

Ione Caused More Saltwater Damage Than Other Storms

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During Hurricane Ione there was considerably more saltwater as well as fresh water damage here than there was during Connie and Diane. Livestock deaths ran into a higher figure.

Miss Georgina Yeatman lost a thousand Angora goats and some of her flock of sheep. Judge Lambert Morris reports the loss of a good many banker ponies and cattle. Some banker ponies and cattle are reported to have swum from the banks over to the mainland.

Mr. Cecil Morris of Atlantic has a cow that swam a distance of 3 1/4 miles and landed at his store. He is feeding the cow at the present time and is waiting for the owner to call by for the animal.

Several home flocks of poultry were destroyed in the Bettie community. During Hurricane Ione, Mrs. Berta Midgett had a mysterious experience. Her poultry house was picked up by the wind and turned upside down. The next morning when Mrs. Midgett visited her inverted poultry house, what did she find? Fifty-one of her flock of 56 chickens still in the poultry house unharmed, singing and laying eggs as though nothing had happened the night before.

A. B. Lewis, of Otway, lost a hundred of his commercial flock of layers, many of which were found on the farm of Jacob Lewis approximately half a mile away.

The Carteret County Hurricane Committee of which I happen to be chairman, has sent to Raleigh as accurate an analysis as we could determine on damage that has occurred in this county. This report included damage to all crops on the land at the time that the storms occurred, damage to farm buildings, loss through soil erosion, ditches, forest, drainage canals, farm machinery, and fresh and saltwater damages.

We stated the farmers' wishes, desires, thinking, and needs with reference to hurricane damage. Most important of all, we emphasized the importance of a long-term refinanced loan that would extend over a period of five to 10 years. Judging from the latest reports, the prospects at the present time look more encouraging for farmers getting some assistance.

A large number of our farmers who have suffered heavy crop losses are being faced with an embarrassing situation of not being in position to pay off their debts. At the present time if a farmer is so low down the economic ladder that he has either never had, or has lost his credit with the local credit agencies such as his local time merchant, banker or the Production Credit Association, and if he has sufficient collateral, he may

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Shows Calf



Henry Jenkins, Stella, shows his 3-year-old Jersey which he entered in the Southeastern North Carolina Junior Dairy Show. Henry was a showmanship winner. Henry's brother, Wilbur Harris Jenkins, is a sophomore at State College, holder of a talent-for-service scholarship.

Beach Crew Makes Terrific Haul

One of the biggest catches ever made with a beach seine was taken last Monday by Capt. Otis Purifoy's crew on Bogue Banks.

In one haul they pulled in 48,650 pounds of spots, 50 boxes large mullet, 19 boxes of medium mullet and three boxes of speckled trout.

The crew operates just west of the state park in the vicinity of Tar Landing.

Fulcher Home, O'Neal House Burn Friday

Two houses burned Friday, one near Highway 101 north of Beaufort and another on Harkers Island.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fulcher and their children were living in the home near Highway 101, but no one was living in the Harkers Island place, a summer home owned by the sons of J. D. O'Neal.

The Fulcher fire alarm was phoned in from the B. A. Phelps residence shortly after midnight, but by the time the Beaufort Fire Department got there, the house was beyond saving.

It is not known how the fire started. Mrs. Fulcher is reported to have received cuts on her hands from glass in a window which she knocked out to get one of the children out.

The home was owned by Graydon Jordan and is located on the former Dory Merrill farm. The Fulchers are now living in the Tom Merrill home on the highway, which is also owned by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Fulcher was reportedly at Cherry Point, where he works, when the fire broke out. As soon as the fire department was notified, Mr. Phelps went to the home and soon after he got there the roof of the building fell in.

None of the Fulcher's belongings were saved.

The call to the Harkers Island fire was received at the Beaufort Fire Department about 2:25 Friday afternoon. The home was located on the old academy school grounds, across from the site proposed for a new Harkers Island School.

When smoke was seen billowing from the two-story home, the Beaufort Fire Department was called, but the house was practically burned to the ground by the time firemen got there.

The home was owned by Mr. O'Neal, a Henderson businessman who died last year. One of his sons who lives in Virginia has been notified of the loss.

Methodist Women Will Meet Today

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field worker in the woman's division, Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be the speaker this morning at a joint meeting of the Morehead City and Jacksonville sub-districts, WSCS.

The session will start at 10 o'clock in the First Methodist Church, Morehead City. Registration will begin at 9:30.

Mrs. Gerald Whitehurst, leader of the Morehead City sub-district, said, "I think every woman should make an effort to hear Mrs. Landrum. She's a noted speaker and is anxious to meet the women of the Jacksonville and Morehead City districts."

The WSCS leader for the Jacksonville sub-district is Mrs. Hedrick Anan.

The session will adjourn at 1 p.m. and the women will have lunch at Morehead City waterfront restaurants.

38 Attend FHA Rally Saturday

Thirty-eight Future Homemakers of America and their advisors from this county attended the district rally at Rock Ridge High School, Rock Ridge, Sunday.

Filling the chartered bus were 13 FHA girls from Newport with their advisor, Mrs. Y. Z. Simmons; three members from Smyrna, 13 from Beaufort with their advisor, Mrs. David Beveridge, and six from Morehead City with their advisor, Mrs. Delfido Cordova.

The Morehead City chapter was in charge of the response to the welcome and the Beaufort chapter served on the program. The theme was "Portraits of a Growing Chapter." The Beaufort girls presented a Drag Net skit, "Ten Ways to Kill a Chapter."

The FHA theme this year is "A Key to Better Living." Carol Lynn Garris, district FHA president, presided.

County Board Takes Action On Trenton-Havelock Road

Members of the County Board of Commissioners, in session yesterday at the courthouse, Beaufort, authorized the writing of letters to Sen. Sam Ervin, Sen. Kerr Scott, Congressman Harold D. Cooley, chairman of the House agriculture committee, and Congressman Graham Barden relative to the proposed road from Trenton to Havelock.

N. L. Walker, appeared before the board and presented letters from H. Maynard Hicks, second division, highway commissioner, and John D. Larkins, stating that the forestry division of the National Park Service has not yet appropriated its share of funds for the work.

Mr. Walker suggested that the county board ask North Carolina representatives in Washington to check on release of the funds. Mr. Walker said the road has already been surveyed and staked out but the delay now is being caused by the forestry service.

In another road matter, the board approved a petition asking the state to take over the Pine Acres Development road in Newport township. According to the petition, the road is 500 feet long and has seven homes on it. People living there say it is impassable in wet weather.

Moses Howard, chairman of the board, also asked J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, about the streets in Mansfield Park. Mr. Humphrey said that the streets designated for improvement in the petition, do not correspond with the streets in that area and for that reason nothing has been done nor can work proceed until the situation is clarified.

Men to Organize New Civic Club

Plans are underway for organizing a civic club—Jaycees, Lions or Rotary—comprised of men 21 to 34 years of age in Atlantic, Sea Level, Stacy and Cedar Island.

A letter to approximately 80 men in that age bracket will be sent out next week, inviting them to attend a meeting at the Sea Level Inn Monday night, Oct. 17.

At that meeting will be representatives of the three civic clubs mentioned above. The men will decide which of the three groups would best serve the needs of their communities.

The dinner will be dutch and will begin at 6 and the meeting will start at 7.

Further information may be obtained by contacting J. W. Johnson or Joe Mason Jr., Atlantic.

Carl Chadwick Suffers Burns Sunday Morning

Carl Chadwick, 408 Ann St., Beaufort, suffered burns to his hands, arms, face and neck, when a gas pump he was working on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. next to his home exploded and caught fire.

Mr. Chadwick went to Morehead City Hospital Sunday and returned to his home yesterday morning. The Beaufort fire department extinguished the blaze.

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Train Finally Arrives Monday

At 3:30 yesterday afternoon, a train from west of New Bern finally rolled into Morehead City.

It was the first shipment of freight to the Beaufort-Morehead City area in two weeks. Since Sept. 18, no trains could come east of New Bern because Ione washed out the railroad trestle across the Trent River.

The train which came in yesterday was pulling cars which were sent over the Atlantic Coastline Railroad from New Bern to Jacksonville, then across the federal Lejeune-Cherry Point line to Havelock and into Morehead City.

The two-week delay in getting trains in here was due to washouts on the ACL and inter-Marine base line and negotiations with ACL to get permission to use their tracks.

Coast Guard to Mark New Lookout Shoals Channel

William H. Potter, vice-president of Beaufort Fisheries, Inc., has received a letter from Congressman Graham Barden setting forth Adm. R. E. Wood's recommendations for marking a newly-surveyed channel across Cape Lookout Shoals.

The old channel has filled to such a depth that fishermen are afraid to use it.

Admiral Wood, commander, Fifth Coast Guard district, says that during the week of Oct. 23, the following changes in aids to navigation will be made to mark the centerline of the recently-surveyed passage across Cape Lookout Shoals. Depth will be 8 to 9 feet with an average width of about 200 yards:

a. Cape Lookout Slough north end lighted buoy 3 will be discontinued.

b. Cape Lookout Slough east lighted buoy, painted black and white vertical stripes and showing a short-long flashing white light of 130 candlepower, 13 feet above water, will be established in about 25 feet of water, 7940 yards, 160° from Cape Lookout Light.

c. Cape Lookout Slough approach lighted buoy 1 will be discontinued.

d. Cape Lookout Slough west lighted buoy, striped black and white vertice stripes and showing a short-long flashing white light of 130 candlepower, 13 feet above water, will be established in about 31 feet of water, 7940 yards, 199° from Cape Lookout Light.

e. Cape Lookout Slough buoy will be relocated in about 12 feet of water, 7400 yards, 177° from Cape Lookout Light. No other change.

Chart 1233, 1234 and 1110 — List of Lights, 1955, Nos. 1925, 1926 and page 299.

Warrant Served

Alonza Becton, Beaufort, was served a warrant Tuesday, charging him with assault on his wife. The case was docketed for hearing in county court Thursday.

Mayors Issue Suggestion, 'Employ Handicapped'

Mayors George Dill of Morehead City and Clifford Lewis of Beaufort have issued a proclamation observing this week as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.

The proclamation states that physically handicapped men and women seeking employment should have equality of opportunity with others and that performance records have proved that handicapped workers, when properly prepared and placed, can perform their task creditably in a great variety of fields.

Navy LST Loading Ramp Will Be Completed by Nov. 8

Firemen Finish Training Course



Capt. Otis Dowdy, right, Charlotte Fire Department, presents a card signifying completion of a week's fire-fighting course, to Chief Vernon Guthrie, Morehead City Fire Department. Looking on are Chief Charles B. Harrell, left, Beaufort Fire Department; Curtis Flannagan, Farmville, secretary of the State Firemen's Association; Lloyd Layman, director of the fire services office, Federal Civil Defense Administration; and B. T. Smith Jr., chief of the Newport Fire Department. Cards were presented to 47 firemen Friday night, Sept. 23. Captain Dowdy was the instructor for the county-wide firemen's training school.

Venezuela's Far Away Ocracoke Dredge Boat Captain Would Like to Get Home Soon!

Ocracoke — Capt. Marvin Howard, commanding the hopper-dredge Chester Harding down in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, is showing signs of homesickness for his native Ocracoke.

Lured last June from his quiet life of retirement in his native Ocracoke by an urgent call to captain the Chester Harding and perhaps, too, by the pay-check offered, Captain Howard took a temporary leave of absence. And now, after three months, he wishes he was back at Ocracoke with his church, his Sunday School, his PTA, his Boy Scouts, his Civic Club, and last but not least, his wife.

All of his recent letters indicate this fact. Each time Captain Marvin gets the wanderlust, he declares it is the last time, but there is always one more last time after the last time. Active in many community affairs: on the Methodist Church Board; superintendent of the Sunday School; vice-president of the PTA; Scoutmaster, and on and on, Captain Howard is missed at Ocracoke, and lots of friends will be glad to welcome him back when the job down there in Venezuela is completed.

Meanwhile Captain Marvin wants the news from home and has subscribed to the Ocracoke School News, monthly publication, and, not satisfied with this, he wants each and every Boy Scout to write him a letter, and he wouldn't mind some from the older boys and girls too.

He writes: "There are six dredges here in Lake Maracaibo, and of the six, two are captained by Ocracokers." This bears out the fact that wherever Ocracokers go, they usually run up with other Ocracokers. So Captain Marvin wasn't surprised when he discovered that one of the dredges was captained by Capt. Kelly F. O'Neal, native of Ocracoke, now living in Texas and on a dredge out of Galveston. (This reminds us of the time the elder Capt. Kelly F. O'Neal met up with Mace Garrish way over in Siam. These Ocracokers are travelling men!)

"Three of the dredges are work-

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Mayors Name Civic Leaders To NEPH Week Committee

Mayor Clifford T. Lewis of Beaufort and Mayor George W. Dill of Morehead City have appointed a committee in observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, Oct. 2-8.

Mrs. Julia P. Tenney, Morehead City, manager of the office of the Employment Security Commission, is committee chairman.

Other members of the committee are, from Beaufort, Tommy Potter, president, Jaycees; Norwood Young, president, Chamber of Commerce; William Norris, commander, American Legion; Gerald Hill, president, Rotary Club; Roy Eubanks, commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Miss George Hughes, County Welfare Department, and Ray Cummins, manager, radio station WBMA.

From Morehead City committee members are the Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church; Alva (Naughty) Willis, president, Lions Club; Dr. Russell Outlaw, president, Jaycees; Walter Edwards, president, Chamber of Commerce; A. Donald Avallone, president, Moose Lodge; J. B. Rice, commander American Legion; Dr. A. F. Chestnut, president, Rotary Club; Grover Menden, manager, radio station WMBL, and Lockwood Phillips, publisher of the Carteret County News-Times.

Both Mayor Lewis and Mayor Dill have expressed the hope that all civic and veterans' organizations will cooperate in observing NEPH week, and help in bringing to the attention of the public efforts which are being made to rehabilitate physically-handicapped persons.

Mrs. Tenney has assured the cooperation of her office. Special efforts and methods are employed by the local staff of the Employment Security Commission in counseling physically-handicapped persons, and in attempting to place

Swansboro... Town of the Month

Swansboro was named Town of the Month for September in the Finer Carolina Report for October.

Pictures in the booklet show some of the varied activities of the Finer Carolina Program in Swansboro, including recreation, educational improvements; a newly remodeled firehouse; clean-up and paint-up of homes, and a new water supply tank.

Governor Hodges replied and said he was referring the matter to General Griffin. General Griffin replied and said he was referring the matter to Col. R. L. Hill of the Corps of Engineers and Congressman Barden also referred the matter to the engineers.

The upshot of it all, including letters from Newport civic clubs and town and county governing bodies, is that an inspector from the Corps of Engineers will come sometime and look at the river.

Whoppin' Bill! 1955 Hurricanes Cost State \$169,054,730

Brig. Gen. Edward Griffin, State Civil Defense director, says Hurricanes Connie, Diane and Ione cost North Carolina an estimated \$169,054,730, nearly \$46,000,000 more than Hurricane Hazel.

Hazel, he recalls, caused an estimated \$123,500,000 worth of damage. Reports on the havoc worked by the three 1955 storms still are not complete.

Hazel, which struck last fall, caused heavier damage to buildings, he said, but the losses caused by the 1955 storms were greater because of damage done to crops.

"We did not have the huge agricultural damage in Hazel," he explained, "that we had in these." That's largely due, he said to the fact that most crops were in when Hazel blew across the state Oct. 15, 1954.

The 1955 damage totals now stand officially at \$106,629,248 for farm crop and other agricultural losses; \$2,000,000 for public utilities; \$500,000 for state hospitals and institutions; \$1,500,000 for highways and bridges; \$49,520,000 for private property other than farms; \$7,839,500 for county and municipal property.

In addition, \$500,000 has been

Gen. McCaul Welcomes Squadron 122 Thursday

Cherry Point — Marine Fighter Squadron 122 was greeted by the commanding general of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Maj. Gen. Verne J. McCaul, on its return to the Marine Corps Air Station here Thursday, following six months of intensive operations in the Mediterranean with the U.S. Sixth Fleet aboard the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea.

First to land his jet fighter FJ-2 "Fury" was the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Carroll E. McCullah, who was immediately followed by the other squadron aircraft. In addition to General McCaul and his staff, wives and children of squadron personnel and the Wing band were on hand to welcome the squadron home.