

## Waves Pound Benson H. Riggins

Shad Boat Which Sank  
Thursday Breaks Apart;  
Loss Put at \$68,000

A spokesman at Quinn Menhaden Fisheries, Inc., Beaufort, said yesterday that if there was anything left to the Benson H. Riggins to salvage, the company would salvage it.

The Riggins went aground on a shoal in Ocracoke Inlet early last Thursday morning with 300,000 menhaden aboard. She is now being pounded by waves and breaking up under the battering. Her captain and crew were rescued.

The Riggins had engine trouble late Wednesday afternoon and was being towed by the Leander Wilcox, a smaller menhaden boat. At Ocracoke Inlet the towing job was taken over by the Ocracoke Coast Guard motor lifeboat.

In towing the vessel, slack in the hawser caused the Riggins to slip to starboard where she ran aground on a shoal. The impact cracked the hull and the boat went down in 12 feet of water. When the Riggins hit, the two-inch towing hawser snapped.

Ted Sapp, assistant manager at Quinn's, said that it has been too rough to thoroughly investigate salvage possibilities. But he said the loss is partially covered by insurance.

The Riggins, which was named after Benson Riggins, bookkeeper for Quinns, went down with purse boats and net aboard. She was skippered by Capt. Elton Willis, Harkers Island. Some of the 22 crew members are now working on other boats.

Total loss of the Riggins has been estimated at \$68,000 excluding the value of the net. The menhaden aboard were lost.

## Mayor Dill Will Confer With Highway Officials

The Morehead City town board in special session Thursday night gave Mayor George Dill authority to negotiate with the State Highway Commission in regard to running highway 70 into town by way of Arendell street.

Commissioners were read a letter from J. G. Gibbs, senior right-of-way engineer with the State Highway Commission. Mr. Gibbs said it was necessary for the town to get four feet of right of way from the A&EC railroad, pay additional cost of storm sewer drainage and have the telephone company remove the telephone poles that are on the right-of-way.

The state has asked the town to pay a total of \$11,200 for laying underground storm sewers, curbing and gutters. This is one half of the total cost, according to Mr.

Gibbs. The underground drainage was requested by the town in place of an open ditch planned by the state. For that reason the town has been asked to pay half the cost.

At the request of Mrs. Martha Loftin, parking meter chairman for the March of Dimes, the town board said their parking meters could be used as "dime boxes" during the March of Dimes in January.

All dimes placed in the meters in January will go to the March of Dimes.

The town board decided that Thurston Rice who is reported to be building a railway at the north end of 5th street should have a building permit. The mayor and Commissioner Garner said the railroad would be built.

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## Official Reports Plenty Of Scallops This Season

C. G. Holland, fisheries law enforcement officer, said yesterday that Carteret has more scallops this year than in many a season.

But, he adds, prices are low. The New York markets are buying other scallops which are larger than North Carolina's but they're not as juicy and tasty as the Tar Heel product, said Mr. Holland.

Scallops are selling for \$2.50 a gallon (shucked) and 75 cents a bushel. He believes a change to colder weather would help hike the price.

Mr. Holland, with Ernest Nelson who is in charge of the state fleet, and an official of the state division of purchase and contract went to

Ocean View, Va., Wednesday looking for a boat for the fisheries fleet and one for the Wildlife Service.

The men investigated Navy surplus craft. The state fisheries boat, Albemarle, was condemned and sold in October. The state is also interested in adding two more ferries at Oregon Inlet to take care of increased traffic.

Mr. Holland reminded fishermen that a hearing will begin at noon today at Mann's Harbor. Boundaries for gill nets in Albemarle Sound will be discussed.

Attending the hearing will be Mr. Holland, Mr. Nelson and W. A. Ellison Jr., director of the Institute of Fisheries Research.

## Investigation Of Three School Thefts Continues

Capt. Herbert Griffin  
Reports Total Loot  
At \$312.02 at Morehead

Capt. Herbert Griffin of the Morehead City police force said yesterday that investigation is continuing on the Wednesday night breakings at three county schools. Morehead City, Camp Glenn and Newport schools were forcibly entered, but the burglars failed to get cash loot at any but the Morehead City School.

Captain Griffin said that \$312.02 was taken from the safe in the office of the principal, G. T. Windell. Mr. Windell thought at first that only \$243.42 in lunchroom money had been stolen and that another box, not opened, still had money in it.

He learned later that the money in the box, about \$68, which were the gate receipts from a basketball game, had been counted Wednesday, put in a money bag and left in the safe. The sack was taken by the thieves.

### Window Forced

Entry to the Morehead City school was gained by prying open a window in a third grade room on the north side. The burglars next had to jimmy open two locked doors leading to the principal's office. There they pried the back off the safe and helped themselves.

At Camp Glenn entry was gained through a window on the west side of the building. The safe was located in the room on which the window opened. It wasn't locked but a drawer inside it was. That drawer was broken into but nothing taken from it. Two fifty in cash was in the band-aid box in the drawer but the thieves overlooked it.

### Removes \$18

The principal of the school, Ramie Davis, told Captain Griffin that he had removed \$18 from the safe before leaving the school Wednesday.

Taken from the room where the safe was located was a green corduroy coat with fur collar and quilted lining. The coat belonged to the son of M. L. Mansfield, highway 70.

Not finding anything in the safe, the thieves evidently sought another locked-up place. So they went upstairs in the building and pried the flap off the book room door. Nothing was missing from the book room.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said the Newport school was entered through the door at the north end. The door was locked but had been pried open. The door into the principal's office was forced open. There is no safe at the school but drawers were ransacked. Nothing was missing.

Robert Pope, SBI agent, was called to the county to help investigate the robberies.

## Two Cars Collide At Gas Station

Two cars collided at 7:50 p.m. Saturday on highway 70 in front of Ray and Earl's service station between Newport and Havelock.

No one was hurt but Joe Sudock, box 481, Havelock, has been charged with failing to yield right-of-way. Sudock was driving a 1952 Plymouth.

The other car involved was a 1953 Oldsmobile driven by Robert F. Shifflett, MAMS MAG 35, Cherry Point. Patrolman R. H. Brown who investigated said that Sudock pulled out to the highway from the service station. As he did so he collided with Shifflett who was going west on highway 70.

Damage to Sudock's car was estimated at \$50 and to Shifflett's car \$150. Sudock told Patrolman Brown that he looked both ways before pulling out to the highway but saw nothing coming.

## Clinic Will Be in Session This Saturday

The orthopedic clinic sponsored by the Morehead City Rotary Club will be in session Saturday morning beginning at 8:30. The clinic is held in the Morehead City Hospital annex, entrance on south 9th street.

In charge of the clinic is Dr. Lenox Baker, head of the orthopedic division, Duke University School of Medicine.

A letter from Dr. Baker to Mrs. G. T. Spivey of the County Health Department, follows:  
Mrs. G. T. Spivey  
Carteret County Health Dept.  
Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Spivey:  
You were most thoughtful to send the issue of the Carteret County paper with the coverage of the opening of the Sea Level Community Hospital.

I shall enjoy reading this, particularly the items that give some personal insight into those interested in the program. I also thank you for sending the clipping in regard to the clinic.

It has been a real pleasure to come to Morehead and to work the clinic. There is no way for me to thank you and those who have made the clinic possible, but I do want you to know that I have a sincere appreciation and look forward to each month to my visit there.

With kindest regards and appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Lenox D. Baker, M. D.

## Duke Medical Students Assist County Doctors

Dr. Giles Yancey Mebane, son of the late Giles W. Mebane of Beaufort, former editor and owner of the Beaufort News, has been assisting Dr. F. E. Hyde for the past week, and will continue through this week, as part of his work as a senior medical student at Duke University.

Dr. Mebane will finish his medical course at Duke this December and will remain as intern there until graduation next spring. He has assisted Dr. Hyde in his private practice and also in the public health department.

Dr. Spruill Spain, a senior medical student at Carolina, left last Thursday for Chapel Hill after serving as senior medical assistant for Dr. L. W. Moore.

Dr. John Vernor, Duke senior arrived Sunday at the Sea Level Community Hospital, to assist Dr. Herbert F. Webb.

This is a new course offered by the medical colleges to give the students a larger knowledge of general practice.

### Scientists to Speak

G. B. Talbot, director of the Fish and Wildlife Laboratory on Pivers Island, will be the speaker at St. Paul's Men's Club monthly dinner tomorrow night in the St. Paul's Parish House, Beaufort. The dinner meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

# Congressman Gives County Advice on Mosquito Control

## Oil Dealers Put Proposals Before Board

Town Attorney to Ask  
Opinion of Attorney  
General on Docks

Two oil dealers appeared before the Morehead City town board in special session Thursday night and a third presented a request in writing. The oil dealers who appeared were T. T. (Tom) Potter and Roper Van Horn, Sinclair and Shell dealers respectively. A letter from J. Morton Davis, Texaco dealer, was read.

Mr. Potter requested easement on the south ends of the alley on the east and the alley on the west in square 7 between 6th and 7th street. Mr. Potter said he wanted to put up a fence. The board granted temporary easement, pending presentation of written approval from the property owners affected, principally Gulf Oil Co.

Mr. Van Horn, who has appeared at previous meetings in regard to leasing dock space at the foot of S. 8th street, presented his proposal in writing.

Mr. Van Horn said he intends to lease the property for wharf purposes, building a dock 60 feet from the bulkhead to deep water. The dock would be T-shaped. Boats tying up would be fueled from a truck, but Mr. Van Horn said that some day if he wished to put in a tank, he would do so with the town's permission, placing it under the street north of the sea wall.

Mr. Van Horn said he would hear

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## Santa to Arrive Tomorrow



Santa Claus will arrive in Beaufort at 4 p.m. tomorrow on the SS (Santa's Ship) Mistletoe, to visit with Beaufort kiddies. After he comes ashore, he will get in one of the town fire trucks and ride west on Front street. He will stop in the block between Orange and Turner where he will give a gift to each child who brings a letter to him.

The youngster must present his or her letter personally to Santa, Albert Chappell, chairman of the merchants committee of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, said.

Christmas decorations are up and everything is set for a gala day with Santa.

For the first time this year a string of colored lights has been placed across Ann street at the bridge, centered with a plastic lighted face of Santa Claus. Beaufort merchants are sponsoring the "Pirate's Chest of Silver" again this year. Tickets for cash prizes are given with purchases.

The pirate's chest will be opened each Saturday until Christmas at 11 a.m. at the south end of Craven street. The day before Christmas it will be opened at 3 p.m. One hundred fifty silver dollars will be given away Dec. 24 and \$100 on Saturdays. Thirty-three businesses, more than ever before, are participating in the program this year, Dan Walker, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said.

Saturday's winners were J. G. Bennett, Morehead City, \$50; Mrs. L. W. Moore, Beaufort, \$25, and L. L. Simpson, Beaufort, \$25.

Beaufort stores are now staying open Wednesday afternoons until Christmas. Starting Saturday, Dec. 19, they will be open until 8 p.m. each day.

Congressman Graham A. Barden of New Bern appeared yesterday before the County Board of Commissioners and recommended that the board contact the state health officer, Dr. J. W. R. Norton, for aid in fighting mosquitoes.

The congressman appeared in compliance with a request by Alvah Hamilton, county attorney. The county board, at their November meeting, decided that Congressman Barden could tell them what steps to take to get aid in fighting the county's mosquito menace.

Congressman Barden read a letter to the board from his secretary in Washington. The letter stated that the federal government has entered into an agreement, through the public health service, with the North Carolina health service, and can furnish technical assistance. He said that there were no federal funds available for fighting the pests.

The board authorized the county attorney to draft a resolution requesting Dr. Norton's assistance.

Dr. G. C. Cooke, Morehead City, chairman of the county's mosquito control committee, introduced Mr. Hamilton who in turn introduced the congressman.

Another member of the mosquito control committee who was present at the meeting was Mayor George Dill, Morehead City.

### Road Requests Made

The board heard several requests for roads. C. G. Holland, Beaufort, speaking for the residents of South River, requested that one-tenth of a mile of road at Merriam be paved. A delegation from the Newport section asked that the Hibbs road be paved, Earl Campen of Beaufort RFD asked that a road one mile from Beaufort leading to highway 70 be improved, and Lionel Taylor requested that a road at Smyrna near the drive-in theatre be properly drained.

All four requests were approved with the exception that Mr. Campen was requested to file a formal petition. The other three delegations were told that the matters they referred to had been taken up at a meeting with state highway officials at the courthouse last Wednesday. Completion of the projects was promised.

Among the Newport delegation were D. W. West Jr., Al Garner and Lester Hall.

### Taxes Adjusted

George W. Davis requested an adjustment in taxes on property belonging to Sam W. Davis' heirs. Taxes were owed from 1939 through 1953. They amounted to \$107.34. Mr. Davis agreed to pay \$75. A tax of \$14.39 was also due on the Calvin J. Davis heirs' property which adjoins the other. This was for the years 1933-34. Those taxes were halved by law and payable on that debt was \$7.20, which Mr. Davis agreed to pay.

Commissioner E. H. Potter said he wouldn't mind adjusting the taxes but he wanted assurance the taxes would be paid regularly in

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## Weekend Brings Warm Weather

Weather over the weekend in Carteret County turned warmer with lots of sunshine and warm breezes.

Friday started out cool and cloudy with the wind from the southeast. Water in the sound and off shore became quite rough causing menhaden boats to return to port.

Friday evening the weather was still threatening so menhaden boats stayed in port Saturday. About mid-morning temperatures rose and the wind died down and shifted to northwest with the temperature going to 72 during the day falling to 60 in the evening.

Sunday was a repetition of Saturday with the temperature in the 70's. Rain was scarce according to Stamey Davis, official weather recorder, with only .54 inches of rain falling Saturday before noon.

Temperature readings follow:

Max. Min.

Dec. 4 ..... 67 45

Dec. 5 ..... 72 60

Dec. 6 ..... 72 53



## Firemen Give Money to Paint Town Hall; Elect Officers

## Planes Sweep County Looking For Jet Trainer

Carteret County was swept over the weekend by planes searching for a jet trainer missing since Friday from Cherry Point. Two pilots were aboard. The jet was still missing at noon yesterday.

The Cherry Point public information office said one of the pilots was a returned prisoner of war from Korea—1st Lt. Duke Williams Jr., 27, of Yazoo City, Miss. Capt. John H. Barclay, 34, of Santa Monica, Calif., was identified as the other pilot. Williams, a prisoner of the Chinese Communists since May 1952, returned home last December.

The trainer, a silver colored plane resembling a fighter, has been the object of an unsuccessful search by more than 100 Marine and Civil Air Patrol planes.

Air Station officials have asked residents of eastern and central North Carolina to report any sighting of a silver-colored jet plane resembling a fighter. They asked that residents report findings of smoke, freshly burned areas or abandoned parachutes.

Fishermen and residents of coast areas were asked to report oil slicks and wreckage sighted offshore.

The CAP ordered a state-wide search for the missing plane. Lt. Col. Norman Young, public information officer for the North Carolina CAP wing said a control base had been established at New Bern and that all units of the patrol would participate.

The wing was alerted early Sunday when a search of the New Bern area by a CAP group from Washington, N. C., revealed no trace of the plane.

## Commissioners Name List-Takers

The County Board of Commissioners, in session yesterday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort, named list-takers for 1954. They are as follows:

Cedar Island, Mrs. Dora Day; Atlantic and Sea Level, Walter Smith; Davis and Stacy, Alvin Davis; W. H. Stratts, Bettie, Otway and Gloucester, William Gillikin.

Marshallberg, James Gillikin; Harkers Island, Charles W. Hancock; Merrimon, Peter Carraway; Harlowe, J. Raynold Ball; Beaufort, John Brooks and one other yet to be named.

Morehead City, James B. Willis, Newport, Prentiss Garner; White Oak, Bogue, Pelletier and Stella, Sam B. Meadows.

## Car Jumps Creek; Two Men Hurt

Amos Jones and Needham Wiley, Merrimon Negroes, were injured at 6 o'clock Sunday night when the car in which they were riding flew across a creek by the Merrimon road.

Both were taken to the Morehead City Hospital by the Bell ambulance, Morehead City. Jones, who was driving had a cut on his head. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said he has been charged with careless and reckless driving. Wiley received bruises.

Jones was driving a 1949 Chevrolet east on the Merrimon road and failed to make a curve at a bridge. The accident occurred about eight miles from Beaufort.

Patrolman Pickard said the car missed the bridge by about 5 feet, hurtled across the creek, turned over and landed on the opposite side of the water.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$700. Patrolman Pickard said the accident was probably due to excessive speed.

### JCs Sponsor Movie

Morehead City Jaycees are sponsoring a Christmas cartoon movie at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the City Theatre, Morehead City. Proceeds from the show will be used for the annual Jaycee Christmas party for youngsters.