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Business Continues Upsurge

Wallace Channel Dredging Authorized by Engineers

State Sets Up \$25,000 to Make Park Repair

Building Materials Are On Order; Fort Open To Visitors as Usual

Twenty-five thousand dollars has been earmarked by the state for repair and renovation of Fort Macon State Park. Charles S. Walters, who is in charge of the park, said that materials for the repair of hurricane damage are already being bought.

The boardwalk will be torn down and rebuilt and all buildings in the picnic and swimming areas replaced as they were before Hazel.

He said that the money for the necessary work was cleared and okayed by the State Park Division more than a week ago.

The parking lot at the fort is now in better condition than it ever was, Mr. Walters said, and both the lot and the fort are open to visitors.

The picnic and swimming area will not be open until May 27. By that time it is expected that the bath houses, concession stands and personnel barracks will be restored. The picnic and swimming area is never open during the winter.

Dunes have not been pushed up in front of the bathing area as they have been in other beach sections, Mr. Walters said. After the boardwalk is replaced, the sand will be sloped up against the boardwalk.

Reckless Driver Fined in Court

Charles Mathis Bembry was fined \$1350 and costs when he pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving before Judge Earl Mason in Beaufort Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Tom and Lina Noe each received 30-day suspended sentences when they were found guilty of depositing human excrement on the ground adjacent to neighbors' private homes, in violation of the Carteret County Board of Health ordinance.

The Noes must refrain from violating this ordinance or the sentences will be invoked.

The following were assessed \$12 of costs: Mrs. Elizabeth House, for failing to stop at stop sign; Thomas Charles Allen, failing to stop at traffic light; Ralph Guiney, failing to stop at stop sign, and Willie Budget, failing to stop at traffic light.

Mildred Baum was assessed costs for malicious prosecution.

The case against Johnnie Teel, charged with careless and reckless driving, was dismissed, and Wallace W. Garner, charged with speeding, was found not guilty.

Cases against the following were continued: James Reel, Thurston Wade Arnold, and Raymond Lewis.

JC's Support District Nominee

At the Morehead City Jaycees meeting Monday night at the Hotel Fort Macon, members pledged their support of P. H. Geer Jr. as Ninth District vice-president of the North Carolina Jaycees. The election will take place at the fourth quarterly board meeting to be held in Morehead City the latter part of April or early May.

It was also announced that other clubs have reported their favoring Mr. Geer for the post.

Next Monday night an expert on lighting arrangements will be at the meeting to discuss with the Jaycees the Christmas lighting for the town for this year. The Jaycees hope that in conjunction with the other civic organizations, the lighting arrangements this year will be improved.

T. C. Hyman Jr. of Morehead City was a guest at the meeting.

T/Sgt. Harold E. Ross, Havelock, was among the members of the 2,302 veterans from the First Marine Air Wing and the Third Marine Division who returned from Korea to Treasure Island Sunday aboard the USNS General Brewster.

Congressman Graham A. Barden on Tuesday released information by telegram relative to the dredging of Wallace Channel.

The channel, silted in to a hazardous extent, is located just west of Ocracoke Inlet in Pamlico Sound, and is used extensively (when deep enough) by trawlers.

The telegram reads, "Chief of engineers advises me that emergency dredging of Wallace Channel authorized to depth of 10 feet and funds are being made available for dredging to begin at earliest possible moment." It was signed by Congressman Barden.

W. H. Potter, and Claude R. Wheatley, Beaufort, went to Washington recently to confer with Congressman Barden and Congressman Herbert Bonner of Washington, N. C., relative to the hazardous navigation conditions of Ocracoke Inlet and Wallace Channel.

In addition to working on the dredging project, the two congressmen are sponsoring a bill authorizing a survey of Ocracoke Inlet by Army engineers. The survey would provide data necessary to obtain government maintenance of the inlet.

At present, the government provides navigation aids there only.

Dredging of Wallace Channel and a survey of the inlet was requested in a recent resolution passed by the North Carolina Fisheries Association, an organization of fishermen and fish dealers.

The project depth of Wallace Channel is 12 feet but the emergency dredging to 10 feet will be of tremendous value to the North Carolina fishing industry, Mr. Potter remarked.

In good weather the inlet is navigable by trawlers but in rough weather it is hazardous. Loaded menhaden boats cannot navigate either the inlet or the channel and it is hoped that eventually the channel will be restaged to its 12-foot depth and the inlet dredged.

Congressmen Barden and Bonner have also been requested to work on obtaining appropriations for the dredging of Taylor's Creek, Beaufort.

Telegrams releasing the information on the dredging of Wallace Channel were received by Mr. Potter and J. A. DuBois, manager of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce.

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