

Mullet Festivities Will Begin at 6 P. M. Saturday

Chamber Plans Dinner Oct. 12

Employers, Employees Will Attend Affair, President Announces

Swansboro will observe its second annual Mullet Festival Saturday night with activities getting underway at a mullet dinner at 6 p. m. in the Swansboro school cafeteria.

State Senator John D. Larkins, Trenton, will act as master of ceremonies and United States Senator Alton A. Lennon, Congressman Graham Barden of the Third North Carolina District and representatives of the Federal Public Health Service will be on the program.

Mayor M. N. Lisk, who is chairman of the affair, said the purpose of the festival is to promote mullet fishing in Onslow County.

Invitations Mailed

Around 600 invitations have been mailed to North Carolina officials, representatives of the Public Health Service in Washington, D. C., and representatives of the press and radio.

The mullet dinner will be confined to those receiving an invitation. After the dinner, the group will go to Swansboro's newly-completed Community Building for round and square dancing.

Clubs Help

Swansboro organizations such as the Men's Club, Women's Club, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and the American Legion Post are sponsoring the festival.

Captain Charles Phillips has been drafted to serve as Blackbeard for the affair and it will be his duty to "capture fish cargo." He will sail the waters around Swansboro and ask fishermen to donate parts of their catches of fish, preferably mullet, for the supper.

His crew will include Sam Johnson, Elbert Guthrie, Clyde Phillips, Tom Guthrie and Ralph Wilmouth.

Mrs. Claude Chadwick, Mrs. Marie Privett, Paul Tendell, Mrs. Zelma Murrell and Mrs. Robert Passingham are on the arrangement committee along with Mayor Lisk. George Keitzelman and Jerry Wellspeak are in charge of the dance at the community building.

Mayor Says Dog Catcher at Work

Mayor George Dill of Morehead City announced Friday that a dog catcher is now back at work in town.

The mayor said that recent rabies outbreaks in eastern Carolina have made it imperative that stray dogs be removed so that other animals and children are protected.

The town's dog officer is Dennis Lambert who has been authorized to pick up all unlicensed dogs.

The dogs are taken to the veterinarian, Dr. C. E. Paden, where they will be boarded for three days. If not claimed by the end of that time, they will be destroyed. Persons who find their dog at the veterinarian's may reclaim it by paying \$3. That covers boarding and inoculation. The owner is then required to obtain a license for the dog at the town hall.

Mayor Dill says licensed dogs will not be picked up.

FHA Offers Two Types Farm Operating Loans

North Carolina farmers can obtain two types of operating loans from the Farmers Home Administration, Horace J. Isenbower, North Carolina state director, said today. The credit is available immediately and can be used to finance current farm and living expenses as well as the production of next year's crops.

The two kinds of operating loans are special livestock loans and regular production and subsistence loans. The production and subsistence loans are made only to operators of family-type farms. The livestock loans are made to operators of a family-type farms and other farmers and ranches as well. All of the loans are made only to farmers who are unable to obtain the credit from other sources.

The regular production and subsistence loans help small farmers to improve their farming operations. These loans may be made to buy farm and home equipment, feed, seed, lime and fertilizer, and to pay other farm operating and family living expenses.

There is a statutory limit of \$7,000 on each production and subsistence loan and the total outstanding debt for these loans cannot exceed \$10,000. Repayments are based on the income to be received each year after reasonable expenses are met. In no case may the loan run for more than seven years.

When the main purpose of the production and subsistence loan is to improve the farmer's operations, a limited amount of funds may be included to refinance debts secured by liens on livestock and farm equipment.

Special livestock loans are made to producers and feeders of cattle, sheep, and goats, except commercial fed lot operators. These loans are made to meet usual expenses necessary to successful livestock operations, such as the purchase or production of feed, and replacing, hiring, or repairing farm machinery and equipment. Livestock loans are not made to expand operations or to pay existing debts, except incidental current bills.

Livestock loans are made for periods up to three years. Other creditors are not asked to subordinate their liens, but are expected to stand by and to agree that a reasonable part of the applicant's normal income from livestock can be used in repaying the loan.

There is no limit set by law on the amount that a farmer or rancher can borrow under the special livestock loan program. The amount that can be borrowed under this program is determined by the farmer's needs and his ability to repay. No loan is made unless it appears that an applicant has reasonable prospects for success.

For each loan made, the government obtains the best security available including a first lien on all crops to be produced with the loan and on all livestock and farm machinery purchased with the loan.

While special livestock loans cannot be used to refinance existing debts, the loans include funds to pay for the annual depreciation on chattels serving as security for their loans. In addition, local businessmen who are creditors benefit from loan funds used to purchase loan supplies and services.

The Carteret County committee of the Farmers Home Administration passes on the eligibility of all applicants in Carteret County. Applications for Farmers Home Administration loans should be made at the FHA office, post office building, Beaufort.

Catholic Lectures Begin Tonight

Tonight at 8 p. m. the Rev. J. Paul Byron, pastor of St. Eibert's Catholic Church, Morehead City, will deliver the first in a series of four lectures under the general title "The Teachings of the Catholic Church."

The lectures will be given on the four Tuesday nights of October in St. Eibert's Church, Evans Street, intended particularly for non-Catholics, and are designed to give, in general, the substance and function of the Catholic faith.

During the past week, members of St. Eibert's parish have been calling at each home in Morehead City and Beaufort to issue a personal invitation to all to attend the series.

The lectures will be approximately 45 minutes in length, followed by an open question period. No collection will be taken.

The topics of the lectures are as follows: Oct. 5—The history of the Catholic Church from Christ to the present day; Oct. 12—The Catholic church, faithful to Christ in every century; Oct. 19—The Catholic church has the solution for every spiritual problem of mankind; Oct. 26—What the Catholic church has to offer all men.



The Rev. J. Paul Byron speaks tonight

Editors Have Died in Their Mission to Print the News

County Board

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requests. Petitions were presented asking for the looping together and hard-surfacing of the Old Shell Road and the end of Highway 70 at Atlantic (the road is known as the Wallace Styron Cemetery Road); improving of a quarter-mile road in the Broad Creek community on which four houses are located; and for improvement to the Chadwick Road running from the Lennoxville Road north to the Chadwick farm, 2,000 feet long on which five houses stand.

Miss Georgie Hughes, head of the welfare department, explained the forthcoming reduction in welfare checks. The board granted a request by Alvah Hamilton, attorney, that the 2 per cent discount in taxes on race track property be granted, even though payment is delayed pending outcome of litigation.

Mrs. Leo Lawrence appeared before the board to request that they condemn a broken-down home near her home in Otway. The board said they did not have that type of authority.

The meeting recessed until 4 p. m. when commissioners met at the courthouse with district highway officials.

Drivers Lose Operator Permits

The North Carolina Highway Safety Division has revoked the driver's licenses of James Ralph Bruce, Morehead City, and Clyde Robinson, Beaufort.

The licenses of Graham Bradley Bradshaw, Newport, Tilton Lawrence and Hack Edward Vann, both of Beaufort, and Theodore Felix Turner, Kinston, have been suspended.

Bruce's license was revoked following a drunken driving conviction and Robinson lost his license for a year because of drunken driving, hit and run, and not having a driver's license, according to the safety division.

Bradshaw's license was suspended for driving after his license was suspended and Lawrence's license was suspended after he was found guilty on a speeding charge in Beaufort's Recorder's Court.

Turner and Vann were found guilty of speeding, resulting in their licenses being suspended.

By NORVAL NEIL LUXON
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The fight for the people's right to know suffered its first defeat 264 years when Public Occurrences both Foreign and Domestic, published on Sept. 25, 1690, was "Suppressed and called in..." by the Governor and Council.

Thanks to the guarantee of a free press in the First Amendment to the Constitution the fight for full information for the public continues despite occasional setbacks by dishonest or short-sighted governmental officials.

Twenty - nine years ago I was working in Ohio with a serious-minded young editor who had set out to clean up a vicious situation in a city. The municipal government and its police department were tied in with and receiving bribes from a well-organized underworld which controlled bootlegging, prostitution, and the narcotics trade.

That editor was Don R. Mellett. The newspaper was the Canton (Ohio) Daily News. I was the city editor.

City officials and police officers kept a tight lid on news. They resisted attempts of reporters and editors to print the facts so that the citizens of Canton would know what was being done by their officials who had sworn to uphold the laws of the state and nation.

They blocked access to whatever news they did not want the public to have.

When repeated written and telephoned threats did not deter this courageous editor from his determined duty, the underworld, with the connivance of city officials sworn to protect the citizens, assassinated Don Mellett in cold blood on July 18, 1926.

A Basic Right

The people's right to know is a basic right. It is fundamental to good government in a democracy. The people must know so that they may intelligently choose their elected officials and continuously judge the performance of those officials.

I would be the first to admit that Don Mellett's killing represented an extreme act, with which only the most depraved and corrupt government officials would have co-operated.

Nevertheless, I insist that where access to news—legitimate news to which the public is entitled—is shut off or denied there you may find dishonesty or corruption in greater or lesser degree. If an official has nothing to hide, nothing to fear, he has no reason to block access to news at its source.

Newspapers the nation over are constantly fighting for "The People's Right to Know." This fight is in the public interest. Battles are lost here and there from time to time, but the war must be won.

I re-emphasize in this 1954 National Newspaper Week the importance of free access to news on all levels of government, consistent with national security, that the people may know what their government is doing and how it is doing it.

Firemen Seek Donations For Mrs. Rosalee Hester

El Nelson, chief of the Morehead City Fire Department, said yesterday that clothes and furniture are needed by Mrs. Rosalee Hester, 1112 Bay St., Morehead City, to replace the ones she lost when a room in her home burned last week.

He said that anyone wishing to make a contribution to help her should contact her or members of the fire department.

Oyster Season Opens

The oyster season opened Friday. C. G. Holland, assistant commercial fisheries commissioner, expects 400 of the state's 2,200 commercial fishing boats licensed to dredge for oysters. The season will close March 1.

To Attend Institute

Members of the County Welfare Department who will attend the 25th annual Public Welfare Institute Oct. 27-29 at Raleigh are Miss Georgie Hughes, superintendent, Mrs. Glenn Adair and Miss Pat Webb.



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