

Agassiz Completes Rescue Mission

Colorful Concert Pianist To Present Recital Tuesday

Mario Braggiotti, one of the most colorful personalities in the concert field, will give a piano recital at the Morehead City auditorium Tuesday at 8 p.m. His will be the second in the current Community Concert series.

The internationally-known pianist, once of the two piano team of Fray and Braggiotti, is winning new successes across the country as a solo artist with a fresh and novel program. In addition to the traditional classics and art works, he offers interludes of improvisations and musical caricatures.

Caricatures Tunes

Braggiotti, the keyboard improvisator, has raised this art to new levels, and his caricatures sparkle with subtle humor especially when he takes well known American folk tunes like Yankee Doodle — and gives them new and humorous life in the style of many composers.

His recital programs follow a course of informality and cordiality as well as artistic worth. A typical program might open with early compositions of little known composers, often arranged in the Braggiotti manner. Then comes a Beethoven sonata, a group of Debussy and a group of fiery Spanish works.

One of the Gershwin numbers usually follows, for Braggiotti was a close friend of the American composer and one of the first to play the piano part of An American in Paris.

Helped by Gershwin

Gershwin helped Braggiotti get his first job in London in Gershwin's musical comedy *Funny Face*. There Braggiotti teamed with Fray and when the pair came to the United States their two-piano program took the country by storm.

They were radio headliners for years, and when Fray withdrew from the field to join radio station WQXR in New York as musical director, Braggiotti embarked upon a solo career.

Ships leaving Morehead City this week for the Caribbean will reach their destination around Feb. 25. The asphalt tanker Paludina arrived yesterday and the tanker, Egdna, with oil for Esso, is due Wednesday. Bob Hicks, Heide and Co. agent handling the Nady, said no arrival date has been received. The Nady is due here this week to pick up fish oil.



Mario Braggiotti
... cartoonist of the keyboard

House Committee To Attend Session Fisheries Commissioner Urges Members of Industry to Attend

Members of the House commercial fisheries committee, including D. G. Bell of Carteret, will attend the fisheries meeting at Camp Glenn Monday morning at 9:30.

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, requests that all commercial fishermen and fish dealers make a special effort to be present.

Expanding of fishery statistical services in Beaufort will be discussed. Secretary of the Interior McKay has announced that the Fish and Wildlife Service has established six new statistical offices and will open 11 more soon.

The expansion at Beaufort is being financed with money made available under the Saltonstall-Kennedy act, designed to give special aid to the commercial fishing industry.

G. B. Talbot, head of the Fish and Wildlife Station, Beaufort, said that unless a statistical program gets underway very soon, effective recommendations on improving the fishing industry will be delayed for years.

Doctors Seek Cooperation On Hospital Visiting Rule

Members of the County Medical Society took action at their meeting Monday night toward enforcement of hospital visiting rules. The doctors earnestly request the cooperation of the public in visiting patients.

No more than two visitors per patient are allowed, but according to reports from the hospital, that rule is being consistently violated.

The doctors said that if they cannot get voluntary cooperation from visitors, other means will be taken to enforce it.

The society acted on two matters before the legislature and on a resolution requesting state aid in mosquito control.

The doctors endorsed the proposed change in the state's coroner system and authorized the writing of a letter to Legislator D. G. Bell expressing their approval, in general, of bills which would protect the buyer of accident and hospitalization insurance.

The resolution requesting state aid on mosquito control, which was passed by the county board of commissioners was read. The doctors directed that a similar resolution be forwarded to Raleigh with an addition to the effect that malaria-bearing mosquitoes are found along the coast.

Because men are stationed in this area who have returned from malaria-ridden countries, the medical society pointed out that there is a possibility of malaria outbreak here.

A salesman with the drug manufacturing firm, Eli Lilly, showed a film on antibiotic therapy and the meeting adjourned. Fourteen doctors were present. President Theodore Salter conducted the meeting.

Restoration Work Begins at Beach Bull Dozers Start at Fort Macon Point, Work West To Atlantic Beach

Work has started at Fort Macon on pushing up sand dunes to repair the damage done by the Oct. 15 hurricane.

Gray Hassell, Beaufort, has been appointed supervising engineer. Mr. Hassell will designate the point where the dunes shall be placed, specify how to do the work and keep track of the time spent by contractors.

Mr. Hassell said about six bull dozer operators would be on the job by the end of this week. He estimates that it will take about six weeks to do the work between the point at Fort Macon and the east limits of the town of Atlantic Beach.

The beach has been divided into half mile sections with a bull dozer operator assigned to each section.

The engineer estimates that three months will be required to push up a dune the length of Bogue Banks. After the dune is in place, the federal government has authorized spending of 40 cents a foot to put up a sand fence to hold the "dike."

The fence would be flexible, slatted and the most effective as well as cheaper than a brush fence, Mr. Hassell said.

Civil defense officials conferred Tuesday with county and town officials who filed applications for federal aid. Mr. Hassell has had conferences with Col. R. H. Hill of the Corps of Engineers on the government's program for beach restoration.

The government has earmarked \$52,256.33 for repair of hurricane damage in Morehead City, \$77,250 for repair in Beaufort, and \$122,675 to the county for beach restoration, making a total of \$252,281.33.

Conifer Breaks Ice



Two weeks ago today the USCGC cutter Conifer was breaking two-foot thick ice in the Chesapeake Bay north of Baltimore. Today she's at her usual chore of servicing aids to navigation in the balmy waters off Carteret County.

The Conifer, under command of Lt. Cmdr. James Van Ethen, was pressed into service when the canal between the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay was threatened with closure by heavy ice formations.

On her way back to her Morehead berth on Feb. 8, the Conifer was dispatched to the aid of the Liberty Ship Artemus wallowing in heavy seas off Cape Lookout.

The Artemus was being towed to the ship graveyard at Wilmington by the tug Sheridan when the tow line parted. The Artemus dropped its anchor. With no motive power it was unable to pull it back up.

The Conifer crew cut the anchor, marked it, and helped the tug get another tow line aboard. Later the Conifer retrieved the 30-ton anchor and chain.

Cutter Due Here Today From Norfolk

Due to arrive at Morehead City today is the Coast Guard Cutter Agassiz, having successfully completed a rescue mission in which the cutter escorted a disabled freighter to Norfolk.

The ship was the Agioi Victores of Liberian registry, owned by the Victore Shipping Co., California. It was enroute to Norfolk to load coal when it started to crack up.

A distress call to the Coast Guard Saturday revealed that the ship had a deck crack 4 inches wide in the middle of the No. 4 foreport to the end of port side.

At that time the Agioi said she needed no assistance unless the weather got worse. Two hours later she messaged back that the weather was becoming worse and she was battling a strong northwest gale.

The Agioi had also cut her motors and was drifting southward approximately 350 miles east of Morehead City and 305 miles southeast of Norfolk.

The Coast Guard dispatched the Agassiz, which was patrolling off Cape Hatteras, and a plane from Elizabeth City. The Agassiz reached the Agioi Monday at 4 p.m.

The cutter escorted the disabled ship to Cape Henry, arriving there Tuesday.

The last message from the Agioi's master and crew to the Coast Guard was, "Cordially appreciate your prompt relief ordering CGC Agassiz attend SS Agioi Victores to her destination. Kindly accept our sincerest thanks."

The commanding officer of the Agassiz is Lt. Peter S. Branson.

While enroute to the Agioi, just before meeting the disabled ship, the Agassiz came upon five life jackets and other debris believed to be the remains of one of the downed jets which was lost off this coast earlier this year.

The Agioi is a liberty ship 422 feet long with a crew of 29. Her Norfolk agent is W. M. Stone & Co.

Claud Wheatly Heads Carteret Bar Association Lawyers Agree on Five-County Redistricting Proposal

Claud Wheatly, Beaufort, was elected president of the Carteret County Bar Association Wednesday, succeeding Harvey Hamilton Jr., Morehead City. The lawyers met at the courthouse.

Other officers are Luther Hamilton Jr., Morehead City, vice-president, succeeding Mr. Wheatly, and John James, Beaufort.

On the proposal to re-draw the judicial district lines, the attorneys voted to send Wiley Taylor Jr. to Raleigh to go before the judicial council and present Carteret's proposal.

County lawyers prefer the re-districting to include Carteret, Pamlico, Craven, Onslow and Jones. At present, the fifth judicial district also includes Pitt and Greene.

The judicial council has recommended that legislative action be taken to put Carteret in a district with Craven, Pamlico and Pitt.

The new district would be numbered 3 instead of 5 as at present according to the judicial council's plans.

The bar association on Wednesday also set the docket for divorces in the coming term of court. Divorce cases will be heard on the last day of the one-week term rather than on Monday as in the past.

This change was made at the request of the new solicitor, Robert Rouse Jr. of Greenville.

The Superior Court term, scheduled for the hearing of criminal cases, will open Monday, March 14.

Fisheries Committee OKs Bill Lifting Net Tax

The House commercial fisheries committee yesterday approved the bill which would eliminate all net taxes. The bill, sponsored by D. G. Bell of Carteret, was okayed with a few minor amendments and will now be reported favorably on the floor of the house.

One of the amendments puts a flat \$2 license fee on all boats 16 feet and under rather than a 25 cent per foot tax as Mr. Bell had recommended.

The bill takes off all taxes on nets and repeals a section of the law which now says that persons fishing for "home consumption" shall be exempt from tax.

The latter is aimed at persons who go out, and fill up their boats with fish "for the home freezer" and up 'til now, though they were in competition with the commercial fisherman, never had to pay a tax, Mr. Bell commented.

The scale for taxation on commercial boats, if the bill passes both the house and senate, will now be as follows: boats 16 feet and under; 28 to 44 feet, 75 cents a foot; 44 feet and over \$1 a foot.

Ocracoker Eats Flounder Caught By Rueful Otter

Hatteras, N. C. — George O'Neal of Ocracoke Island is probably the only man living who had flounder for dinner which had been caught by an otter. In the "down below" section of the island last week O'Neal had started oystering when directly ahead at the edge of a marsh an otter appeared with a two-pound flounder that was still flapping.

Striking the water with his boat oar, O'Neal scared the otter into dropping its fish. It was a simple matter then to move ashore and pick up the flounder that was trying to flap its way back into the water. In the meantime, the otter plunged beneath the surface, and then surfaced again several feet away to see the oysterman pick up the fish it had caught.

Hunters Caught In Legal Net

Fines were levied against eight persons for hunting violations when they appeared before the United States commissioner in New Bern Monday, announces Leroy McIntosh, game warden, Beaufort.

J. R. White, Havelock, was fined \$50, when he was found guilty of hunting ducks with an unplugged gun and not having a duck stamp.

Douglas Adsit, Havelock, and Harry B. Fulcher, Atlantic, were fined \$35 each when they were found guilty of hunting ducks with an unplugged gun.

R. M. Pickard and Leon Powell, both of Durham, were found guilty of taking ducks over baited areas and fined \$50 each.

Alvin Willis, Stacy, paid \$25 when he was found guilty of having an improper hunting license and having no duck stamp.

Audrey V. Curtin, Havelock, was found guilty of hunting ducks with an unplugged gun and was fined \$50.

Ben Salter, Atlantic, paid \$35 when he was found guilty of hunting ducks with an unplugged gun.

Arresting officers, along with McIntosh, were Alvin Noltemeyer and Ralph Halstead, federal game agents.

Tonight's the Last Night For 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

Yielding to popular demand, the Carteret Community Theatre is now presenting the comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. The second and last performance will be at 8 o'clock tonight in the Beaufort School auditorium.

The first night audience last night saw two newcomers to community theatre casts, Frank Jones and Barbara O'Connor. Mr. Jones, public school music instructor at Beaufort School, plays the part of Mortimer Brewster and Barbara O'Connor plays the part of his fiancée, Elaine Harper.

The scene is laid in the Brewster home in Brooklyn. The time is the present and the story revolves around two old maids, Abby and Martha Brewster whose favorite charity is putting homeless old men out of their misery by feeding them poisoned elderberry wine.

Their nephew, Teddy, cooperates in their "worthy project," but concentrates mainly on running the United States because he thinks he's Theodore Roosevelt.

The cast is as follows: Abby Brewster, Joyce Willis; Martha Brewster, Treessa Vickers; the Rev. Dr. Harper, Lynn Stoller; Teddy Brewster, Floyd Stewart.

Officer Brophy, Tom Respass; Mr. Gibbs, Steve Dail; Jonathan Brewster, Walton Hamilton; Dr. Einstein, Ed Walston; Officer O'Hara, Sammy Daniels; Lt. Rooney, James Lucas, and Mr. Witherpoon, Charles O'Connor.

The Emeritus Club will attend the play in a group tonight following dinner at the Inlet Inn.

Tax Income Near Halfway Mark

A little less than half the current Beaufort tax levy had been collected at the end of seven months of the current fiscal year, according to a report on town finances given the Beaufort Town Board at its recent meeting.

Estimated income for 1954-55 is \$33,000. By Jan. 31, \$24,986.66 had been collected. Received during January was \$8,354.89.

Taxes from prior years paid last month amounted to \$398.54, bringing the total this year to \$2,128.39. Collected in business license fees in January was \$140. Of the \$4,000 in revenue anticipated this year, \$1,070.25 has been collected.

Received in ABC funds last month was \$1,065.74, bringing liquor store revenue thus far to \$4,613.21.

Parking meter revenue in January was \$443.04, bringing collections this year to a total of \$5,120.16. Nine thousand dollars is anticipated.

Miscellaneous town income in January was \$280.24, upping the total to \$1,968.69.

Churches Cooperate in Alcoholic Institute, Cancel Wednesday Services

Jerry Rowe, chairman of the Alcoholic Education Institute, announced yesterday that the majority of the churches are cooperating in the program by cancelling their Wednesday night prayer services so that church members may attend the session at 7:30 Wednesday night in the First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

The topic that night will be "The Church and Alcoholism." Dr. Joseph Garrison will be the speaker.

Dr. Garrison, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Greensboro, has long been interested in mental health and alcohol problems as they relate to church and community.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Dr. Garrison has served as president of the Guilford County Mental Hygiene Society, and as board member of the Greensboro-Guilford County Mental Hygiene Clinic. He attended the Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies in 1952.

Davidson Graduate

Dr. Garrison is a graduate of Davidson College and holds the B. D. degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Davidson College in 1942.

Two of the other speakers will be Raymond G. McCarthy and Miss Roberta E. Lytle.

Mr. McCarthy is director of Alcoholism Research for the New York State Health Commission, and associate director of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies. He is widely recognized as the outstanding alcohol educator in the country, having written widely in the field of alcohol problems.

Teaching aids developed by Mr. McCarthy are employed extensively in the nation's classrooms, and his booklet, *Facts About Alcohol*, written by INSTITUTE, Page 2



Raymond G. McCarthy
... noted authority



S. K. Proctor
... directs state program

State Extends Oyster Season

The season for taking oysters from Pamlico Sound has been extended from the closing date of Feb. 28 through March 15, Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development said today.

The extension was granted, Mr. Douglas said, on recommendation of the Institute of Fisheries Research at Morehead City and C. Gehrman Holland, acting commissioner of commercial fisheries for the C&D Department.

Oystermen are forbidden, however, to take oysters from two small areas in the northeastern part of Pamlico Sound. The season for taking oysters in these areas closed Feb. 15.

Holland recently reported State taxes were paid on 57,730 tubs of oysters taken from public bottoms during the last six months of 1954 as compared with 89,443 during the corresponding period in 1953. Prices of North Carolina oysters this season, he added, have had a good average.

Abe Williams Sent to Prison

Abraham Williams was sentenced to six months on the roads by Judge Earl Mason Tuesday in Beaufort Recorder's Court, when part of a suspended sentence of two years, handed down Sept. 28, 1954, was invoked. At that time Williams pleaded guilty to forcible trespass.

Williams broke his good behavior order of Sept. 28 when he engaged in a fight Dec. 31 with Albert Fallon who was shot and killed that night. Williams was taken into court in September on a charge of attacking a man and robbing him.

Freddie Fulford was sentenced to 30 days on the streets when he pleaded guilty to public drunkenness.

Guy Vann was sentenced to 10 days on the streets when he did not contest a charge of having no operator's license.

Cases against the following were continued: James Reel, Ortra Earl Outlaw, Thurston Wade Arnold, and William Loftin Jr.

Indications of Gas War Start in Morehead Area

A gasoline war that threatened to break this week in Morehead City failed to materialize, but there is a possibility that prices at the downtown service stations will take a drop sometime next week.

The first station in Morehead City to drop prices was the Hibbs Shell Station at the juncture of old and new Highway 70. Other stations in his vicinity followed suit, offering regular gas for 26.9 cents a gallon and premium for 29.4 cents a gallon, but the downtown dealers haven't as yet followed suit.

Gas has been selling for 30 cents a gallon regular (on the average) and 32 cents for premium.

The tour was supervised by Rogers Hunt.

Home Economics Students Tour Meat Department

Students in Beaufort home economics classes went through the meat department at the Colonial Store, Beaufort, Wednesday afternoon.

They were shown different cuts of meat, where they come from, how they are put on sale and other details connected with meat marketing.

Ocracoke Civic Club Attends Turkey Dinner

The Ocracoke Civic Club celebrated Monday night one of its two annual supper meetings with a turkey feed served up by a galley crew of Jim Williams, Kelly O'Neal, Marvin Howard, Charlie Ahmon, Kermit Robinson, and Frank Teeter.

Dare County Commissioners Swain and White, accompanied by story-teller Victor Meekins, presented a recent resolution adopted by the Dare County Board of Commissioners expressing favor toward legislation which would make it possible for Ocracoke to become a part of Dare County, in the event the citizens of Ocracoke should wish to do so, Ocracoke at present is in Hyde County.

After discussion, the club decided to make no committal at the present time.

The club decided to support the growing 21-county appeal to the legislature for a large scale program of mosquito control, and made a substantial donation. Plans have also been laid for local action to take advantage of a fogging outfit recently made available to the Coast Guard for local mosquito control.

It was unanimously resolved to approve and support the continuation of the Ocracoke Fourth of July Parade.

After a movie, the meeting adjourned.

Symphony Society To Meet at 7:30 Tonight

Everyone who holds a membership in the North Carolina Symphony Society is invited to the meeting of the Carteret Chapter at 7:30 tonight at the civic center, Morehead City.

Skinner Chalk, Morehead City, president of the chapter, said new officers will be elected.

Rotary Club Meets

Van Potter of Beaufort was the speaker at the Beaufort Rotary Club meeting Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn. Mr. Potter spoke on Present Day Christianity. Jack Roberts of Morehead City was the only guest.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Feb. 18	
5:07 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
5:40 p.m.	11:44 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19	
5:58 a.m.	12:23 p.m.
6:28 p.m.	12:23 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 20	
6:43 a.m.	12:31 a.m.
7:08 p.m.	1:06 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 21	
7:23 a.m.	1:16 a.m.
7:46 p.m.	1:46 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 22	
8:02 a.m.	2:00 a.m.
8:23 p.m.	2:27 p.m.