide to go ahead with the research program, the fisheries commission and the federal Fish and Wildlife service will cooperate in the project. The scientific report emphasized that such a study must be continuous through periods of good fishing and bad fishing.

Several members of the club agreed to assist in the formation of a Jaycee club in the eastern part of the county. Some of the small communities in the county have expressed interest in forming a club jointly.

New Laboratory To Be Erected At Pivers Island

Modern Brick Structure To Replace Present 50-Year-Old Building

G. B. Talbot, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service laboratory on Pivers Island, has announced that work will begin soon on the second phase of the remodeling of the lab.

David E. Booth, engineer from the regional office in Atlanta, has been at the laboratory this week making final plans for the construction of a brick laboratory building which will replace the present 50-year-old wooden structure.

The new laboratory will be located few feet south of the site of the present lab. Trees have already been removed to make room for the new building, and the south porch will soon be removed from the present building.

The new one-story building, 186 feet long and 36 feet wide, will contain offices, a library, a dark room and laboratories for chemical analysis and other work connected with fisheries research. The entire building will be air conditioned and will have fluorescent lighting.

Offices opening on the library will be constructed with folding walls which can be opened to make a meeting room for conferences among the staff and visiting scientists.

It is expected that bids on the construction of the new building will be let around Sept. 1 and that the contract will be awarded early in October. It is hoped that the work will be finished in about six months from the time that the contract is awarded.

As soon as the new building is completed, plans call for the destruction of the old laboratory building which is badly in need of repairs. The two-story structure, which houses labs, offices, a library and dormitories, was condemned several years ago.

Mr. Talbot said that it had originally been hoped that the old building could be repaired but engineers said that it would cost more to repair it and maintain it than it would cost to build the new laboratory.

The first phase of the modernization of the lab began in June 1952 when work was started on a service building which will replace three old wooden, temporary buildings on the island.

The new building, which is almost complete, contains a pump house, heating plant, five garages, a storage room, machine shop, carpentry shop and a storage room for lumber. It will go into use as soon as electrical equipment is installed and pumps and other machinery are moved from the old buildings.

The new building was constructed by the laboratory's maintenance crew under the direction of V. Van Fulford, superintendent of buildings and grounds. The work cost about \$20,000. The building is 148 feet long and 30 feet wide.

The shellfishery investigation lab will remain where it is in another building on the island. Mr. Talbot said that because of the radio-active isotopes used in the shellfishery studies it has been decided to keep the lab under a separate roof.

Plans for further changes in the physical setup of the fisheries station are indefinite, but Mr. Talbot said that it is planned eventually to tear down the house presently occupied by the director and his family. He said that officials of the service hope eventually to move all buildings away from the edge of the island. He also said that he hopes that some dormitory space will be erected at the laboratory in the future.

The one suspect in the case, an ex-convict, was picked up Tuesday afternoon and has been questioned by Chief Guy and other members of the Beaufort police department.

Pelletier to Head REA Cooperative

Lionel W. Pelletier of Stell has been named president of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership corporation to fill the unexpired term of the late George Brockway of Havelock. Clarence Millis of Newport will succeed Mr. Pelletier as vice-president of the coop until the December meeting of the members.

The association is made up of county agents from Carteret, Craven, Onslow, Jones and Pamlico counties. C. S. Mitz, district farm agent, will also attend the annual meeting in December.

Directors of the cooperative are elected by the membership for a one-year term. The nine members of the board represent the areas served by the coop. Vacancies are filled by the board for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Other directors now serving are George W. Ball, Harlowe, secretary; Gordon K. Laughon, Crab Point, treasurer; John S. Jones, Cedar Point; Roger W. Jones, Broad Creek; Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits; and Earl Day, Cedar Island.

Letters were sent out this week from the Beaufort Band Boosters association, asking for funds to help raise money for the new school band uniforms.

The letters are requesting that the donations be sent to C. G. Hollingshead, Gerald Hill or Robert Safran. Solicitors will follow up the letters if donations are not mailed into the offices of the organizations.

Uniforms have been ordered for the band members, the drum major and the majorettes. "The band members will wear solid kelly green uniforms with white trimming, a white Sam-Brown belt and a white citation cord on the left shoulder.

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Second Morehead City POW Is Released by Communists

Thompson Morse Freed After 33-Month Captivity

Sgt. Thompson Morse, 24, son of Mrs. Emma K. Simpson of Rt. 1, Morehead City, this week became the second Morehead City soldier to be released from a communist prison camp.

The first returnee, Cpl. Archie Edwards, 1810 Fisher street, was released on the first day of the prisoner of war exchange. He is being returned aboard a hospital ship and will arrive in the United States next week. Mrs. Edwards will leave tomorrow for California.

Sergeant Morse, a member of the Second Infantry division, was released after almost 33 months in a Korean prison camp. He was captured Dec. 1, 1950 after having been in Korea almost since the beginning of the fighting.

Mr. Simpson said yesterday morning that she had just received a telegram from her son in which he said that he is in Tokyo and that he is in pretty good condition.

The mother said that she is very happy but that she will be a lot happier when I see him walk in that door.

She said that she had not seen her son since April 1949 just before he went to Japan for occupation duty.

Mr. Simpson said that her son was declared missing in action in December 1950 and that she heard nothing more about him until December 1951 when his name was included on the list of prisoners broadcast by the Chinese communists.

Teachers will hold their regular pre-school meetings at the individual schools on Tuesday. A registration schedule will be followed in every school on Wednesday, and the regular schedule to be followed for the remaining nine months of the school term will begin Thursday morning.

Morehead City Jaycees Net \$1,921 on Pageant

Police Probe \$300 Robbery

The Morehead City Jaycees have announced that the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant held here in July netted \$1,921.04 for the club. The gross income from the pageant was \$11,284, and total expenses amounted to \$9,362.96.

The major source of income from the pageant was admission fees for the performances which totaled \$8,044.50. Advertising brought \$1,300 and entry fees for contestants amounted to \$1,295. Other income sources were program sales, \$450, and contributions, \$194.50.

The biggest expense was \$1,674 for advertising, publicity and programs. Federal taxes also constituted a major expense, \$1,339.58. The club which sponsored the winning contestant received a percentage of the admissions which amounted to \$1,210.50. The scholarship presented to Miss North Carolina was \$1,000.

Other expenses were meals, \$339.52; state Jaycees, \$920; judges and Miss America \$880.03; staging, \$671.57; telephone calls, \$111.03; trophies, \$54.20; travel and entertainment, \$56.32; filing fee, \$150; master of ceremonies, \$75.

Insurance, \$225; organist, \$75; gifts, \$75; flowers, \$60; prizes \$50; refunds, \$40; photo contest, \$200; and miscellaneous, \$136.21.

The pageant, held July 15-17 at the Morehead City race track and the Morehead City school auditorium, was the largest in the history of the Miss North Carolina pageant. The crowd of more than 5,000 persons which viewed the final performance was the largest ever to view a state final during the history of the Miss America pageant.

Miss Barbara Ann Crockett, sponsored by the Winston-Salem Jaycees, was the winner of the beauty title and will represent North Carolina in the Miss America pageant next month at Atlantic City.

Two Newport Men Injured in Wreck

Jesse Fulcher and Edgar Garner of Newport were injured Wednesday morning when the car in which they were riding was struck by a pickup truck operated by Guy Bell, also of Newport, on US 70 in front of the Newport post office.

Fulcher and Garner were taken to the Morehead City hospital where they were treated for severe cuts on the head, neck and arms. They were released after treatment.

Bell told Ormsby Mann, Newport police chief, that he was driving west and started to make a left turn. He said that he did not see Fulcher approaching from the other direction and struck the left front fender of the car.

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Jaycees to Aid 'Quake Victims