

Value of Tar Heel Seafood Shows Increase for 1954-56

Commercial fishermen received more for finfish and shellfish during 1954-56 than they did for the catches they made in the preceding two-year period.

This was shown in a current report by the Department of Conservation and Development. It was compiled by C. Gehrman Holland, state fisheries commissioner and head of the C&D Department's commercial fisheries division at Morehead City.

Total value of finfish and shellfish caught from July 1, 1954, through June 30, 1956, on basis of reports made by the fishermen to Commissioner Holland was \$13,296,363. For the period July 1, 1952, through June 30, 1954, it was \$13,067,418.

Hurricanes and other periods of bad weather during the 1954-56 period tended to handicap commercial fishermen in their fishing operations, the commissioner said. The hurricanes also damaged oyster beds and put a crimp in shrimp and other operations.

A total of 60,326,862 pounds of food finfish were caught during the 1954-56 biennium. They had a value of \$3,759,927, according to the report.

More than 482 million menhaden, valuable for their oils and such by-products as poultry feed and other uses, were caught during the two-year period as compared with 406 million during the preceding two-year period.

The menhaden, better known among coastal fishermen as "shad" or "pogies," had a value of \$4,045,821 for 1954-56 against \$2,438,574 during the preceding biennium.

Shellfish products had a value of \$5,490,615 during 1954-56. The oyster take amounted to 244,381 five-peck bushels and brought oystermen more than \$672,000.

The shrimp catch totaled 10,530,881 pounds with heads off and had a monetary value to shrimpers of \$4,212,352 as compared with 13,457,000 pounds taken during the preceding two-year period. Shrimp taken during 1952-54 had a value of \$4,037,101 to the shrimpers.

Half Inch to the Good!



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

It was a happy day Saturday when Capt. Hubert Fulcher, right, with George Stovall, left, as mate, returned to Morehead City with a 7-foot 1½-inch sailfish. The fish was caught aboard the Blue Water by Julian B. White, High Point. It betters the previous Blue Water record sail catch by one half inch!

Homemade Bomb Severely Injures Atlantic Youth

Jimmy Dale Willis, 18, Reported Slightly Improved at Duke

Jimmy Dale Willis, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willis, Atlantic, is in Duke Hospital suffering from severe injuries he suffered late Thursday afternoon when a homemade bomb exploded in his face.

Willis was given emergency treatment at the Sea Level Hospital and then rushed by ambulance, with police escort, to Duke Hospital. He was reported to be in critical condition the next day, but relatives who visited him over the weekend said he was slightly improved Sunday.

The accident happened as Willis was attempting to set off a "toy bomb" in the backyard of his home. A lead plug lodged in his cheek and a piece of metal in his forehead.

The force of the explosion knocked him unconscious. He also suffered powder burns and cuts. It was reported that he had fired the explosive twice before, but Thursday he put a larger charge of gunpowder in it. The gunpowder allegedly came from a ship that went ashore on the outer banks several years ago.

Patrolmen Check On Five Recent Auto Accidents

Five accidents have been investigated by highway patrolmen within the past few days.

Everett Merrill, Beaufort motorist, suffered a cut on his head Sunday afternoon when he was involved in a collision on Highway 101 about two miles from Beaufort.

Merrill, driving a 1955 Ford convertible, collided with a 1948 Chevrolet driven by Charles W. White, Beaufort. Both cars were headed toward Beaufort when White started to turn left into a driveway.

At the same time Merrill was trying to pass him and the two cars rammed together. J. D. Drake was a passenger in the Chevrolet. No one was injured except Merrill, according to State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard, who investigated.

Driver Cited

Stanley H. Pender, Cherry Point, was charged with reckless driving Saturday night, when he lost control of his car, a 1950 Ford, just east of the Smyrna Drive-In Theatre.

Pender was coming out a side road to Highway 70 and failed to make a sharp turn to the right on the highway. He ran into a ditch and bent the left front fender of the car.

Racing Charged

Elbert Thomas and Jack Adams, Beaufort, were charged with racing, in addition to several other charges, Thursday night. Patrolman Pickard said that the two cars ran into each other at the end of the Lennoxville Road.

Both men were driving 1950 Fords. They were going at such a high rate of speed, the patrolman said, that they couldn't stop at the end of the road.

They ran off the dead end, between a large boulder and a tree, one car piling into the rear of the other. Thomas has been charged with speeding, disregarding a stop sign, and careless and reckless driving. Adams faces the same charges, as well as driving without a license.

A 1952 Nash, driven by William R. Turner, Camp Lejeune, turned over several times at 6:30 p.m.

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E. H. Swann Named Chairman Pro-Tem Of Airport Group

M. T. Mills, Morehead City, chairman of the Carteret County Airport Commission, announced yesterday that Edgar Swann, Morehead City, has been named chairman pro-tem.

Luther Hamilton Jr., attorney, is serving as secretary for the commission.

Mr. Mills also stated that the airport commission is protesting the proposed sale of county property at West Beaufort, across from the airport.

He said that the airport commission feels the property should be retained for future use, if necessary, by the airport.

The property has been advertised for sale at noon Monday at the courthouse door.

Morehead City Town Board Approves Zoning Requests

Steel Girders Go Up

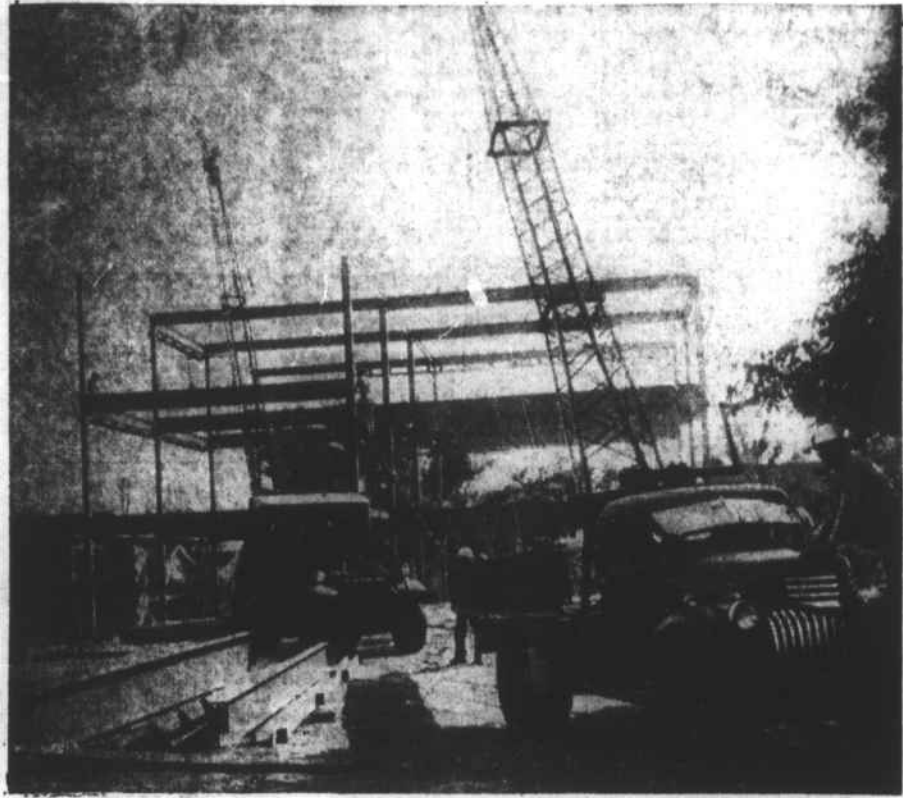


Photo by Jerry Schumacher

Steel, precious stuff these days, was making a fascinating picture in Beaufort Thursday. The steel girders for the Ann Street Methodist Educational building were carefully being coaxed into place. The building is being put up by O. L. Shackelford, contractor.

Conviction on Seven Counts Adds Up to Year in Prison

Eddie Westberry was sentenced to a year in jail in Thursday's session of County Recorder's Court in Beaufort. He was found guilty of driving without an operator's license, speeding, careless and reckless driving, drunken driving, failing to stop for a red light and siren, damaging a patrol car, and resisting arrest.

Westberry, who had just been released from the Newport prison camp Thursday, Sept. 6, was back in the clutches of the law again the next day.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown was notified Sept. 7 that Westberry was causing a disturbance around his "old home," the prison camp.

The patrolman went there, followed the Mill Creek Road and discovered Westberry in a car on Highway 101. Westberry lit out for Harlowe. Patrolman Brown radioed for a Craven County Highway patrolman to set up a road block.

That was done and Westberry ran into one of the patrol cars. Thus Judge Lambert Morris decided Westberry better go back to jail for a while.

Gets 60 Days

Joe Noe was convicted on two counts of public drunkenness and was given 60 days in the county jail.

John Smith McGee, who was taxed costs and put on two years' good behavior for assault, appealed to Superior Court and posted \$100 bond.

Lewis Pierson Willis was fined \$200 and costs for driving after his license had been suspended and driving with no license.

Pays \$50 Fine

Robert O. Short paid \$50 and costs for careless and reckless driving and for destroying state property valued at \$40.

Those who paid \$25 and costs were Norman Earl Williams, speeding and careless and reckless driving; LaClair Ewell Newsome, failing to yield the right-of-way; and Clifford Joseph Martin, careless and reckless driving.

Those paying \$10 and costs were Harry Leo Winters, speeding; Louis J. Doomes, speeding and improper passing; and James Benson Ellis, speeding.

Nine defendants were taxed costs. They were Earl Eugene Trappe, speeding; Richard John

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11 Months in CG Wins Commission in New Program

Lt. (jg) Bradley Middlebrook, U. S. Coast Guard, will be at the Morehead City postoffice today from 9 to 5 to discuss a new program offered by the Coast Guard. The program is designed to grant reserve commissions for only 11 months' active duty.

Five of these months will be spent in the Officers' Candidate School, and six months duty as an ensign will follow. The remainder of the eight-year military obligation must be spent in an active reserve unit.

To be eligible for the program a man must be a college graduate between the ages of 21 and 26, or have two years of college and two years former active duty in the Coast Guard or Navy. Age requirements for the latter group are 21 to 31.

The first officers' candidate class convenes Oct. 17. New classes will begin approximately every other month thereafter.

After today, interested persons may contact Lt. Cmdr. D. G. Bell at Dee Gee's Gift Shop for further information.

John Crump Takes Fire to Station

John L. Crump took a fire to the Morehead City Fire Department Saturday afternoon.

An unidentified passerby flipped a cigarette into Mr. Crump's Buick, parked back of his office at 825 Arendell St.

Another unidentified passerby raised the hue and cry of fire when he saw smoke billowing from the back seat of the auto.

This aroused Mr. Crump who took a look-see out the back door of his office and saw that the fire was from his auto. By the time he got the car to the fire station, the back seat was blazing merrily. Firemen quickly doused it.

Paving Completed

J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, reported this week that paving of roads in Mansfield Park has been completed.

Port Calendar

SS Thomas Nelson—Due today at state port, Morehead City, for a cargo of tobacco for Rotterdam, Holland.

USNS Schuykill—Due tomorrow at Aviation Fuel Terminals with a load of JT-3 jet fuel from Yorktown, Va. She will sail for Texas after unloading.

Mormacmail — Due Thursday at state port for a cargo of lined steel pellets. The cargo is labelled for foreign shipment.

Plagiola — Due at Trumbull's docks Friday with asphalt from Curacao.

Firemen Change Hour for Drills

Newport firemen, in session last week at the fire station, changed the time for future monthly fire drills from 7:30 to 8:30. The drills are conducted the third Monday of each month.

Finance Chairman Fred Kelly announced that during Fire Prevention Week the firemen will sell packages of light bulbs for \$1.

The department voted to sponsor the Carolina Ranch Boys sometime in the near future. Proceeds would go toward the department's Christmas project.

Assistant Chief Bennie Garner and Lionel Garner reported on the recent annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Firemen Paul Jenkins and W. J. Kirby said they were hoping to attend the annual Pump School at Charlotte which started yesterday and will close tomorrow.

It was reported that the potato packing house in town had been sold. Firemen expressed the hope that it might be obtained for use as a fire station.

Prior to adjournment, the men were complimented on their project, water main laying, a part of the town's Finer Carolina program.

Gerig 'Mends Its Ways'

Capt. Jarvis Midgett of the dredge Gerig, now working in Morehead City harbor, firmly believes that good fishing waters should not be molested.

C. G. Holland, state fisheries commissioner, phoned the Wilmington Army engineers office Thursday to report that good shrimp grounds were being disturbed by the Gerig's dumping spoilage on the east side of Beaufort Inlet channel.

The engineers immediately ra-

died Captain Midgett, a native of Hatteras, and relayed Commissioner Holland's message. Thus the spoilage dumping was shifted to the west side of the channel.

Now the engineers are praying that shrimp stays good on the east side of the channel and poor on the west so that the big hopper dredge won't have to make a long run to sea to dump every time it gets its crawl full of muck.

Morehead City town commissioners approved two requests for rezoning, following a public hearing Thursday night at the municipal building.

The change was from residential to business. The first request dealt with lots 6 and 7 in square 38 (the northeast corner of Arendell and 22nd Streets), and the second application was for the northern half of lots 14 and 15, square 99 (the southwest corner of 24th and Arendell).

William D. Muden of the Bell Funeral Home, who was represented by George Ball, attorney, requested that the Arendell and 22nd Street lot be so designated to allow a funeral home to be built on it.

Mr. Ball told the board and the 20 persons attended the hearing that the property had been bought in 1946 by Will Bell, former owner of the funeral home. Mr. Bell had intended to build there. In 1947 the zoning ordinance was adopted and the lot was included in a residential area.

'Credit to Town'
Mr. Ball said that Mr. Muden wanted to erect a modern residential type home with lawn and parking space. "I think it would be a credit to the town," he told the board.

A list of names of persons in the neighborhood who did not object to a funeral home was presented to the board.

Mr. Muden assured the commissioners that there would be plenty of parking area and said the home would fall in the same category as other professional buildings.

Mrs. Gladys Colenda spoke in favor of rezoning to allow the home to be built. She lives in the same neighborhood where the home is located now, at 7th and Bridges Streets, and said there are no objectionable features. "I wish it could stay right where it is," she declared.

Carlton Piner also spoke in favor of Mr. Muden's proposal, saying he wanted to see Morehead City "go forward."

Resident Objects
Woodrow Marks, 2108 Arendell St., who lives next door to the property in question, said he objected to the amount of traffic around a funeral home.

He said he had lived near them in other towns and did not like the traffic. He told the board that he had been assured by John Lashley, town clerk, and George McNeill, town attorney, when he bought the property, that no business could locate near him.

Attorney Appears
Luther Hamilton Jr., attorney, representing owners of the property opposite the old Presbyterian Church site, asked that the property be zoned for business.

No objections were offered. At a session in the board room following the hearing, the board rejected amending the zoning law to allow funeral homes to be placed anywhere in town and approved unanimously the rezoning of the northeast corner of Arendell and 22nd Streets for business.

Mr. McNeill requested the clerk to record that less than 20 per cent of adjoining property owners had objected.

The board approved the rezoning of the northern half of lots 14 and 15. Commissioner Gibbie Sanderson said, "I was against rezoning the Presbyterian Church property as business, but since we did that, the other corner properties are entitled to it too."

Under the zoning law, when two of the four corners of an intersection are zoned for business, the opposite corners may be zoned for business upon application.

Commissioners at the hearing, in addition to Mayor George Dill, who presided, were Mr. Sanderson, D. J. Hall, Jasper Bell and Ted Garner.

County's Two-Week Dry Spell Continues

The summer's longest dry spell continued over the weekend as a southwest wind swept clouds from the sky and temperatures edged upwards. The last rainfall recorded by Stamey Davis, weather observer, was less than half an inch Sept. 5.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction since last Monday:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Monday	72	55	NE
Tuesday	80	60	N
Wednesday	83	63	S
Thursday	85	65	SW
Friday	85	72	SW
Saturday	85	74	SW
Sunday	86	76	SW

Trees Removed
Carolina Power and Light Co. tree-trimming contractors are co-operating with the town of Beaufort in cutting down dead and diseased trees throughout town.

Lions Club Hears About Fishing

T. T. "Tom" Potter, president of the Fabulous Fishermen, and Bob Simpson, secretary, were guests of the Morehead City Lions Club Thursday night at Hotel Fort Macon. Mr. Potter was principal speaker, and he told the Lions of the achievements of the Fabulous Fishermen.

One fishing fleet is 42 trips ahead of last year's record, and the owner of a single boat says he is 14 trips ahead of last year. In addition to the boat owners, the businessmen of town are doing more business due to the increased number of fishermen in town, Mr. Potter commented.

The Fabulous Fishermen have coverage in 19 newspapers and are on 42 radio stations six days a week, Mr. Potter said. They also have weekly shows on two television stations.

Just to show the Lions what Fabulous Fishermen are doing, Mr. Simpson had arranged for a TV set to be placed in the dining room. The set was tuned to Carl Caudill's program and the Lions heard and saw the fishing publicity Morehead City was receiving on Caudill's Corner.

Oscar Allred, publicity chairman for the Lions, said the Lions commended the Fabulous Fishermen for the fine job they are doing.

Three 4-H's Win Ribbons

Three 4-H's from Carteret County won ribbons at the Junior District Dairy Cattle Show at New Bern Thursday. They were Darnard Harris, Cheryl D. Hammond, and Gordon Becton Jr.

Harris, of Bachelor, was the top winner with two blue ribbons. His 3-year-old Jersey cow was placed in the blue ribbon class and was given another blue ribbon by the Jersey Cattle Breeders Association for being the best animal in her class. The blue ribbons were worth \$9 to Darnard.

Miss Hammond's Guernsey calf won \$9 and a blue ribbon. Miss Hammond is from Williston.

Gordon Becton Jr. of Harlowe showed a 3-year-old Guernsey cow which won a red ribbon. He received a blue ribbon from the Guernsey Breeders Association for having the top animal in that class. He won \$8.

Assisting the three 4-H's in preparing the animals for the show was Fred Knott, assistant county agent and 4-H advisor.

The Rev. D. H. Jolly Heads Newport Planning Board

The Rev. D. H. Jolly, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, has been appointed chairman of the Newport Planning Commission by Mayor Leon Mann Jr.

Mr. Jolly succeeds the Rev. J. H. Waldrop, first chairman of the commission, who has moved to High Point.

The commission is now considering two problems, a Negro housing development and location, design and financing of a fire station and city hall.

The mayor also suggests that the commission consider the changes a water system will bring to the town and a means of bettering the town as a result of water system installation, industrially and otherwise.

The planning commission is authorized to work on long-range plans.

Its members, in addition to Mr. Jolly, are the Rev. Ralph Fleming, R. L. Pruitt, Dalton B. Rhue, Mrs. Floy Garner and Leslie Bercegeay. The planning commission was brought into being during Mayor Mann's administration.

56 Attend Clinic At Hospital

Fifty-six patients attended the orthopedic clinic at the Morehead City hospital annex Saturday morning. Of that number, 27 were new patients.

The clinic was supervised by Dr. Lenox Baker, orthopedist from Duke. Also present were Dr. G. L. Ford of Duke Hospital and Dr. J. R. Dincean, Camp Lejeune.

Volunteer workers at the clinic were Mrs. John Parker, Mrs. Walter Morris, Mrs. George Wallace, and Mrs. Jasper Phillips.

Mrs. Alma D. Johnson was the physical therapist and Miss Lily Fontress, nutritionist. On duty also were Mrs. Leota Hammer and Mrs. Beatrice Lewis, county health department nurses.

Dr. Baker will not be at the October clinic because he will be on a trip abroad.

Realtors to Hear President



C. W. Bradshaw

John A. Baker, Morehead City, president of the Morehead-Beaufort Board of Realtors announced this week that Charles W. Bradshaw and Charles C. Cameron of Raleigh will make an official visit to the Morehead-Beaufort Board of Realtors Thursday. Mr. Bradshaw is president of the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards.

He will speak at a luncheon meeting of the board at the Sanitary Fish Market at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Cameron is state secretary of the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards.



C. C. Cameron

Engineers Survey Town For Water Installation

A team of surveyors from William F. Freeman, engineers, High Point, is due at Newport today, to complete plans on putting in the town water system.

Remaining pipe and fittings from the old Bogue Sound water system are being checked and all usable parts will be retained for use in the new system.

C. C. Tilly of the Freeman engineering firm did preliminary survey work in Newport last week.