

# Diane Hits County Too; Any More?

## Morehead City Port to Get New Shed, Fumigation Plant

Morehead City—Two installations to be constructed at the state port here have moved a step nearer realization, according to an announcement today by Col. Richard S. Marr, executive director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority.

A contract to build a 39,600 square foot transit shed has been let to Steel Erectors Co. of Charlotte, and plans are proceeding to put in a tobacco fumigation plant without delay.

Steel Erectors will put up a prefabricated building manufactured by Luria Engineering Co. of New York City at its Bethlehem, Pa., plant. The building in knocked-down form will be shipped to Morehead City, where it will be assembled this fall at a cost of about \$100,000.

Preliminary work for this building has already begun, Colonel Marr said. Preparation of footings and foundation work is now in progress.

Specifications call for a building 100 feet wide and a little over 360 feet long. A single row of columns will offer support, and a canopy will extend over the area between the new transit shed and the railroad tracks to protect cargoes being moved in that area.

The proposed fumigation plant is expected to cost about \$80,000, and will be used to process raw tobacco exports. The installation will offer fumigation services as an added inducement to shippers contemplating moving their cargoes through Morehead City.

The State Ports Authority, meeting here last month, tentatively approved the fumigation plant if financial arrangements could be worked out. These financial plans have now been approved, Colonel Marr disclosed, with the result that the State Ports Authority can now commence detailed planning and the drawing up of specifications.

A single-chamber structure, equipped for hydrocyanic and methyl bromide gases, is envisioned, and loads of some 7,000 cubic feet can be accommodated in a single operation.

Colonel Marr pointed out there has been a growing demand for fumigation facilities here. The location of such a plant will attract much additional commercial tonnage through the Morehead City port, which is proving increasingly valuable to shipping interests, he said.

## Driver Faces Court Action

John G. Decker, Cherry Point Marine, driver of a car which wrecked across the railroad tracks in Morehead City Monday night, has been docketed for appearance in court Monday.

Three other Marines were with Decker, who was driving a 1954 Ford.

According to Capt. Buck Newsome of the Morehead City Police Department, Decker tried to cross the tracks going north on 33rd Street where there is no street crossing.

The chassis of the car jammed up against the tracks. One of the men was seriously cut about the face. They all walked to the Shell Service Station where Captain Newsome found them and took them to Morehead City Hospital.

Captain Newsome said the lad with the cut face was bleeding profusely. Decker was put in jail and two others were taken to Cherry Point by ambulance. The fourth was not hurt.

Decker has been charged with driving without a license and driving drunk.

## Young People Hurt In Wreck Monday

Miss Jane Safrit and Pvt. Robert Safrit, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Safrit Jr., Beaufort, were injured in an automobile accident west of Jacksonville Monday afternoon.

Private Safrit, home on a 10-day leave, was driving his car and collided with a truck which turned in front of him. Both he and his sister were taken to the Jacksonville Hospital where they were treated for severe cuts.

It was expected that they would be discharged late yesterday. Private Safrit and his sister were returning to Beaufort from Faison when the accident happened. He is stationed with the Army at Englewood, N. J.

## Soldier Named Son 'Beaufort'

A Union soldier named his newborn son, Beaufort, in honor of the town in which he was stationed.

How this came about was a story told some time ago to Justin Salter, Milton, Pa., who was born in Beaufort. Mr. and Mrs. Salter happen to be here now visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Salter, Morehead City.

Mr. Justin is in the antique repair and refinishing business at Milton and one day a man by the name of Charles Anchor went to see him about restoring a Chippendale chest.

The conversation moved around to Mr. Salter's birthplace, Beaufort, N. C., and Mr. Anchor announced that his grandfather was stationed there during the war between the states when he received word that his wife had given birth to a son.

The soldier went in to Beaufort to celebrate and apparently had such a good time that he decided the new baby boy would be named "Beaufort." And that's how Charles Anchor's father, Beaufort Anchor, got his name.

The Anchors were originally from New York State.

## 3.12 Inches Rain Falls This Week

A total of 3.12 inches of rain hit the county since Monday, according to E. Stamey Davis, weather observer. Mr. Davis reported that Diane alone brought 2.45 inches.

The high temperature for the week was 87, recorded both Monday and Wednesday. The low was 70, recorded Wednesday. The high and low temperatures, plus the wind directions for the week are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Winds
Monday	87	75	ENE
Tuesday	85	74	ENE
Wednesday	87	70	NE

## Beaufort Bank Postpones Its Opening Indefinitely

James Davis, cashier of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Beaufort, announces that the bank opening has been postponed indefinitely.

It was hoped that the opening could be held tonight but a leak in the roof developed during Diane and repairs must be made before the open house can be rescheduled. Regular banking hours are continuing as usual.

## Army Engineers Dispatch Survey Teams Along Coast

Wilmington—Survey parties with sounding gear and recording devices have begun a comprehensive check on navigable inland waterways to determine effects resulting from last week's Hurricane Connie, the District Office of the Corps of Engineers announced this week.

Three other parties traveling in cars departed to observe beach erosion and structural damages in the coastal area reaching from Little River, S. C., to Elizabeth City, including Ocracoke and Hatteras on the outer banks.

Each observer will tabulate his findings for a report to Col. R. L. Hill, district engineer, who will use the "general summaries" for action pertinent to responsibilities of the Corps of Engineers.

The group was briefed by Thomas J. Hewitt, chief of engineering, who has been associated with the development and maintenance of waterways in coastal North Carolina for over 42 years.

Louis Leiner will head a locally-based survey party to check on the intracoastal waterway from Little River to New River near Camp Lejeune with special attention to points where shoals are likely to have resulted from the storm.

The waterway from New River through Bogue Sound to the Neuse River will be examined by a survey party based at Beaufort with L. E. McLam in charge. This group will also check on Core Sound up the Ocracoke area and including Wainwright Slough.

W. F. Fowler will examine storm effects at Wrightsville Beach, Southport, Long Beach, Holden Beach and additional areas as far south as Little River.

Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Fort Fisher and intermediate points will be examined by N. C. Magnuson.

Duvall Greer will survey areas around New Bern, Washington, Hertford, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Manteo and the outer banks south to Hatteras. Greer will return through Hyde County, checking storm effects at Stumpy Point, Engelhard, Swan Quarter and Belhaven.

R. W. Leonard will check on Surf City, Swansboro, Morehead City, Beaufort, Atlantic, Ocracoke and intermediate points.

## Me Too!

Mrs. Sue Harris, operator of the Jefferson Coffee Shop, announced Tuesday morning that her restaurant was open during Connie. Mrs. Harris said she even had a bottle-warming service.

## County Receives \$3,443 in ABC Store Revenue

Under New Distribution System, Equal Amount Divided Among Towns

Under the new system of distribution of ABC funds Carteret County received \$3,443.25 last month and an equal amount was divided among Morehead City Hospital, Beaufort and Newport according to their liquor sales volume.

The total July sales volume this year was \$70,811.10 as compared with \$66,121.55 in July 1954.

Morehead City sales last month totaled \$44,405.75, Beaufort \$15,767.05 and Newport \$10,438.30. Estimated net profit was \$7,248.94.

Paid to Beaufort (22.4 per cent of sales) \$768.87, to Morehead City Hospital (62.8 per cent of sales) \$2,165.38, and to Newport (14.8 per cent) \$509.

The ABC Board reported that \$780.13 was paid to the county general fund July 28, 1955, part of the net profit due the county for the 1954-55 fiscal year. That brought the total paid to the county for that year to \$43,738.71.

Also paid the county was \$900 received from the town of Beaufort for the north 17 feet of the old ABC lot, Turner Street, Beaufort. The 17 feet was purchased to make a through alley between Turner and Craven Streets.

## 4-Foot Alligator Killed At Atlantic Beach

A 4-foot alligator was killed by MP's at Atlantic Beach over the weekend. The reptile was discovered on the Fort Macon Road and brought into Atlantic Beach proper where he was killed by running over him with a truck and beating him to death.

Police Chief Murphy Jenkins, at the beach, said that it was the first gator he had seen in those parts. Garth Cooper, who works at the beach, said, however, that there are "a lot of alligators" in the fresh water ponds at the west end of Bogue Banks.

## Connie Blows Bubbles



Photo by Reginald Lewis

One of the cats at Ottis Purifoy's fish house, Morehead City, was delighted when bubbles started appearing up out of the floor. She started to play with them but stopped from fright when one of the bubbles grew 3 1/2 feet high. There's a hole in the floor just to the left of the cat. The floor was being scrubbed and the high winds from Connie got in under the fish house, forced air up through the hole and giant bubbles resulted.

## No Sleep for Them



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

Adam Mayer, seated, and Ted Davis, licensed amateur radio operators, kept round-the-clock vigils in front of the 150-watt emergency transmitter. The equipment was set up at Carteret Electronics, Morehead City, in preparation for Connie. It was in operation all Tuesday night during Diane's visit too.

## Civil Defense Director Thanks Henderson CAP

Miss Ruth Peeling, county Civil Defense director, yesterday expressed appreciation to the Civil Air Patrol of Henderson which came to Carteret early this week with a portable radio transmitter and mobile radio units.

Their presence with such equipment made it possible to assure the area east of Newport River contact with the outer world during Diane. Prior to Diane, there was no way of getting word out of Beaufort or any area east of Beaufort except by police radio.

The unit, with Lt. Thomas Stewart in charge, set up headquarters in the Morehead City Recreation Center. At the request of Mayor Clifford Lewis, Sheriff Hugh Salter and the civil defense director, Lieutenant Stewart agreed to send a mobile unit east of the Newport River.

Dan Walker, Beaufort town

clerk, suggested that two units be sent down east if possible. Lieutenant Stewart contacted wing headquarters at Charlotte and two more mobile units were sent here late Tuesday.

One was sent to Sea Level and the operator was housed and fed by J. A. DuBois, manager of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce, at the Sea Level Inn. The other unit stayed in Beaufort and the third mobile unit stayed at the recreation building.

Wednesday afternoon the mobile unit at Sea Level went to the east end of the North River Bridge and the one in Beaufort went near the west end and reported on conditions at the bridge. At that time water was over the highway at North River and over the road east of the bridge.

State highway men at the bridge at that time asked the CAP units to radio requests for signs, warning people of the high water. The state also sought temporary closing of the bridge so it could be inspected.

A CAP mobile generator was attached to the sheriff's radio units by Charles Chappell, Beaufort. Mr. Walker also gave full assistance to the men who were hampered by their unfamiliarity with the lay of the land.

With Lieutenant Stewart were Lt. Peter Carlson, Lt. Early Johnson and Jim Overton, a senior member of the patrol. They left their regular jobs to come here and also used their personal cars. They pulled out Wednesday afternoon after the storm had passed.

## Harvey Lewis Fined \$150, Costs In Court Monday

Harvey Lewis was fined \$150 and costs in Morehead City Recorder's Court Monday for driving drunk and having no operator's license.

He was given a six months' suspended roads sentence on condition that he stay on good behavior for two years. A charge of forcible trespass against him was dropped. William Duberry was fined \$75 and costs for having no operator's license and insufficient brakes. He was given a 30-day suspended roads sentence on condition that he be and remain on his good behavior for one year.

Acie Eugene Cook was fined \$40 and costs for no operator's license and speeding, with \$25 of the fine to be remitted should he show a valid operator's license to the clerk of the court within two weeks. He was also given a suspended 30-day sentence on the roads.

Erwin Gary Morris was fined \$30 and costs for speeding, failing to stop for a stop sign and having an improper muffler. Ten dollars of the fine will be remitted if he has a proper exhaust pipe installed within two weeks.

Billy Eugene Jones was fined \$10 and costs, and Charles Leonard Warden was fined \$15 and costs for speeding.

Dave Strickland was assessed costs for running a red light. All but \$2 was remitted.

Costs were assessed against the following: Curley Lee Murray, Paul Richard Taylor, Andrew Ronald Nance, Arthur G. Davis Jr., Christian Ledrich, William H. O'Neill, David Phillip Cliff, all charged with speeding, and Irene T. Rolison, following too close.

Cases against the following were continued: Freddie Gaston Smith, Harry C. Rivers, Reginald Conway, Dorothy Hester, James Johnson, Clarence Willis, Harvey Lewis, Ray Lee Harrison, Doulph Austin Golden, Roland W. Lakeman, Warren Davis Mann and Bobby Willis.

## Diane Drives 175 Persons to Shelter

One hundred seventy-five persons took shelter in evacuation centers in the county during Hurricane Diane, according to Frank Hollowell, field representative of the Red Cross from Goldsboro.

This number was well below the number who took advantage of the centers during Hurricane Connie. There were 75 persons at the Municipal Building in Morehead City; 40 at the Baptist Church in Morehead City; 45 at the courthouse in Beaufort and 15 at the Morehead City Recreation Building.

They were fed sandwiches, milk and hot soup by the Red Cross.

## Education Board Affirms Stand on Assignment

At a special meeting of the County Board of Education Tuesday afternoon in the education office, Beaufort, the board reaffirmed its position regarding assignment of school pupils to districts throughout the county.

The board will hold its next meeting Monday afternoon, Sept. 12.

Hurricane-weary residents are now recuperating from Diane at the end of one of the most unique weeks, weather-wise, in the annals of the county. Even old, old-timers cannot remember when two severe storms, such as Connie and Diane, struck one right after the other.

Even before Connie had really disappeared Friday, announcements came warning folks along the Carolina coast to look out for Diane. First reports were that Diane would hit the Georgia coast, but she worked her way northward and struck the North Carolina coast in the Wilmington area.

Intermittent hard showers occurred all day Tuesday. The wind picked up Tuesday night, blew hard all night long with gusts up to 82 miles an hour. Torrential rain poured down and for Diane alone the number of inches totaled 2.45.

Lowest barometer reading during the storm was 29.28, according to Coast Guard reports. During Connie the reading dipped even below that.

Backlash winds Wednesday reached a velocity of 45 to 55 miles an hour at times. After the wind stopped blowing from the east Wednesday about noon, it swung around and blew from the south for the rest of the day and part of the night, something highly unusual for this area.

## Usually Shifts

A due south wind may blow for about 20 minutes, but those well acquainted with wind and water here, say it either shifts to the east or west in a short time.

People on the beaches were fearful that the steady and strong south wind would do more damage on high tide Wednesday night than all of the previous storm days. But due to the emergency sand dune building, damage from the high tide was negligible.

Beach businesses are operating full-tilt and are looking forward to a big weekend.

Twenty-three homes at Salter Path were damaged by high water. At Emerald Isle there was one washout on the north road and the road to Thompson's fishing pier was washed out. But ocean piers are still standing and repairs are expected to be made soon to the Atlantic Beach pier which lost a total of about 140 feet at the end.

The heavy rains of Diane increased the damage to county roads and bridges that had already been seriously damaged by Connie. Washouts washed bigger and more fill was carried away.

Although the North River Bridge was reported "out," it was not washed away. A request to close it temporarily to traffic was made by the State Highway and Public

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## Phone Company Battles Storms

Restoration of telephone service after Connie was completed with minor exception on Wednesday. Diane didn't help any, though. The toll line to Atlantic, restored after Connie, went out again Wednesday.

According to Manager L. A. Daniels, the primary trouble brought about by Connie was wet cable, fallen tree limbs, and excessive rain.

Long distance circuits were restored on Saturday and work is nearly completed on restoration of service to about 332 telephones which went out of order because of the storm.

Manager Daniels praised his fellow employees for their efforts which resulted in such rapid restoration of service to telephone subscribers of Morehead City, Beaufort, Newport, Atlantic and Marshallberg.

A total of 24 of the 110 exchanges of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. were isolated from long distance telephone communication with the outside world at one time or another while an estimated 3,000 of the company's 125,000 telephones were out of service as a result of the hurricane which passed along the North Carolina coastline.

## Alarm Circuit Expected To Be Repaired Today

The west circuit of the Morehead City fire alarm system is expected to be in operation this afternoon, Engineer Mack Edwards reported yesterday. The east circuit is in operation. The trouble is due to Diane.

Mr. Edwards said that one fire alarm box burned up in Connie and the whole system was in operation until Tuesday night's storm.

## In Connie's Wake



Photo by Roy Eubanks

This is what Connie did to tobacco at Newport. Other tobacco farmers had the same experience. Harry D. Lockett, left, and Wayne West, survey the damage. The two farmers grow a total of 43 acres of tobacco. Twelve of their curing barns were extensively damaged and all were in operation when Connie came along.

Mr. West said two-thirds of the tobacco had been harvested, but best grades of the leaf, at the top,

were a total loss. Wind flattened corn and high water covered 50 acres of Mr. West's soybeans and 75 acres of corn.

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, said yesterday, "The farmers in several communities have expressed great concern over the financial loss due to crop damage in dry weather last year, damages caused by Hurricane Hazel last fall, low market prices on many of the farm commodities, continued high cost of production, plus

what damage was caused by the storm last week.

"Many of our farmers during the past few days have inquired about government emergency loans. Under present conditions many of our farmers will have to have additional credit or capital to continue with the operation of their farms. An investigation is being made at the present time to offer any assistance that we possibly can to help our farm people who have suffered heavy loss.