

Early Morning Fire Guts Morehead Boarding House

C. G. Holland Presents Six-Month Fish Report

Morehead City — Hurricane Hazel had less effect on the North Carolina oyster crop than was first believed, C. G. Holland, acting state fisheries commissioner, reported at Raleigh this week.

In a six months report of commercial fishing operations along the coast to Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development, Mr. Holland said the period from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1954, "was a hectic one for commercial fishermen." Besides generally unsettled weather much of the time, there were three hurricanes.

Despite the hurricanes, Mr. Holland said 57,730 tubs of oysters were harvested during the six months period against 89,443 tubs for the similar period in 1953. Also off was the shrimp harvest, there being 4,198,634 pounds of headed shrimp taken against 5,514,429 pounds caught during the last six months of 1953.

Clams also decreased, with 2,447 bushels being taken against 6,021 in the last half of 1953.

A bright spot on the commercial fishing scene was the catch of soft and hard crabs. Soft crabs taken totaled 6,571 dozen against 450, while hard crabs caught total-

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Directors Give \$100 for Highway

Members of the board of directors of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce voted \$100 to the All-Seashore Highway Association. The board met Tuesday night at the chamber office, Front Street.

In adopting the seashore highway as a major chamber project, the directors asked that individuals, too, contribute toward promotion of the coastal thoroughfare.

Gerald Hill, membership chairman, told the board that unpaid membership fees must be collected. Pledged for the 1954-55 year was \$2,477.50 and thus far \$1,868.50 has been paid.

Norwood Young, president, read a letter from the Southeastern Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives inviting chamber members to Asheville for the the March 20-22 session. No member of the Beaufort chamber will be able to attend, but the directors authorized that \$5 be sent to maintain Beaufort's official status in the organization.

The directors meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. in the chamber office. Miss Pat Springle has been serving as secretary to the chamber since the resignation, of Miss Fay Merrill Jan. 1.

Attending the meeting in addition to the president and Mr. Hill, were Clarence Guthrie, Dr. W. L. Woodard, G. T. Spivey, Lonnie Dill, Halsey Paul, Braxton Adair, C. G. Gaskill and William Roy Hamilton.

Army Engineers Will Alter Channel to Deter Shoaling

Wilmington — Continued shoaling along the northeastern side of Fort Macon has resulted in a decision to re-route the Morehead City Harbor 30-foot channel slightly from the northern end of the Beaufort channel to the two-mile area near the turning basin.

Engineers of the Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers, say the plan is to move the southeastern end of this stretch of the channel 150 feet northeastward and the end near the two-mile mark 100 feet southwestward. This change will move the channel about 125 feet farther away from Fort Macon and, it is believed, will tend to reduce the spilling over of sand into the channel.

Despite the fact that jetties extend several feet into the water at this point, the current is such on flood tide that sand whips by the jetties and makes this area a continuing menace to unwary mariners.

To facilitate the dredging of this partially new route, range markers are being changed between Fort Macon and Shackleford Points and in front of Beaufort to correct the alignment of the proposed route. Dredging of both this stretch and the bar channel is scheduled to get underway in March by the hopper dredge Gerig. An emergency dredging job in the bar channel was ac-

complished in November to remove shoals resulting from the Oct. 15 hurricane.

The advisability of extending the main jetty at Fort Macon out into the ocean some 1,000 feet has been discussed for a number of years but the cost of such a project poses a first rate obstruction. For the past four years, the Wilmington office pointed out, funds for civil functions have been limited in most cases to essential maintenance needs. Military requirements since the beginning of the Korean war account for reduction in river and harbor appropriations.

Extension of the main jetty, it is considered, would act as a repellant to tides rushing eastward and northward past the historic fort. Sand responsible for recurring shoals would be caught up by the jetty. Not only would this be true, engineers reason, but protection would be afforded an additional portion of the bar channel between Fort Macon and Shackleford Point and farther outward depending on the length of such an extension.

Office Moved
Heide & Co., ship's agents, and Morehead Ships Service have moved their office from the Royal Building to the Carteret Ice and Coal Co. building, 8th and Evans Streets.

Men's Club Meets
J. R. Morrill spoke on his October trip to Bermuda at the meeting of St. Andrew's Men's Club Tuesday night at the Blue Ribbon Club, Morehead City. The next meeting will be Wednesday night, Feb. 22.

Cedar Islander Recovers After Being Bombed

Target Bomb, Apparently A Dud, Sinks Oyster Boat in Sound.

Leonard Goodwin, 23, son of Dennis Goodwin, Cedar Island, was recovering yesterday after being rescued Wednesday morning by a state patrol boat. Goodwin's boat, the Barracuda, sank in Pamlico Sound after a bomb from a plane scored a direct hit on it but apparently the bomb did not explode.

Goodwin clung to the pilot house from noon Tuesday until 9:30 Wednesday morning when Capt. Wiley Mason in the Q-100, a patrol craft, spotted him and took him aboard. With Captain Mason was Charlie Edwards, mate.

Fisheries Commissioner C. G. Holland said they gave him breakfast and took him to the bridge at the Thoroughfare where members of his family from Cedar Island picked him up and took him home.

News Radioed
The patrol craft had radioed other boats about the rescue and families on Cedar Island with short wave sets heard the news and made arrangements to have someone meet Goodwin.

His family was reportedly not concerned when he failed to return Tuesday night because fishermen are frequently out overnight and sometimes a whole week. Goodwin was suffering from exposure. He was curled up on top of the pilot house, but his feet were frequently in the icy water.

The bomb, dropped from a Marine plane evidently engaged in target practice, knocked a big hole in the bottom of the Barracuda. The boat sank in about 12 feet of water. Only the pilot house and the mast were above the water.

Dredging for Oysters
Goodwin was dredging for oysters in public oyster grounds five miles east of Raccoon Island and about seven miles from a target area by Cherry Point planes. Commissioner Holland said he was in the water where he had a right to be. But no other fishermen happened to be in the area at the time.

Goodwin, who was alone, said that after the bomb hit his boat he grabbed a quilt and waved it at about seven planes going over. He said the planes dipped their wings and circled back so he thought the pilots realized his plight. The incident apparently was not reported to Cherry Point authorities, however, until Goodwin's rescue by the state boat.

Goodwin said he couldn't be sure whether the planes were low enough for the fliers to realize his boat had been sunk.

Cherry Point authorities were scheduled to start an investigation of the sinking yesterday morning.

Rain Falls, Mercury Drops

High winds from the northeast brought rain to the county during the past week. Temperature last night was to go down to 20-22 degrees. The lowest temperature recently registered was 22 degrees last Thursday, according to E. Stamey Davis, weather observer.

The prediction for this weekend is cold, and perhaps wet weather. Temperatures and wind directions since last Thursday are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Thursday	44	22	NW
Friday	47	28	SE
Saturday	58	38	N
Sunday	48	44	N
Monday	44	36	NE
Tuesday	50	32	W
Wednesday	51	30	SW

Rain fell Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The total precipitation was 1.45 for the three days.

Judge Fines Motorist \$100

Donald C. Klee was fined \$100 and costs in Beaufort Recorder's Court Tuesday by Judge Earl Mason when he pleaded guilty to failing to stop at a traffic light and was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants.

William Rice was assessed costs when he was found guilty of failing to stop at a stop light and speeding 35 miles per hour in a 25-mile zone.

William Sutton, Negro, was assessed costs when he pleaded guilty to public drunkenness. Daniel Richards, who pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and being a public nuisance, was ordered out of town by 6 p.m. Tuesday night.

Cases against James Reel and John Nelson were continued.

Reappraisal of County Land Holdings to Begin Tuesday

My Old Hometown!



Lt. James Smith, left and Bill Skarren, both of Beaufort, met by accident on New Year's day in Tokyo, Japan. Lieutenant Smith, who is stationed in Korea, was spending the holidays in Tokyo.

Mr. Skarren, who is a former member of the Beaufort School faculty, is principal of an American junior high school in Japan. He said that neither he nor Lieutenant Smith had seen any "home folks" since leaving the states, until they bumped into each other.

They talked a lot about home, especially the fishing. Mr. Skarren adds, "No matter where Carteret's sons go, they always remember the old place and plan on going back!" His address is TAS-DIHS, Hq. Central Command 8002 AU, APO 500, San Francisco, Cal.

Polio Collection Totals \$3,750

Carteret's March of Dimes contributions stood at \$3,750, Miss Aida Willis, March of Dimes chairman, reported yesterday.

In the "pump for polio" event Wednesday at the Shell Service Station, Beaufort, and the Sound Ezzo Station, Morehead City, \$104.36 was taken in for the polio campaign.

Almost 2,000 gallons were sold at the stations by town officials and civic leaders. The gas station operators turned the net profit on each gallon over to the March of Dimes.

Hibbs Shell Service Station, Morehead City, will "pump for polio" Monday, Miss Willis said. A road block is being planned for this weekend and the following restaurants will give their coffee money tomorrow to the polio drive: Morehead City Drug Co., Sanitary Restaurant, Sport Shop Coffee Shop, Waterfront Restaurant, Busy Bee Restaurant and the Broadway Cafe.

The last count on profit from the radio talent show was \$550. At a square dance in the Morehead City Recreation Center last night cakes were auctioned off. Persons were admitted by contributing to the March of Dimes.

Organizations contributing thus far are the Morehead City Eastern Star Chapter \$10, Women of the Moose, \$5, Chapter 161, Esther Rebekahs \$25, and \$27 has been contributed by the Taylor Community Hall, Harlowe.

Specialist Confers With Fruit Growers

T. T. Hatton, horticultural extension specialist, Raleigh, was in the county yesterday conferring with Alton Bland and A. D. Ennett who live west of Morehead City along Highway 24.

Mr. Bland recently set out a 13-acre peach orchard and Mr. Ennett a two-acre peach orchard. They plan to purchase spraying equipment and other machinery necessary for handling the orchards.

R. M. Williams, county agent, said it is his hope that peaches could be produced in sufficient quantity in this county to meet local demands. Few good quality peaches are ever imported to this county from the peach-growing section of the Piedmont, he observed.

Property Owners Have Until Monday to List

Monday will be the last day to list taxes.

Owners of real and personal property in this county who do not list taxes by midnight Monday will be penalized 10 per cent.

Glenn Tucker, Carolina Beach, Heads Group

Group Elects Officers At Meeting Tuesday In Morehead City

Glenn Tucker of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association succeeded Alvah Hamilton of Morehead City as president of the All-Seashore Highway Association. Officers were elected at a meeting Tuesday noon at the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant, Morehead City.

Other officers are as follows: vice-presidents, Mrs. Alice Strickland, Carolina Beach; Gerald Hill, Beaufort; and R. Stanley Wahab, Ocracoke. Re-elected was Joe DuBois, manager of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce and father of the All-Seashore Highway plan as secretary-treasurer.

The group plans to redouble their efforts to promote and support the construction of an all-seashore highway extending from the Virginia state line to South Carolina.

The plan calls for paved roads across Ocracoke Island, Portsmouth Island, Core Banks, Shackleford Banks, Bogue Banks, Hurst and Onslow Beaches on the Marine Reservation, Camp Lejeune, connecting with the beaches of southeastern Carolina and on to the South Carolina line.

The group is asking for the immediate construction of the first link of such a highway that would include adequate ferry service at Oregon and Hatteras Inlets and the paving of a road from the village of Hatteras to Hatteras Inlet; the paving and construction of 17 miles of roads across Ocracoke Island; adequate ferry service from Ocracoke Island to either Cedar Island or Atlantic to connect with present Highway 70.

Also included is adequate ferry service across Cape Fear River connecting the beach areas of lower New Hanover and Brunswick Counties.

The proposed highway is divided into three districts. District 1 takes care of Dare and Hyde Counties, District 2 takes in Carteret and Onslow Counties, and District 3 includes New Hanover and Brunswick Counties.

Among those attending the meeting were the following: Mayor George W. Dill, Alvah Hamilton, H. L. Joslyn, Ted Davis and Hap Hanson, all of Morehead City; Gerald Hill, Gene C. Smith, and Norwood Young of Beaufort; Leonard Yeomans, Dave Yeomans and Jim Harker of Harkers Island.

John H. Farrell, executive secretary of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association; Charles McCotter, Bayboro; James H. Burton, Mrs. Alice Strickland, and Glenn Tucker of Carolina Beach; Charles Lewis, Sanford; Aycock Brown and Wallace McCowan, Manteo; T. B. Zeeley, Nag's Head, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Wahab and C. F. Boyette of Ocracoke Island.

JC's to Hold Open House

Beaufort Jaycees have invited townfolks to an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Scout building on Pollock Street. Plans for the open house were made at the Jaycee meeting at the Inlet Inn Monday night.

Jaycees have repaired the building but more repairs, especially to the roof, are needed. The civic group would like to show people what they have done and what they hope to do.

The program Monday night featured Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, who gave impersonations.

Seven new members joined the group. They were Hugh Gordon, Ralph Albares, Joe Long, L. D. Springle Jr., Bert Brooks, Julian Austin and Charles Chappell.

Target Area
From 7 a.m. this morning until 6 p.m. today the area in the vicinity of Browns Island, located between Browns Inlet and Bear Inlet will be hazardous to vessels because of strafing and bombing exercises by Marines of Camp Lejeune.

Valuation of county real estate by professional appraisers will begin Tuesday. The contract was signed by Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, Friday.

James D. Potter, county auditor, said the job will cost about \$45,000 and will be completed by Jan. 1, 1956. The work will be done by E. T. Wilkins & Associates, of Lincoln, Neb., and Cleveland, Ohio.

Valuation of property by outside appraisers has long been pondered over by the county board but the cost of the job always deterred action. Because the county is losing money, due to unequal valuations and some property not being listed at all, the county board at its January meeting listened to two firms' bids on the job.

Hear Bids
Joseph H. Quigley of the Cole-Layer-Trumble Co., Dayton, Ohio, bid \$50,500 plus \$4 for each improved lot at Atlantic Beach and \$1 for each vacant lot at the beach. Mr. Quigley said that his method also included drawing of maps which would run close to \$20,000.

E. T. Wilkins presented his \$45,000 bid at the same meeting. Commissioners authorized Dr. Bonner to enter into a contract with Wilkins after the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, gave his okay.

Dr. Bonner said that with objective valuation, the small taxpayer will be the greatest benefactor. The person who owns only a small amount of property is now paying more, proportionately, than the large holder, he observed.

Reduction Foreseen
Seventy-five per cent of the people will have their taxes reduced rather than increased, the county official predicted.

Reappraisal calls for trained men to study deed books, comb the county, and appraise property as it now stands, filling out records on each piece of real estate on forms that can be readily filed.

The appraisal will cover machinery owned by plants, as well as boats, but will not cover inside furnishings such as refrigerators and furniture.

County officials believe that the reappraisal will enable a reduction in the \$1.80 per hundred tax rate. Working space for the appraisers has been provided on the second floor of the courthouse annex, Beaufort. It is estimated that six men will be brought in by the Wilkins firm to do the job.

Total assessed valuation of property in the county now is 23 million dollars. This is expected to be more than doubled.

Former Morehead Resident Leads Hunt for Treasure

Heading an expedition of treasure hunters, Charles Williams, who spent his early life in Morehead City but now lives in Manhattan Beach, Cal., is on his way to the island of Cocos some 400 miles off the west coast of Costa Rica. Mr. Williams is the brother of Mrs. Kathleen Kelly and Paul Williams, Morehead City.

In company with 14 men, the expedition left Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 8, on a converted subchaser, bound for the island where they hope a \$35,000 gamble will return them \$80,000,000 in gold and jewels, the legendary lost loot of Lima. The treasure seekers, engineers, sailors, business men, claim to have pooled \$35,000 in money and equipment. They hope to locate the treasure with a 130-year-old map which expedition leader Williams says was willed him by a sea captain.

Mr. Williams states the treasure was left on a deserted island in 1821 by mutinous crew members of a ship taking the glittering loot to Spain. The treasure — jewels, gold bars, pieces of eight and church ornaments — were ordered sent to Spain to keep it from invaders.

The boat carries a variety of equipment to aid the treasure hunt, including two bulldozers, a power dragline and four electronic metal-locating devices. The treasure hunt is expected to take three or four months.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Jan. 28	
11:07 a.m.	4:55 a.m.
11:43 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29	
11:57 a.m.	4:55 a.m.
	5:56 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 30	
12:35 a.m.	6:47 a.m.
12:52 p.m.	6:56 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 31	
1:32 a.m.	6:10 a.m.
1:53 p.m.	8:19 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 1	
2:35 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
3:04 p.m.	9:34 p.m.

Club Endorses Coming Changes In Land Values

The Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club, at its meeting Tuesday night, went on record favoring the reappraisal of county property and authorized the sending of \$5 to each of the six school lunchrooms in the county.

The club requested Miss Georgie Hughes, corresponding secretary, to write to the county board informing them of the club's endorsement of the reappraisal proposed at the January county commissioners' meeting.

The \$5 to pay for lunches for underprivileged children will be sent to the Atlantic, Beaufort, Morehead City, Camp Glenn, Smyrna and Newport schools.

Mrs. Julia Tenney reported that the club sent cosmetics, costume jewelry and plastic raincoats to girls at Samarcaud, a school for girls.

The club authorized the purchase of a B&PW pin and gavel guard to be presented as a birthday gift to the New Bern B&PW Club.

Miss Hughes, chairman of the club's Civil Defense committee, announced that as the result of the club's letter to the county board of commissioners, James D. Potter was appointed chairman of the county civil defense program.

Mrs. Marshall Ayscue reported that she delivered the basket of food, packed by the club at Christmas time, to a Harkers Island family.

Mrs. Roma Noe, membership chairman, introduced the following visitors: Mrs. Milton Lipman, Mrs. Mary Ann Fisher, Mrs. Vera Smith, all of Beaufort; Miss Verne Bowman, Mrs. Stanley Winwright, Miss Helen Jones and Miss Rosalind Colley, all of Morehead City.

Mrs. C. L. Beam, president, announced that the next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Jefferson Restaurant, Morehead City.

Roy T. Garner Speaks to Club

Roy T. Garner presented the program at the Newport Rotary Club meeting Tuesday night at the lunchroom on the Newport school grounds.

Mr. Garner spoke on this being the Golden Anniversary Year for Rotary International and on the duties of the officers of the Newport club. He used material contained in the constitution and by-laws and also material found in the Rotarian, the monthly magazine of the organization.

Harry D. Lockett was appointed the new institutional representative for the Newport Boy Scout Troop which the Rotary Club sponsors.

One guest Rotarian from Morehead City, Walter Edwards, was present. President Nathan Garner presided. The Rev. J. Herbert Waldrop Jr. gave the invocation.

County Firemen Answer 176 Calls

The three fire departments in the county, Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport, answered 176 fire alarms during 1954.

Beaufort answered a total of 72 calls, Morehead City 82 and Newport 22. In 1953 when Beaufort was not answering out-of-town alarms and accurate records weren't kept until March of that year, it is estimated that the department answered 45 alarms.

Morehead City answered 84 calls in 1953 and Newport 17. Of Beaufort's 72 calls last year, 35 were out of town. Morehead City answered 11 out-of-town alarms and Newport 10.

The Methodist Men of Franklin Memorial Church will sponsor a barbecue dinner Saturday, Jan. 29, in the basement of the church. Plates will be delivered. Call 6-3222.