

Father Drowns on Birthday In Ocean Ridge Surf Sunday

Town Honors Mulletts By Eating 'Em Saturday

By F. C. SALISBURY

Acting as ambassadors-of-good-will from the editorial department of THE NEWS-TIMES, we attended the Third Annual Swansboro Mullet Festival Saturday afternoon and evening. We did our best to uphold the dignity of the press.

Driving through a downpour of rain, we checked in at the Community Building where the glad hand of welcome was extended to us from the Mayor on down the line. The rain failed to dampen the occasion.

Groups were formed to take the boat ride about the waterway and inlet. Our group, which included Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Finch of the Jacksonville daily paper and Mr. John S. Jones from Cedar Point, were greeted at the dock by W. D. "Bud" and Mrs. Aman who invited us aboard their beautiful yacht "Sand Bar" where every courtesy was extended to make the trip enjoyable.

The cruise extended several miles up Bogue Sound, passing the Bogue Inlet Coast Guard Station, cutting across the inlet for a cruise along the shoreline of Swansboro. Passing over one section of the sound, we were informed that was where the mulletts came from which we were to enjoy at the dinner later. Swansboro has one of the most attractive waterfronts and shorelines of any eastern Carolina town.

The famous seafood—mulletts holding the spotlight—was ready at 5:30 when some 500, damp but hungry guests, gathered in the school cafeteria. Delicious clam chowder preceded the seafood plate with the "sacred mullet," encircled with shrimp, hush-puppies and slaw. There was no skimping of the plates.

A bevy of Swansboro's young ladies, in eye-catching gowns, added color and zest to the meal as they circulated about selling tickets for the dance that followed the program in the auditorium.

No long drawnout program was carried out. Mayor Lisk in his welcoming talk stated that the guests would be given a program of oratory, three-minute limit, soliloquy and just plain chin music at its best by some of old North State's finest.

Selecting ten men of prominence from the audience, Mayor Lisk herded them upon the stage, headed by Hon. Graham Barden. In the absence of the Hon. John D. Larkins who was to serve as Master of Ceremonies, Hon. Edward Summersill presided. The gathering on the stage had the semblance of a political rally.

No speaker exceeded the three-minute limit, while a spirit of levity highlighted the talks. The affair closed with a community sing of several numbers under the direction of the music director of the school.

We passed up the gala dance held in the Community Building in preference to getting home between showers, but lost out even at that. All in all it was a most enjoyable affair. We are glad the Editor asked us to pinch-hit for the occasion.

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Judge Lambert Morris Hears Motor Vehicle Cases Thursday

Gurnie Thomas Murray was fined \$50 and costs when he was found guilty of careless and reckless driving by Judge Lambert Morris in County Recorder's Court Thursday. A three-month sentence on the roads was suspended.

Irene Frazier was fined \$25 and costs and must pay Clayton Murphy \$53.12 to reimburse him for damages he sustained when her car hit Murphy's parked car. She was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and having no operator's license. She was given a six months' suspended sentence in Woman's Prison.

Solomon Barnwell was fined \$10 and costs and must pay \$53.12 assessed against Irene Frazier—he was found guilty of allowing her to drive. He was given a three-month suspended roads sentence.

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Dalton Earl Morse was fined \$25 and costs for speeding 75 miles per hour.

Fines of \$10 and costs were assessed against Tommy Merrill, public drunkenness; James John Walsh, failing to yield the right of way, and Edward Barrett, no operator's license.

Costs were assessed against Mrs. Clarence Wiggins, malicious prosecution, and Harry L. Cooper, failure to stop for a stop sign.

A charge of no operator's license against Cooper was dropped. James F. Sutherland was assessed \$20 of costs for failing to stop at a stop sign. A charge of no operator's license against Sutherland was dropped. Robert Primrose Gooding was assessed costs for failing to give proper hand signal.

Forfeits Bond

William Walker Gillikin, speeding, forfeited his bond.

Charges of disturbing the peace, against Dennis John Holisak and Gerald J. Klesch, were left open for future prosecution. Charges of failing to yield the right of way, against Earl McIntosh Noe Jr., and speeding, resulting in an accident, against Charles L. Pake Jr., were dropped.

Cases against the following were continued: Ervan E. Haniseey, Jack Gillikin, James Edward Lawrence, Jack Marion Green, James Smith, James Taylor, Kenard Andrew Taylor, Lasalle Hankins, William Roger Hardy, Lester Dickinson, Hugh Whaley, John Ebron.

Harold Marshall Copeland, James Brown, James E. Moody, John Tyson, William Harold Lamareaux, Pete Davis, Beatrice Styron, Julian William West, Tulley Williamson and Henry Lester Hill.

Planning Group Named at Farm Council Meeting

To plan programs for the coming year, a committee was named at the meeting of the County Agriculture Council Thursday afternoon at the home agent's office, Beaufort.

Chairman of the committee is Al Newsome and committee members are C. S. Long and Mrs. David Beveridge.

The committee will select program topics which will deal with farm problems in the county.

Discussed at the meeting were the local marketing problems and the organizing of communities for better farming programs.

Attending the meeting was John Crawford, Raleigh, program planning specialist with the extension service; Marion Holland and I. M. Robbins of the Farmers Home Administration; Mr. Newsome, secretary of the council; R. M. Williams, farm agent; B. J. May, ASC manager; Mrs. Beveridge, vocational home economics instructor, Beaufort.

Mrs. Delfido Cordova, vocational home economics instructor, Morehead City; Joe Owens, vocational agriculture teacher, Smyrna; C. S. Long, vocational agriculture teacher, Newport; Howard Long, soil conservation aide, and David Jones, soil conservationist, chairman of the council. Mr. Jones presided.

The next meeting will be at 3:30 Thursday, Oct. 13, in the home agent's office. Mrs. Cordova, vice-chairman, will preside in the absence of Mr. Jones, who is taking a course in soil conservation at Athens, Ga.

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Swansboro Finer Carolina Chairman Reports on August Accomplishments

Chairman J. J. Rhue of the Finer Carolina Program in Swansboro has reported on the work done by the various committees through the month of August.

Project 1—Recreational improvements, Earl Jones, chairman; The Little League Baseball season ended Aug. 6 with the American Legion team winning the championship and the Hubert Bears winding up as runner-ups.

Playgrounds at the Swansboro Elementary School now have new swings and slides, and teen-age and sub-teen-age dances are still held Thursday and Friday evenings at the Community Building. Swimming classes held under the Red Cross at Cedar Point Beach were concluded Aug. 5.

Project 2—Civic and commercial improvements, Fred Bell, chairman; The First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., recently opened, has added a new modern lettered sign to the side of the new bank building. Leary Stanley has laid out a shuffleboard court on the west side of his filling station for the pleasure of his customers and visitors.

Bill Casper, Caspers Marine and Tackle Shop, suffered considerable damage due to the two hurricanes. Half of his newly constructed fishing piers were washed away, a marine gas tank at the end of one of his piers washed

away, but was later recovered. The newly decorated and remodeled Tackle Shop was badly damaged by high water and will have to be restored.

The W. W. Drive-in on Highway 17 has added a small dance pavilion in the rear for convenience and pleasure of their customers and friends.

Project 3—Residential improvements, Mrs. Vincent Lauters, chairman; Clifton Meadows has completed his outside remodeling, and is now making additional improvements to the main part of his home. The Fergusons on Broad Street are progressing with the car port and work shop in the rear of their home. The side porch has been screened and the woodwork painted.

The Williams on Broad Street are building a garage in back of their home, but work has been delayed because of the weather. Many homes in the Edgewater and Sabiston Heights sections suffered widespread damage by wind and water, but it was minor in nature. Everyone is getting things repaired and re-conditioned as soon as possible, but gardens and shrubbery in some instances are gone for this season.

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How System Will Work

Within a year telephone messages will span 22 miles of Pamlico Sound on a special radio link to provide telephone service to Ocracoke Island. This illustration gives a picture of how telephone company engineers plan to provide the service. Messages will travel over conventional lines between Washington and Engelhard. Between Engelhard and Ocracoke, however, messages will be transmitted by radio and radio carrier facilities.

People Will Be Able to Ask Questions at Heart Forum

Commissioners Endorse Project

County commissioners yesterday morning endorsed the project to get Newport River dredged. The matter was presented to the board by Chairman Moses Howard.

The board requested Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, to draw up a resolution urging dredging as soon as possible.

The board discussed a letter from Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, requesting that the county pay for hiring a radio switchboard operator. Sheriff Hugh Salter said that when the police radios were installed, the verbal agreement was that Beaufort should pay for an operator. Morehead City would pay for one and the third one needed would be a member of the regular Morehead City police force. He said that it had not been agreed that the county would pay for an operator.

Names of jurors for the October term of court were drawn. They will be listed in Friday's paper.

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Motorist Faces Three Charges

Frank Nelson Garner, 414 Turner St., Beaufort, has been charged with exceeding the speed limit, driving on the wrong side of the street and being involved in an accident which resulted in bodily injury.

Garner is docketed for appearance in County Recorder's Court. According to Carlton Garner, assistant chief of police, Garner was driver of a 1950 Chevrolet which collided at 8:30 Saturday night, Sept. 3, with a 1950 Plymouth driven by Jimmy Modlin, Beaufort.

Modlin, with his wife and little boy in the car, had been parked at the Spot and was pulling away, headed south on Live Oak Street, when his car collided with the other car headed north. Both Modlin and his wife were taken to the Morehead City Hospital.

Garner told the officer that he was a fireman and was answering a 33 (out of town) fire alarm. He had not noticed, he said, that the fire truck had stopped at the John Chaplain House on Live Oak. He thought it had proceeded out of town and was following it. He said the red light on the front of his own car was blinking.

Modlin said that he saw the red light but that's all he could remember. The right front of both cars smashed head-on. Damage to the Modlin car was estimated at \$400 to \$500 and the Garner car was demolished.

Car Falls in Hole On Broad Street

An automobile driven by Bruce Caton, 708 Broad St., Beaufort, ran Saturday night into a large hole being dug in Broad Street by the Beaufort town crew.

The accident happened between 6 and 7 p.m. According to Assistant Chief of Police, Carlton Garner, Caton was going east on Broad Street in a 1952 Mercury when he ran head-first into the hole which had been dug to repair a sewer.

Ten flares which had been put around the place, just west of Turner, had been put out by the rain. The driver said he didn't see town machinery around the hole.

The front grill of the car, owned by Robert C. Hampton, the driver's step-father, was smashed in. No one was hurt, but a wrecker had to be called to pull the automobile out.

Board OK's Plan To Control Dogs

Sheriff Hugh Salter received the blessings of the county board yesterday morning on a proposal for control of dogs beyond city limits.

Sheriff Salter said his proposal would be presented in more concrete form at the October meeting.

He said that when a person lists his dog during tax listing in January, the owner will be given a small tag to be put on the dog. The tag will be supplied without charge. At the same time the owner will be given a copy of the state dog laws.

The sheriff said if dogs are tagged and complaints are received about them, his department will pick the dog up. By using the ID tag, the owner can be notified and if the owner does not call for the dog with a specified time, the dog will be done away with.

The sheriff said that Dr. C. E. Paden, veterinarian, has offered his cooperation.

He added that three complaints about dogs were received by the sheriff's department over the weekend.

The USNS Santa Ynez is due at Aviation Fuel Terminals with a load of aviation gas from Houston, Tex., tomorrow morning.

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The board took no action, pending the receipt of the resignation in written form.

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Moses Howard, chairman of the board, said that it would be helpful if persons who want road work, go directly to J. L. Humphrey, county superintendent of roads.

"People come to see me every day," Mr. Howard said, "and all I can do is turn the request over to Mr. Humphrey. A lot of the people are being rude about it and, actually," he continued, "the state is doing the best it can. Mr. Humphrey and the other highway officials, I: Markham and Mr. Griffin, are doing an excellent job. I'm sure Mr. Humphrey will get the roads in passable condition as soon as possible."

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Mr. Humphrey, who attended the meeting, said that the Hibbs Road is impassable at present. He said there is so much water on it, nothing can be done. "If somebody can just send us some sunshine, we'll get everything fixed up real quick," he remarked.

Persons can contact Mr. Humphrey at his home at Morehead Bluffs or tell him their troubles by phone.

Leo Lawrence, Otway, requested that the state improve the road on the county system which extends from Highway 70 to the fire tower at Highway. He was also instructed to file a petition requesting inclusion of the remainder of the road on the county system.

The board approved a request that a short Harkers Island Road running by the Methodist Church and the teacherage, be put on the county system. The petition was presented by David Yeomans and Tilton Davis, both of Harkers Island.

Hully B. Willis, Smyrna, who lives on the old Harkers Island ferry road, said that his property is always flooded because of poor drainage. Chairman Howard said he and state highway officials would investigate.

John Jones, Cedar Point, asked that a road leading to the Dr. Dupree property in the Johnny Jones subdivision, be filled in because it had been damaged in recent storms. Mr. Humphrey said that he doubted if the road was on the state system. Mr. Jones was given a form to fill out which would request that the road be put on the state system.

Request Approved

John Robert Jones requested the state to maintain Cedar Lane Road which leads from Highway 24 six hundred feet to the White Oak River. The request was referred to the highway department.

Charles Pake, Lennoxville, appeared before the board and asked that a turntable be put at the end of Lennoxville Road to prevent cars from turning around in his yard.

John B. Willis asked that his disabled 25-year-old son be exempted from paying poll tax. The board agreed to do so if such is allowable by law and if a physician's statement is presented the board stating that the son is totally disabled.

Roy T. Garner, Newport, requested the board to make an adjustment on taxes owed on property owned by C. C. Jones. Taxes are owing for the years 1928-32. The board authorized that the tax, plus penalties, interest and costs shall be split.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk said that he was not in favor of adjusting taxes and giving reduced rates and added that he thought the policy ought to be changed.

J. D. Potter, county auditor, said that a special legislative act enables the county to reduce taxes for years 1937 and prior. That had to be done, he explained, because after the depression, taxes piled up so high that they often amounted to more than the property was worth. To get it back on the books, the only thing that could be done, he said, was to make an adjustment downward, with power to do so vested in the county board.

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