

# State Fishery Museum Reaches Budget Stage

# Fishermen Express Concern Over Proposed Paper Mill, New Bern

A budget for operation of a state fisheries museum has been submitted to W. P. Saunders, director of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The budget was drawn up by Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, at the request of Mr. Saunders.

The C&D board was asked at its July meeting in Morehead City to find some way to retain the fisheries exhibit, which is owned by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The exhibit is on loan to North Carolina.

The state agreed to provide a building for it and make the specimens available for viewing by the public, but the state had not been living up to the agreement during the past few years.

## Chamber Protests

The F&WLS then decided to ship the exhibit to Galveston, Tex. The Morehead City Chamber of Commerce protested and removal of the exhibit was delayed, pending the state's finding a way to resume operation of a museum.

Dr. Chestnut said Wednesday that the museum is proposed for the first floor of the commercial fisheries building, Camp Glenn, where it was located in the past. Some plaster models of fish are still hanging on the walls.

Purchase of display cases, aquaria and other museum items, plus cost of operation for the first year, is estimated at \$6,000. Dr. Chestnut said that operation the second year would probably be a couple thousand dollars less.

The budget was drawn up for the next biennium and will be submitted to the State Budget Advisory Commission.

## Live Exhibits Proposed

It is proposed that two graduate students be placed in charge of the museum during the summer. Live exhibits are contemplated as well as an automatic kodachrome projector which would show slides depicting marine life.

The live exhibits are suggested only for the summer months when the graduate students could prepare and care for them. That is the period of time when most visitors come to this area.

The museum would be open from May 1 through Sept. 30 seven days a week, Dr. Chestnut suggests. From Oct. 1 through April it would probably be open Monday through Friday.

"I think the museum would be of tremendous educational benefit," Dr. Chestnut said. "We hope to be able to start work on it this winter."

## Ike Signs Legislation

### On New Fishery Set-Up

President Eisenhower has signed the bill, introduced jointly by Sen. W. C. Magnuson of Washington and Rep. Herbert Bonner, North Carolina, which will create a new administrative set-up for fish and wildlife in the United States government.

All fisheries legislation enacted during the closing days of the 84th session was signed by President Eisenhower. The National Fisheries Institute terms the law-making the "most active Congressional fisheries program in 10 years or more."

# State Gives Daniels Green Light on Cedar Island Ferry

The State Utilities Commission has granted A. Winfield Daniels, of Cedar Island and Charlotte, permission to operate a car and passenger ferry between Cedar Island and Ocracoke.

Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, who represented Mr. Daniels at the utilities commission hearing, announced approval of the proposal Tuesday.

At the hearing, which was conducted in Morehead City July 20, Mr. Daniels told Utilities Commissioner Sam Worthington that he would like to begin operation of the ferry "as soon as possible," at least within 12 months.

No protests against the ferry proposal were voiced at the hearing.

The utilities commission, in its ruling, stated that such a link with the outer banks and highways to the north is necessary, adding that Mr. Daniels is fully qualified, both financially and in experience, to operate such a ferry.

The ferry would operate from Cedar Island, near the eastern end of Highway 70, to Ocracoke, a distance across water of 22½ miles. To reach Ocracoke by land from Cedar Island now requires traveling 200 miles.

Mr. Daniels estimates that the line to make one ferry run would

## Judge Phillips Sentences Harold Bass to 120 Days

Defendant Appeals; Bond Set at \$350 in Town Court Monday

Harold Bass entered a plea of not guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics, interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty, and use of profane language.

A motion to drop count number two was allowed in Monday's recorder's court but the defendant was found guilty on charges one and three.

It was further found that he had violated the terms of a 30-day suspended sentence of Jan. 2, 1956.

Bass was sentenced to 90 days on the roads with the 30-day suspended sentence invoked to run at the expiration of the first term.

The defendant appealed the decision and posted \$350 bond pending a hearing in a higher court.

## Found Guilty

Joseph D. Murray, Jr., was found guilty on counts of careless and reckless driving and speeding 50 miles in a 35-mile zone. The state had previously amended the warrant from driving while under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics to the careless and reckless driving charge. Murray was fined \$50 on the first count and \$15 on the speeding charge.

Two public drunkenness charges were brought before the court. William Kelton entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended on six months' good behavior and payment of court costs.

Barney Matthews, who pleaded not guilty, was found guilty and was sentenced to 10 days in the city jail, working under the supervision of the superintendent of streets.

Ferdinand Aloysius Erbe drew a 30-day suspended sentence on payment of court costs for allowing Russell Whitney Gale to operate his automobile without a license. Gale also received a 30-day suspended sentence on payment of a \$25 fine and court costs. The full amount of the fine will be remitted for presentation of a valid operator's license within two weeks.

**Sentence Suspended**  
Nathaniel Lamont Reese, who pleaded guilty to speeding 50 miles in a 25-mile zone drew a 30-day suspended sentence on payment of a \$10 fine and court costs plus one year's good behavior and on the further condition that he not drive any motor vehicle except in regular course of employment for a period of 12 months.

Eddie Westberry was charged with his third offense of driving after his license was revoked. The warrant was amended to operating a vehicle without an operator's license.

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## Engineer-Sailor Visits Morehead



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

Bob Knipe, Philadelphia, relaxes at the tiller of his Tahiti ketch, Polly, which he fitted out early in November of last year in Morehead City. After leaving Morehead City via Beaufort Inlet, he sailed single-handed to the Bahamas, the Florida Keys and Dry Tortugas, back to the Bahamas. His cruise took him to St. Lucia, south of Martinique.

Mr. Knipe is a mechanical engineer and worked for six years on the power plant of the atomic submarine, Nautilus. He calls himself a sort of clearinghouse for integrating the various requirements of nuclear physicists and other scientists connected with the project.

Given a year's leave of absence by the Westinghouse Corp., Knipe considered his cruise an accumulation of six years of overtime Saturdays.

In the Keys and through the Bahamas he tried "living off the land," spearing fish and crawfish, eating coconuts and trying every conch dish, including raw conch.

The roughest part of the cruise was his first two days out of Morehead City, in the Gulf Stream, when he was hit by a series of squalls; he found that his boat under jib and mizzen took the seas easily. He made a special point of sleeping during the day when the weather was fair, so that he would be fresh for an emergency.

Knipe spent the early part of the week at the Morehead City Yacht Basin, resting up from the six-day sail from the Abaco Cays to Beaufort Inlet, and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simpson.

## Polio Clinics Will be Held Week of Aug. 27

Free polio clinics will be conducted throughout the county the week of Aug. 27, according to an announcement from the county health office. The same schedule will be followed as in previous clinics this month.

Through Wednesday 1,155 polio shots had been given at clinics this week.

During the first week of the free clinics 2,126 shots were given. Last week, the second week of the clinics, 738 shots were given.

According to the county health department, which has been conducting the clinics in cooperation with the County Medical Society, 8,442 polio shots had been given in the county from April 1955 to Aug. 10.

Doctors estimate that with the shots they have given in their offices 60 per cent of persons in the county eligible for vaccine have been inoculated.

During next week, the polio shots will be given at the regular clinics only, Tuesday in Beaufort and Thursday in Morehead City.

## Betsy Changes Course, Remains Threat Until She Passes This Coast

### Pony Penning Nets Lions \$500

Down East Lions raised \$500 for the Sea Level Hospital through sponsorship of the pony penning July 4 at Cedar Island. The report on the penning was given by Charles Caudell at the Lions' meeting Tuesday night at Atlantic.

Plans were made to meet jointly with the Morehead City Lions Club at the Sea Level Inn Tuesday, Aug. 28. The dinner meeting will start at 7:30.

The club endorsed a letter-writing project to support a program for continued mosquito control.

Two new members, Elbert Pittman, Davis, and John S. McCormack, Atlantic, received their Lions pins.

## Girl Scout Leaders to Meet

Registered adult Girl Scout leaders of the county will meet at 9 p.m. Monday at the Scout Building to discuss redistricting of the county for Girl Scout work.

Announcement of the meeting was made yesterday by Mrs. W. I. Loftin, director, Coast Carolina Council.

Mrs. Loftin, who is also a troop leader in Beaufort, reports that her troop will dress a hundred dolls for Beaufort firemen to distribute at Christmas; they will plant bulbs around the Scout building and supply a toy box and Grandma's Pantry at the Scout building.

The building will be used by the town for a storm shelter. Toys will be used to amuse young children who may be sheltered there. Scouts are also seeking donations of blankets.

To raise money for their projects the Scouts are selling Christmas cards, socks, hose, shrubs and bulbs.

The troop met Wednesday morning at Mrs. Loftin's home for breakfast, a meeting and watermelon cutting.

Those present were Nancy Atkinson, Jennifer Tarkington, Patty Druce Hatcher, Patty Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Nell Johnson, Margaret Merrill, Sharon Lewis, Doris Young and Sandra Whitehurst.

## No Court Yesterday

Yesterday's session of recorder's court was cancelled due to the solicitor, Wiley Taylor, being out of town. The next session will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23.

## Recreation Board Starts New Year

Mrs. J. W. Thompson Succeeds Frank Cheek As Chairman

Mrs. J. W. Thompson took office as chairman of the Morehead City Recreation Commission at its meeting Tuesday night at the recreation building. She succeeds Frank Cheek.

Other officers are P. H. Geer Jr., vice-chairman, and Mrs. Mammie Taylor, secretary-treasurer. Officers serve one-year terms.

Mr. Geer and Gannon Talbert, new commission members, attended their first meeting Tuesday night. They succeed Mrs. O. H. Johnson and W. B. Chalk.

Mr. Geer is a past president of Morehead Jaycees and is also active in other civic affairs. Mr. Talbert is athletic director at Morehead City School.

The summer recreation program has closed but the building is open Friday night for teen-agers. After school opens, it will be open Saturday nights.

During the past summer, supervision of children's activities was assigned as follows: youngsters 4 to 8 years of age were under supervision of Mrs. Taylor, children over 9 were supervised by Mr. Lewis and Ralph Wade was in charge of the music department.

Attending the commission meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Ethan Davis and Dr. D. J. Eure.

Eastern Carolina sports and commercial fishermen this week were expressing concern over the pulp and paper plant proposed for the area west of New Bern.

Fearing pollution of the Neuse River, which empties into Pamlico Sound, the fishermen are watching carefully the developments on the paper plant. Pamlico Sound is the most productive fishing grounds, commercially, along the North Carolina coast.

Earl Holton, Vandemere, past president of the North Carolina Fisheries Association, said yesterday that he felt sure the proposed plant would be discussed at the September meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Fisheries Association.

Cecil Morris, Atlantic, chairman of the state commercial fisheries committee, said yesterday that he had not been contacted by any state or private industry officials relative to the affect paper mill wastes may have on the fisheries of the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound.

He said, "All I know is that every place there's a paper mill, there's trouble." He said that his committee would make a statement on the value of Neuse River and Pamlico fisheries, and damage they may suffer because of pollution "if our opinion is asked and things come to a showdown."

**Fishermen 'Perturbed'**  
Walter Teich, a resident at Adams Creek, who has fishing interests in this area, said that the fishermen in his section are "perturbed" about the proposed paper mill. Adams Creek is a tributary of the Neuse.

"If wastes from the plant are not properly treated and pollution results, it could cut the lifeline of the eastern Carolina fisherman," Mr. Teich commented.

Officials of the paper company, Union Bag-Camp, have been working with state agencies, including the Stream Sanitation Committee, as well as the National Council for Stream Improvement. They say that studies are being made to determine whether mill wastes can be treated to the satisfaction of state authorities and those living in the vicinity of the proposed plant.

**Want Laws Enforced**  
Fishermen have expressed the fear that the state, anxious for industry, will let down the bars on stream sanitation regulations so that the mill will not hesitate locating in eastern Carolina.

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, said that state boats were furnished a month ago to obtain water samples in the Neuse, in connection with the proposed mill. He said samples were also being taken at docks and piers.

A large shad fishery is located in the upper reaches of the Neuse, a new crabbing industry started recently in the vicinity of James City and there is also shrimping in the river and its tributaries, such as Adams, Clubfoot, Hancock and Slocum Creeks.

Value of fisheries in the four counties bordering the Neuse for the year 1950 was close to five million dollars. That year is the latest for which figures are available, according to Institute of Fisheries Research.

The counties are Craven, Pamlico, Hyde and Carteret.

**Wins Produce**  
Winner of Saturday's prize of produce at the Curb Market, Morehead City, was Mrs. Francis Bullock, 2113 Evans St., Morehead City.

## Chamber Reports Gain of Seven New Members

Seven new members joined the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce during the membership campaign this week.

The new members are Surf Side Novelties, Longley Plumbing Supply Co., Bud Dixon's Motel, Earlena's Shoes, Downum's Department Store, and the Morehead City Yacht Basin and Hotel Fort Macon, both of which are under new management since last year.

The campaign was kicked off at a breakfast meeting Tuesday morning at the Hotel Fort Macon. Key members of the Chamber were present, and each member there volunteered to call on old members and prospects.

An "easy time payment plan" was adopted by the Chamber for the use of members who were unable to pay dues in a lump sum. Collected by Wednesday noon was \$1,025.

Vice-president W. B. Chalk presided at the meeting, and W. C. Carlton was principal speaker. He outlined some of the advantages of belonging to the Chamber of Commerce and the duties which go with membership.

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## Beaufort Board Zones New Area

Beaufort commissioners decided Monday night that the "newly-annexed" areas of town shall be zoned as residential. The areas involved are a portion of Front and Ann Streets and a small part of Bel Air and Sea View Streets.

They were annexed to the town several years ago but recommendations by the planning board to zone them as residential were ignored until this past month.

No one appeared to object to the area being zoned residential. Mrs. Lockwood Phillips and Jarvis Herring, who live in the neighborhood affected, were present to express their approval.

Mr. Herring raised a question regarding placement of a garage on the smaller lots. He was assured by Halsey Paul, chairman of the planning board, that in cases where regulations would work a hardship on a property owner, adjustments can be made.

Mayor Clifford Lewis presided at the hearing. Commissioners present were W. R. Hamilton, Otis Mades, Math Chapman, Gerald Hill, and Gene Smith, town attorney.

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## Highway Group To Meet Saturday

The Highway 70 Association of North Carolina has called a meeting for next Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Grove Park Inn near Asheville. Luncheon is Dutch.

J. A. DuBois, president of the association, has sent invitations to members. Included with the invitations was a news letter which told of progress of the group.

According to the letter, more and more tourists are finding their way into the state over Highway 70, the coast-to-coast highway. Out-of-state visitors are quick to notice the many miles of four-lane divided road and time-saving by-passes, Mr. DuBois said.

Membership in the association is open to chambers of commerce, merchants associations, and businesses related to tourist traffic.

Chambers of commerce in Asheville, Salisbury, Lexington, Goldboro, Kinston, Morehead City, Beaufort, and Sea Level have already joined.

Merchants associations in Burlington and Atlantic Beach and 23 individual businesses are members to date.

A North Carolina U. S. 70 map, showing historical and tourist attractions and listing recommended businesses, is being made up by the association. The purpose of the map is to advertise North Carolina rather than as a "short quick route" through our state to another, Mr. DuBois concluded.

## State to Open Bids Aug. 28

Bids on the new bridge across Gallants Channel, Beaufort, will be opened by the State Highway Commission Tuesday, Aug. 28.

The bridge will be two blocks north of the present bridge, entering the town on Cedar Street. It will be 673 feet long with a 28-foot wide roadway and a 3-foot sidewalk on each side. The draw span will be 140 feet wide, bascule type.

A bascule bridge is the type which now spans Gallants Channel. When the new bridge was discussed, a swing span, like the one across Bogue Sound to Atlantic Beach, was suggested by several local folks.

Apparently the highway commission believes the "leaf type," which raises and lowers, is better.

The bridge contract will also include approaches. On the west the approach will turn off the present causeway in the vicinity of Machine and Supply Co. The highway commission will then extend Cedar Street on the east to the intersection with Live Oak Street.

At present one block of Cedar Street is paved. The new highway will become Highway 70 through town. First traffic across the bridge is expected to be sometime in the first half of 1958.

## New REA Loan to Finance Appliances for Members

The Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation's third loan to finance appliances in members' homes has been approved by the Rural Electrification Administration. The loan, totaling \$50,000 was announced Wednesday.

W. C. Carlton, manager of the Carteret-Craven REA, Morehead City, said that the money is lent to REA customers to finance wiring of their homes, installation of water systems, purchase of TV sets, refrigerators, ranges and other electrical appliances.

From May 1955 through June 30, 1956, the co-op lent \$46,877. "It looks like we'll be lending more than \$50,000 every 12 months," the manager commented.

How does the lending program work? If an REA customer wants a TV set, he goes to a qualified dealer, selects his set and the dealer signs a note.

The dealer then takes this note to the REA office where he gets paid for the appliance. The REA in turn collects the money monthly, with the light bill, from the

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## Beaufort, Morehead

### Firemen to Go to Raleigh

Five representatives from Morehead City and two from Beaufort will attend the North Carolina Firemen's convention at Raleigh Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Morehead City Fire Chief Vernon Guthrie is taking delegates Harry Burns, Daniel Willis, Edward E. Guthrie, and Sammy Hughes.

Chief Charles Harrell and delegate Haywood Snell will represent Beaufort.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Aug. 17	LOW
5:13 a.m.		11:13 p.m.
5:37 p.m.		
	Saturday, Aug. 18	
6:03 a.m.		10:03 a.m.
6:21 p.m.		12:03 p.m.
	Sunday, Aug. 19	
6:46 a.m.		12:43 a.m.
7:01 p.m.		12:48 p.m.
	Monday, Aug. 20	
7:26 a.m.		1:22 a.m.
7:38 p.m.		1:29 p.m.
	Tuesday, Aug. 21	
8:03 a.m.		1:56 a.m.
8:14 p.m.		2:08 p.m.