

Navy Officers Visit With Morehead Officials

L. Thomas Joins Fisheries Staff

C. Gehrmann Holland Reveals Appointment Of Enforcement Officer

Two Navy officers called Wednesday morning on town officials of Morehead City.

Rear Adm. John Sylvester, commander of Amphibious Group 4, and Capt. Robert R. Craighill, commander of Transport Amphibious Squadron 4, visited at the Morehead City Municipal Building with Mayor George W. Dill Jr., George McNeill, town attorney, Dr. John Morris, member of the mayor's Port Advisory Commission, and J. D. Holt, state port manager.

Accessible Port

The Navy officers told the group that Morehead City is the most accessible port the Navy uses along this coast. Also discussed was deepening of the channel into Morehead City harbor, improving range lights so that entrance can be made at night, and the possibility of widening the channel.

The new Navy LST loading ramp is being used for the first time in current operations. The officers said the ramp constitutes a big improvement in loading and unloading.

Bound for Vieques

The officers are taking part in Traex 2, which involves 12 Navy ships, several thousand men and supplies. The group is bound for maneuvers on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

In January 7,000 Camp Lejeune Marines left Morehead City in Traex 1.

Ships docking here in this operation have been the Fremont, Monrovia, Rockridge, Muliphen, Capricornus and the Oglethorpe. Loading operations will end today.

National Guard, Band Will Parade Tomorrow

The National Guard unit and the Morehead City School Band will parade on Arendell Street starting at 1 p. m. tomorrow. The parade will start at 14th Street and continue through the business section according to Lt. Merrit Bridgman, commanding officer of the unit.

The parade is in conjunction with the nationwide National Guard recruit drive. Lieutenant Bridgman says his unit hopes to increase its ranks by 25. In tomorrow's one-day drive particular emphasis will be placed on contacting parents of prospective recruits.

The unit will hold open house at the Armory, Camp Glenn all day tomorrow. Guard personnel will answer in detail questions relative to enlistment.

Guard members will devote the first two hours tomorrow to drill.

Teen-Age Night Set for Friday

Teen-age night at the Morehead City Recreation building will change to Friday, beginning tonight.

Fred Lewis, manager of the recreation program, said that Friday is the regular night for the teenagers but during the basketball season it is scheduled on Saturday.

Since the basketball season is drawing to a close, the Friday schedule will go into effect again. Hours are from 7 to 10:30 p. m.

Children 12 years of age upward may attend but children 12 and 13 are to leave the building by 9 p. m. Mr. Lewis asks that parents do not send children under 12. "This is not a baby-sitting service," he said, "and we are not prepared to take care of young children."

The boys and girls skate until 8 o'clock and dance from 8 until 10:30 in the auditorium. Other table games, ping pong and shuffleboard, are available.

Mr. Lewis said attendance is averaging 200 each teen-age night. "Although we have chaperones, more parents are beginning to come and we appreciate that," Mr. Lewis said.

News in a Nutshell

INTERNATIONAL

BRITISH DIPLOMATS have proposed a buffer zone between Israel and Jordan as Jewish-Arab tensions mount in the Middle East.

BRAZILIAN FORCES were moving yesterday to crush a tiny pocket revolt in the Amazon River city of Santarem. Rebels have been blocking river traffic from the coast to the interior since Feb. 11.

NATIONAL

NEGRO LEADERS at Montgomery, Ala., are resisting boycott charges. Negroes in that city have refused to ride buses since a Negro was fined there Dec. 5 for refusing to move to the Negro section of the bus.

FRIENDS OF IKE say he has told them he is willing to run for a second term. The White House is busily denying the reports.

STATE

HIGH POINT city council has voted to open its municipal golf course to Negroes, beginning next Thursday.

TRANS-CAROLINA PIPELINE Corp. has applied to the Federal Power Commission for authority to serve eastern Carolina with a natural gas pipeline system. The service would include New Bern and Wilmington.

W. P. Saunders, Ed Kirk Visit County Tuesday

C&D Officials Call At Fisheries Office, Visit State Park

William Saunders, director of the Board of Conservation and Development, and his assistant, Ed Kirk, visited the State Commercial Fisheries office at Camp Glenn Tuesday.

The C&D officials also went to Fort Macon State Park where they were impressed with the dunes-rebuilding project there.

Prisoners are stabilizing dunes which have been pushed up as protection against future hurricanes. "They're doing a fine job," Mr. Kirk reported. Approximately a thousand feet of dunes have been stabilized. Ten prison laborers are on the job.

Report Finished

Mr. Kirk also reported that a special marketing study of North Carolina fish products has been completed by W. A. Ellison Jr., Belhaven, former director of the Institute of Fisheries Research.

He said copies of the report are being sent to the C&D committee on fisheries. Then Miles Smith, vice-chairman of the board will call a meeting of the committee to discuss the report with Mr. Ellison.

He said the report will probably be released within the next 10 days. Mr. Ellison, who has been making special marketing studies since leaving the institute early last year, completed his work last Wednesday.

"Even though he is no longer in the state's employ," Mr. Kirk said, "he has kindly consented to go over his report with the committee."

Return to Raleigh

Mr. Kirk and Mr. Saunders returned to Raleigh Tuesday. Mr. Kirk expects to be back in this county the first of March.

He succeeds Eric Rodgers as assistant to the C&D director, and Mr. Saunders succeeds Ben Douglas. Mr. Saunders took over the post in December.

Falling Bricks Damage Belk's

"Part of a wall of the Morehead Theatre fell and damaged the roof of Belk's Department Store Wednesday afternoon.

The falling bricks caused a crack in Belk's roof and water started flowing into the store like a veritable "Niagara Falls," according to Luther Earl Lewis, manager of Belk's.

Mr. Lewis said he went into the store Wednesday afternoon. The store had closed to customers at 12 noon. He noted the crack in the ceiling at 4 p. m. The water came from a gutter on the roof which had broken when the bricks fell on it.

Men's summer suits, some yet to be tagged, were drenched by the water and debris that fell when the roof cracked.

The damage to merchandise was confined to the men's department which was roped off yesterday. Otherwise, business was going on as usual. Besides the suits, several men's caps and jackets were also drenched.

Mr. Lewis was waiting for insurance adjusters yesterday afternoon. He couldn't estimate at that time the amount of damage done. Making good the loss will be the responsibility of the Wilson contractors tearing down the theatre, Mr. Lewis said.

Highway Officials To Review Bids

At a State Highway Commission meeting today commissioners will review a low bid received Tuesday on 10.68 miles of grading and paving on Ocracoke Island.

The road will run from Ocracoke Village northeast toward Hatteras, trenced out of the beach and cut through the sand dunes. A six-inch deep compacted stone base, 18 feet wide, will be constructed. The road will be paved with asphalt.

Several crescent timber bridges will be built in the sand dune area so that high ocean and sound water will go under the bridges rather than over the road.

Low bidders were Dickerson, Inc., Monroe, roadways, \$151,267.50; and E. P. Brinkley, Raleigh, bridges, \$110,717.

Following receipt of the bids, W. H. Rogers Jr., chief engineer for the State Highway Commission said that the cost would be closer to \$460,000 than the total \$261,984.50 bid.

The lower figure, he said, represented only a part of the actual cost. He said stone alone for the road base would cost about \$175,000. Hauling and stockpiling the stone would add to the cost of construction.

The state has set up only \$300,000 for construction of the road.

In view of this fact, there was some doubt expressed in Raleigh yesterday as to whether the road could be built at present.

Paul Wilhelm Hurt in Wreck

Paul M. Wilhelm, of the buoy tender Conifer, suffered numerous bruises when his car turned over Wednesday night on the Fort Macon Road.

Riding with Wilhelm was William J. Dow, also of the Conifer, who escaped injury. Wilhelm was still confined to the Morehead City Hospital yesterday.

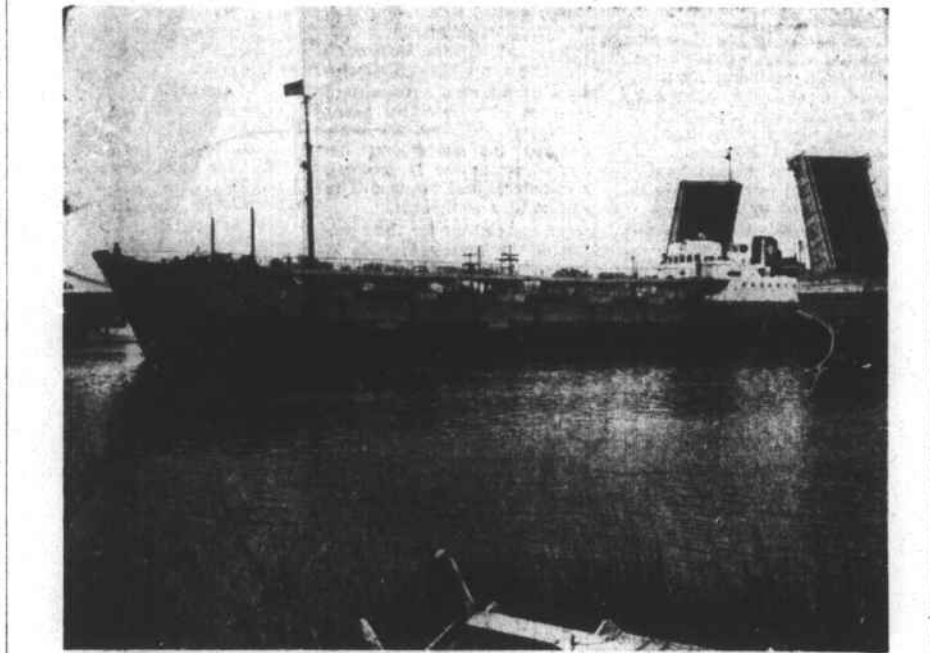
According to State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., Wilhelm was driving a 1949 Buick, headed toward the Coast Guard base. At the curve entering the state park, he lost control of the car, the patrolman said. The car turned over twice.

Wilhelm was charged with driving at an unsafe speed. The car was damaged beyond repair.

Two hub caps from a new car were stolen Wednesday night from the Paul Motor Co. used car lot.

Medical Society Members Will Give Polio Shots Free of Charge

Dutch Tanker to Move Fish Oil From Beaufort Factory



This is the Nady as she moved last February through the Beaufort draw. It was a tight squeeze. The fish oil to be shipped to Europe this weekend will be made into margarine.

Chamber of Commerce Mails Pledge Cards, Report

Pledge cards were mailed this week to Morehead City businessmen along with copies of the chamber's publication, The Wheel.

It was noted in the publication that only \$170,000 was spent in 1955 for local advertising to stimulate business already in the area, and a small 1 per cent, \$1,171 was all that the chamber had available with which to seek new businesses, new industries, new tourists, new highways, new waterways and new legislation.

Reports were made in The Wheel on chamber activities. One report deals with the All-Seashore Highway, as a means of bringing tourists to this area.

Relative to industrial development, it was announced that several promising inquiries involving steady and substantial payrolls are being processed at the present time.

Sites Listed

L. D. Gore is chairman of the committee and he and his fellow members are compiling a list of desirable industrial sites, including sites which may be made usable by pumping up new land.

The committee is in close touch with representatives of the Southern Railway System who are interested in securing industries for this coastal area.

Communities cooperating in the All-Seashore Highway project are also interested in the needs of ports and waterways. "Watch results in this session of Congress, especially the deepening of the Morehead City turning basin and the Beaufort Inlet channel," The Wheel says.

New Facilities

A new warehouse is under construction at the port terminal and fumigation facilities will soon be available. The chamber is constantly on the alert for ways of promoting the use of the port, according to the bulletin.

Referring to conventions, the lack of accommodations has been a great drawback in obtaining them. Two conventions are tentative at present, one of 150 and one of 200 people.

Members of the chamber were urged to help in getting conventions of different civic, business, social and religious organizations

ICC Will Hear Rail Case March 9

Beginning at 10 o'clock Friday morning, March 9, the Interstate Commerce Commission will hear arguments on Southern Railway's taking over the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad and the Camp Lejeune Railroad.

The Maureen, captained by W. J. Breckhizen, is expected tomorrow or Sunday. "The day it arrives depends on what kind of a sailing is made," according to William T. Davies, Morehead City Shipping Co., agent for the ship. The Maureen is coming here from Italy.

After it loads, it will go to Norfolk enroute to Rotterdam. Because the depth of the channel through the Beaufort draw is only 12 1/2 feet, the Maureen will take on a part cargo, 1,200 tons, at the fish factory.

Loading of 400 additional tons will be completed at the Morehead City port. Tank trucks will carry the oil from the factory to the port.

Exporter of the oil is Acme Mercantile Corp. Freight forwarders are Heide and Co., Morehead City. The 1,600-ton Maureen shipment brings fish oil exports from here this year to 2,300 tons. Seven hundred tons were taken on by the Goettigen in January.

The Maureen is a ship of 1,876 gross tons and the crew is Dutch.

Newport Firemen Get Truck Ready

Part of Newport's first project in the Piner Carolina program for 1956 was completed this week when the recently-acquired "surplus property" fire truck was put in operation.

The first project is improving fire protection in the town and in the surrounding area.

Firemen donated over 200 hours of labor to convert the truck, announced B. T. Smith Jr., fire chief.

In addition to carrying 1,200 gallons of water, the truck has a pump and hose, enabling its use on many types of fires. As the fire department is able, more equipment will be added.

On the second project, improving recreational facilities, a church has agreed to sponsor a Sea Explorer Unit, Boy Scouts of America, and three adult advisors have been obtained.

Both the PTA and school are working on additional playground equipment.

Dredge to Work At Morehead City

Piner's Dredging Co., Morehead City, has made application for approval of plans to dredge on the north side of Bogue Sound at Morehead City, according to the district engineer at Wilmington.

Plans show that approximately 180,000 cubic yards will be dredged from a point just west of the Atlantic Beach Bridge to a point opposite Taylor's Commercial Fishing Co. and deposited along a shoreline, to rebuild property washed away by recent hurricanes and to stop further erosion.

Plans may be seen at the office of Col. R. L. Hill, district engineer, and at the postoffice in Morehead City.

Anyone having objections to this work should contact the Office of the District Engineer, Wilmington District, 308 Customhouse, Wilmington, N. C., before March 1, 1956.

Merchants' Directors Will Convene Monday

Morehead City Merchants Association officers, following their meeting Monday, decided that the entire membership will not meet until March.

The board of directors only will meet this coming Monday. At that time they will set the date for the March meeting.

Work Scheduled

Work was scheduled to start this week on the hurricane-resistant cottage to be built at Club Colony by Brick and Tile Service, Greensboro.

Offer Follows in Wake Of Public Resentment

Members of the Carteret County Medical Society announced yesterday that they will give polio shots, free of charge, to any children whose parents cannot afford to pay for them.

This announcement followed in the wake of rising public sentiment over a decision made by the County Medical Society last week. The society, composed of doctors, did not approve the requesting of additional polio vaccine under the federal program.

Vaccine Insufficient

Five hundred thirty-one doses of the vaccine were administered by the County Health Department last Thursday, but were not enough to take care of all the children who wanted inoculation.

Under State Board of Health rules, additional vaccine may be requested for free administration if both the health office and the local medical society approve.

Federal law requires that no one be screened as to whether he can afford to pay for the shots. Doctors say that they don't approve of people who can afford to pay, getting the shots free. It was on that basis that the medical society last week refused approval for additional free vaccine.

Another federal allotment, to be administered by the health department, will be forthcoming, but the time of its delivery is unknown.

Statement

The medical society's statement of yesterday follows:

"The action taken at the February 13th meeting of the Carteret County Medical Society has resulted in a situation which has brought criticism upon the medical profession in our locality.

"It is necessary that some explanation be given to the public inasmuch as the action which was taken was in no way intended to prevent anyone receiving the polio vaccine.

"At this meeting the release of all available vaccine to the Public Health Service was discussed and was not deemed advisable. It was not realized by the doctors present that the demand for the vaccine from the Public Health Department would be so great as to exceed the supply.

"The County Medical Society feels that the excessive demand for the vaccine was occasioned by the fact that a great many patients applied for and received the vaccine who were able to pay their own private physician for the shots.

"It has been and still is the opinion of the County Medical Society that those who are able to pay for medical care should do so. It is also the opinion of all the members of the County Medical Society that anyone who needs medical treatment of any kind whatsoever should receive it, even though they are not financially able to pay for it.

"This has been the policy of the doctors in this county for many, many years and we sincerely hope it will always be the policy in the future. The supply of available vaccine to the Public Health Department was exhausted before all applicants could be given the shots.

"It is the wish of the members of the County Medical Society that any patients who feel that they do not desire to wait until the next supply of vaccine is available to the County Health Department, contact any of the physicians in the county and receive their vaccination.

"Those who are able to pay for the vaccine will be expected to do so and those who are financially unable to pay will be given the vaccine free of charge.

"Certainly the records of every

Health Board Acts on Shots, VD Control Law

Meeting Wednesday afternoon at the county health department, Beaufort, the County Board of Health voted to continue immunizations in the schools and adopted a resolution for control of venereal disease.

Action on giving shots against diphtheria, typhoid, smallpox, and whooping cough was taken, following a report by Dr. Luther Fulcher, county health officer. Certain individuals had recently proposed that such immunization be stopped in the schools. For that reason, the matter was brought up at the board meeting.

Requirements on VD Law

The regulation on control of venereal disease requires that migrant workers, fishermen or farm laborers, be required to take a blood test when they enter the county to work for periods of less than six months.

Those having venereal disease will be required to take treatment for cure. Blood tests and treatment will be given through the county health department.

Persons who refuse to comply with the regulation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty can be a fine as high as \$50 or imprisonment up to 30 days.

The board of county commissioners gave their approval to the regulation at their February meeting. This law was found necessary due to the increase of venereal disease in this section of the state.

The health board approved the state mosquito control program and requested that it be continued this year.

Morehead City Firemen Respond To Two Alarms

Morehead City firemen answered two calls this week.

Tuesday morning at 11:45 they were called to Trumbull Asphalt Co. where a pre-heater had caught fire. The pre-heater is used to heat asphalt.

A tube was burnt out in the unit. Damage was reported as very slight. A company spokesman said the fire was out by the time firemen arrived.

Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 the firemen answered a call in front of J. B. Crowe's home on Homes Drive where Mr. Crowe's truck battery had caught fire. The battery was destroyed.

Beaufort School Trustees Frown on Pupil Marriages

To curb an outbreak of student marriages at Beaufort School, the school board Monday night passed a regulation limiting activities for married students.

Married students will not be permitted to take part in school social activities, competitive athletics or hold any student office, the school board has decreed.

However, if married students decide to continue their high school education, they will be required to attend all classes the same as any other student.

In the resolution setting forth the new regulations, it was stated that the board of trustees "looks with disfavor on the increasing number of marriages."

In view of the trend and since "parents of our district are becoming alarmed over this condition," the trustees adopted the above rules.

Since Christmas six students at Beaufort School have married. The regulation adopted Monday night does not apply to them, but applies to any students who may marry in the future.

Chairman of the school board is Raymond Ball.

Driver Escapes Injury When Car Lands in Canal

John T. Styron, Atlantic, escaped injury Saturday night when the 1947 Chevrolet he was driving left the road a mile and a half east of Williston and ran into a canal.

The accident occurred on Highway 70. State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. said Styron and a passenger with him had to swim from the car.

The passenger, who was not identified, was slightly injured, according to Patrolman Smith. No charges against the driver were filed.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Feb. 24	
6:48 a.m.	12:33 a.m.
7:15 p.m.	1:09 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25	
7:37 a.m.	1:27 a.m.
8:03 p.m.	1:58 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 26	
8:25 a.m.	2:18 a.m.
8:50 p.m.	2:44 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 27	
9:12 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
9:38 p.m.	3:27 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 28	
10:00 a.m.	3:51 p.m.
10:26 p.m.	4:10 p.m.

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