

Delfido Cordova Recalls 22 Fruitful Years as Teacher



Delfido Cordova made all of the furniture in his dining room. Here he stands by a buffet he made several years ago. In the foreground is a large hand-made table. Mr. Cordova built and upholstered the chairs.

By BOB SEYMOUR

During the 22 years he was industrial arts teacher at Morehead City High School, Delfido Cordova estimates that he was over on about 4,000 projects. "My classes turned out about 200 projects a year," he says, "everything from shoeshine boxes to lawn furniture and lamps."

Mr. Cordova, now in his first year of retirement, established the industrial arts department at Morehead City High School in 1935. He came from Asheville Normal School, where he taught Spanish, Latin and American history in addition to woodworking.

Mr. Cordova's interest in manual arts began first as a hobby. He had graduated from Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn., and was teaching at Asheville Normal when he began to take woodworking courses during summer sessions. By the time he had been at the college for eight years, he had taken every course in manual arts in the curriculum. In 1927 he accepted the position as professor of industrial arts at Asheville Normal.

He completed work on his master's degree at the University of North Carolina in 1934 and the following year he came to Morehead City.

During all the years he has been in Morehead City Mr. Cordova has tried to teach all his students the dignity of laboring with one's hands and the beauty of a job well done.

When he retired he received a testimonial letter from the school board thanking him for holding his students to a high standard of excellence. Even though a large percentage of his students did not continue as woodworkers and craftsmen, the training they received in his classes proved valuable in other jobs.

In speaking of the more than 4,000 projects scattered around the city, Mr. Cordova says, "Alfred Cooper (the mayor of Atlantic Beach) told me a couple of years ago that he was still using a table one of my students built in 1935. 'I can drive around town in the summer and see scores of people sitting in lawn furniture that came out of the shop at the school. I often wonder just how many items we made are still in use.'"

The furniture in the Cordova house at 2507 Arendell St. is a testimonial to the workmanship put into it. Some of the chairs made as early as 1920 look like new and have comfort hand-built into them.

Mr. Cordova can count in the house 45 pieces of furniture that he built. The pieces range from massive four poster beds to intricately designed lamps and tables.

In 1952 Mr. Cordova and his class got part of the first load of mahogany to arrive at state port. Most of the wood was used for coffee tables and other small items.

He still has one of the tables in his living room. It is designed to show off the beautiful wood as well as to serve a functional purpose.

Lives With Wife, Son

Mr. Cordova lives with his wife and youngest son, Tommy, who teaches at Camp Glenn School and coaches the Morehead City junior varsity basketball team. He has two married sons, Carlos, who works at Cherry Point, and Paul, an employee of Beaufort Fisheries. Mr. Cordova is an elder at the

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State Reports On Secondary Road Needs

Carteret has 14.6 miles of unpaved rural secondary roads which carry a traffic volume of 50 or more vehicles a day.

These facts were determined in a study by the Department of Secondary Roads, State Highway Commission, and were released this week.

Secondary Roads Officer Harold Makepeace said that a priority list for paving rural secondary roads has been completed by the state's 14 division engineers and will be submitted shortly to the County Boards of Commissioners in each of the state's 100 counties.

This priority list based on need will be used in preparation of county by county secondary road plans by July 1, 1958.

The state has estimated the cost of paving Carteret's 14.6 miles at \$217,175.36, or \$14,875.02 a mile. If such paving were carried out, it would represent 1671 per cent of the state total, which is 9,330.48.

To pave that many miles would cost \$129,976,636.48.

This study is the first of a three-phase program. The second phase is a study of sub-standard bridges.

The third phase of the secondary roads study will show what would be required to bring all rural unpaved roads up to a "minimum level of service". The commission has approved a "minimum level of service" to be at least an 18-foot wide travelled way, adequate drainage, and an all-weather, year-round surface.

The "minimum level of service" for bridges has been approved for at least an 18-foot wide roadway and a load limit of eight tons.

\$20,000 Fire Hits Howard Garage, Newport, Tuesday



Moses Howard, left, checks prices of his salvaged parts with Donald Chadwick of Auto Supply Co., Morehead City. Checking equipment in the background is Swindell Garner. Others who came in to help Mr. Howard Tuesday night were Chief of Police Dan Bell, Wiley Stallings, Larry Howard and David Mann.

Insurance Covers About Half of Loss

Fire swept through the upper floor of Howard's Service Garage, Newport, early Tuesday morning. Preliminary estimates place total damage at about \$20,000. Owner Moses Howard figures that damage to the building will run about \$12,000.

Parts and equipment worth about \$8,000 were ruined. About one-half of the loss is covered by insurance, Mr. Howard says.

The fire was reported at 1:15 a.m. and firemen battled the blaze for more than two hours. Two trucks from Newport, two from Morehead City and one from Cherry Point pumped thousands of gallons of water on the flames. About 50 firemen, including every member of the Newport Fire Department, were on hand.

Cause Unknown

The cause of the fire has not been determined. Judging from the seriousness of damage, the fire broke out in the hall at the rear of the second floor. Mr. Howard lets several clubs use the hall for meetings. The Newport Masonic Order had used the hall Monday night.

Mr. Howard says that the Masons had not had the stove on, since it was a warm night. "This is a frame building and just about everything in it would burn," he pointed out.

He plans to rebuild the garage as a single-story masonry and steel building. Two Newport contractors have been invited to offer bids.

Cars Undamaged

Mr. Howard is using a shed behind the garage to carry on business until his new building is completed. There were seven cars in the garage when the fire was discovered. All were pushed out without being damaged. He hopes to have them repaired on schedule.

Mr. Howard was able to save nearly all of his tools, since they were downstairs. The second floor was used primarily for storage of a general line of auto parts and for the meeting hall.

Most of the damage downstairs was caused by burning timbers that fell from the top floor. A 1951 Ford pickup truck owned by Polard's filling station next door caught a load of burning wood, just before the truck was pushed outside.

Firemen cleared all the burning material off the bed of the truck before it was scorched.

Water Important

Slight damage was done to the roof of the filling station. Mr. Howard says that the only thing that saved all the buildings along the block from burning was the ready water supply.

"The firemen never could have stopped the fire if they had been forced to carry water several blocks. The city water hydrants near the garage were a most important factor in fighting the fire."

"The firemen themselves did an outstanding job. The good turnout of firemen from Cherry Point and Morehead City showed an excellent spirit of community cooperation," he said.

Attorney Takes Issue with Board

Wiley Taylor Jr., Beaufort attorney who was employed to codify the Atlantic Beach town ordinances, told THE NEWS-TIMES Wednesday that accusations by the Atlantic Beach town board — that he was slow in getting the ordinances codified — were without foundation.

Mr. Taylor said that he did not want the job in the first place and recommended that the board get the League of Municipalities to do it.

In January the board authorized him to do the work at a cost of \$300. Mr. Taylor said he did not get the beach code book until June. In two months, he said, he had finished the work.

He said he attended a beach board meeting in September with the newly-codified ordinances and the board approved and adopted them. He said the only thing the board lacks now are copies of the ordinances which he was having made at his own expense.

Mr. Taylor added that he has not been able to attend recent board sessions because they are held on Sunday.

The County Health Department reports that another TB case was discovered in the county Monday. This brings the total for the year to 10.

SPA Approves Proposal for Freight Car Mover at Morehead City Port

Walter Friederichs, acting manager of the Morehead City state port, said yesterday that a piece of equipment used to shift railroad cars, is to be brought to Morehead City for a demonstration with a view to purchasing.

The State Ports Authority, meeting at Raleigh Tuesday, heard reports from Mr. Friederichs and Edward E. Lee Jr., acting executive ports director, to the effect that additional equipment and more persons are needed to handle the increased business at Morehead City.

If the car-shifting equipment will do the job it is supposed to do, Mr. Friederichs says the SPA will be given a report, then decide whether purchase should be made. The cost of the car shifter is estimated at \$17,000.

Locomotive Used

Mr. Friederichs said last week that a locomotive had to be obtained from New Bern to move empty cars out of the way so full cars could be moved into the port for unloading into the ships.

The SPA authorized use of two more persons at Morehead City to aid in port operations.

Handy and Co., a New York management firm, has been retained at a cost of \$3,600 to screen applicants for the North Carolina ports director job. At least 10 applications have been received.

The firm will select the top three and from them the SPA will make a choice.

A director is expected to be chosen in the near future.

Docks Turned Down

The authority decided that it would not purchase the Champion Compress and Sprunt docks at Wilmington. An unofficial report stated that the cost would have been in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

State engineers estimated cost of renovating the docks at \$192,000 plus \$30,000 a year maintenance.

Buckley Paid

The healthy sum of \$16,668.27 was authorized paid to James C. Buckley, Inc., transportation consultants, New York City. The Buckley firm made a survey of state ports for \$15,000 and Mr. Buckley later appeared before a legislative committee which cost \$1,168.27. Letters were received from

Goldsboro and Jacksonville, inviting the SPA to establish its offices in those cities. Offices are being made available now, however, for the SPA in the educational building, Raleigh.

Representatives from the Markley Grain Elevator Co., Philadelphia, appeared before the ports officials. The firm is reported to be interested in establishing grain handling facilities at Morehead City or Wilmington.

Frank Turner, head of the property control and construction division, State Department of Administration, said plans are being made for extension of the dock at Wilmington. A transit shed, to be built on that dock, may not be ready for another two years.

Mr. Turner said plans are being completed now for the new warehouse at Morehead City. This is expected to be ready for use Dec. 1, 1958. Other improvements there, roads, railroad tracks and a water tank are to be ready by that date also.

Menhaden Boats Go to Sea Again

Menhaden fleet operations took an upswing this week with the change in the weather.

Monday was a very good day, but the rest of the week didn't come up to Monday's catches.

A heavily loaded boat got stuck in the channel to the Fish Meal Co., Beaufort, Monday night, just south of the bridge. This caused a terrific pile-up of other boats trying to get to the factory.

Fish being caught now are small. In the words of one operator, "The big ones have moved offshore or south."

The skies over the coast are dotted with fish-spotting planes. Fourteen hundred gallons of gas were pumped into the planes Monday. Thirty-seven have been reported in the air at one time. The menhaden schools stand a slim chance of evading a pilot's eye.

The menhaden season unofficially comes to a close next week.

Morehead Citizens Confer with SPA

Four representatives from Morehead City met with the State Ports Authority Tuesday afternoon in the educational building at Raleigh.

Mayor George Dill, Rep. D. G. Bell, Dr. B. F. Royal and Dr. John Morris met with the SPA at the authority's invitation.

Port matters were discussed, including the recent discharge of J. D. Holt as manager of the Morehead City port.

The Morehead City group was told that the SPA will let filling of the Morehead City position up to the new executive director. If he chooses to re-employ Mr. Holt, such will meet with the approval of the authority.

Authority officials received with interest a suggestion from the Morehead City delegation that several men from Wilmington act as a ports advisory group as does the Morehead City delegation.

Mayor Dill said that this group could be vested with the authority to give the SPA information and advice on Wilmington matters. The mayor said yesterday that this would tend to eliminate a lot of baseless gossip which reaches SPA ears relative to the attitude of Morehead City and Wilmington toward port operation.

The Morehead City representatives seem pleased with the manner in which the SPA is handling policy matters and again assured the authority of Morehead City's full cooperation in making both state ports a profitable operation.

Heater Causes Fire At Wickizer Trailer

Floy Wickizer's trailer, parked at 1700 Bay St., Morehead City, caught on fire at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The fire was caused by an overheated oil burner in the trailer. Morehead City firemen had the fire out in less than a half-hour, but considerable damage was done to the interior of the trailer.

Mebane Man Receives \$1,500, Two Medals for Rescuing Girl at Beach

James Robert Thompson, 25, route 1 Mebane, received two awards for heroism Tuesday at Burlington. Mr. Thompson was the man who rescued 15-year-old Shirley Holder, Durham, from the surf just west of the Triple Ess pier on Bogue Banks Sunday, May 19, 1957.

The awards were made at the Western Electric plant where Mr. Thompson is employed. The 3,500 employees witnessed the presentation at a half-hour ceremony. Miss Holder was also present.

Mr. Thompson received the Carnegie Medal and \$500 from the Carnegie Foundation and the Theodore N. Vail Silver Medal and \$1,000 from American Telephone and Telegraph Co., parent firm of Western Electric.

Arthur B. Goetze of New York City, president of Western Electric, presented the Vail Medal, named in honor of a former president of AT&T. Mebane Mayor M. G. Walker presented Thompson the Carnegie Medal.

Special guests included State Adj. Gen. Capus Waynick, who represented Governor Hodges; U. S. Sen. Kerr Scott; Rep. Carl Durham; State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane; State Rep. George A. Long of Alamance County and city and county officials.

The account of the rescue, as it appeared in THE NEWS-TIMES, follows:

Barry West, manager of the

Triple Ess fishing pier, yesterday gave the following account of the near-drowning:

Shirley and two other girls from Durham were about 500 yards west of the pier at the time of the incident (12:25 p.m. Sunday). One girl was on the beach and the other two were playing in the surf.

When Shirley saw she couldn't get back to shore she called to her friend for help. The other girl told her to try to stay up and she would get help. She ran into the pier office and I called the Coast Guard at once.

Thompson, who was fishing on the pier, saw what was happening and ran down to help. The Coast Guard was unable to get a small boat launched in the heavy surf. He swam out to get the girl and lost her just as he got to the break (where the bottom falls away to deep water). He went after her and got her and started back again.

There must have been three or four hundred persons watching by that time. Several of them formed a human chain to the break and when he got that far they brought them in. Coast Guardsmen revived the girl with artificial respiration.

Thompson was completely exhausted when he finally got to shore. It was the greatest display of courage I ever saw, Mr. West said.

Deaf Mutes Wish Morehead Folks 'Merry Christmas'

Mrs. Theodore Poggi, the deaf mute whose hip was crushed in an accident in Morehead City the summer of 1956, sends wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone in Morehead City.

Mrs. Poggi, who was hospitalized for months at Morehead City Hospital, is now living with her husband in Tampa, Fla.

In a letter to Mrs. C. T. Kellum, 303 N. Fifth St., Morehead City, Mrs. Poggi says she remembers the kindness of people toward her and her husband following the accident.

She says she has improved "about three-quarters of the way"

and it may be a year before recovery is complete.

A pickup truck fell on Mrs. Poggi's hip while she was helping her husband fix a wheel. The pickup was used to pull their trailer, which was parked near the now-burned caboose east of the Morehead City Yacht Basin.

Regarding her husband, Mrs. Poggi writes, "The state has helped my husband to run a cabinet making shop. He is learning to make dressers, coffee tables, night stands, etc. It is really hard to start. We get little earnings out of them because of the cost of materials, but the state will help him get wholesale prices on materials."

Mrs. Poggi asked Mrs. Kellum to tell the hospital and their doctor here, Dr. S. W. Thompson, that they will pay their bills as soon as they can.

Tide Table			
Tides at the Beaufort Bar			
	HIGH	Friday, Dec. 20	LOW
7:23 a.m.			1:06 a.m.
7:50 p.m.			1:49 p.m.
	Saturday, Dec. 21		
8:10 a.m.		1:56 a.m.	
8:37 p.m.		2:36 p.m.	
	Sunday, Dec. 22		
8:54 a.m.		2:42 a.m.	
9:25 p.m.		3:20 p.m.	
	Monday, Dec. 23		
9:40 a.m.		3:26 a.m.	
10:14 p.m.		4:01 p.m.	
	Tuesday, Dec. 24		
10:25 a.m.		4:07 a.m.	
11:02 p.m.		4:41 p.m.	

Down East Lions Will Sponsor Dance Tonight

The Down East Lions will sponsor a dance at 8 tonight in the Atlantic School gym.

The Carolina Partners will provide the music and a 15-pound ham will be given as a door prize.

Proceeds from the dance will go toward the Lions blind fund and to the general treasury. Admission is a dollar a person.

Paper Announces Holiday Schedule

THE NEWS-TIMES Christmas issue will appear Tuesday, Dec. 24. The newspaper office will be open until noon on that day. It will not reopen until 8 a.m. Friday.

The Friday, Dec. 27 paper, will go to press at noon Friday, so subscribers will be late receiving that issue. It will be on the newsstands Friday afternoon.

News for the Dec. 27 paper must be in the office by 10 a.m. The deadline for classified ads will be 10 a.m.

Captain of Edith M II Nets Man-Eater Shark



Capture of this shark is one of the few pieces of evidence that man-eaters occur in North Carolina waters. Scientists at the UNC Institute of Fisheries Research are now studying the carcass for additional data. (Photo by Dr. Earl Deubler).

Scientists at the University of North Carolina Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, identified a 6-foot male shark captured by Capt. Stanley Salter of the Edith M II as a man-eater shark (Carcharodon carcharias).

Captain Salter was traveling in approximately 18 fathoms about 15 miles east of Knuckle Buoy at the time of capture. Although the species has been recorded as occurring in North Carolina waters since 1915, the capture of this shark is one of the few authenticated records for this region.

According to Dr. William E. Fahy, of the institute, this specimen is relatively small. A specimen 36½ feet long has been recorded from Australia. Normally, those captured are under 20 feet in length.

This species, reputed to be one of the most voracious of all fish-like vertebrates, is the only shark which has been known to engage in unprovoked attacks on small boats, and has long been known to be an attacker of man. Man-eater sharks no larger than the one captured by Captain Salter have been known to attack swimmers with fatal results. Rudolph Wade, Morehead City, died this summer after he was attacked while swimming offshore. Although the marine animal which attacked him was not positively identified, it is believed to have been a shark.

Farm Bureau Schedules Annual Dinner Meeting

The Carteret County Farm Bureau will conduct its annual dinner meeting at the Morehead City High School lunchroom at 6:30 tonight. A barbecue dinner will be served.

County president Milton Truckner says that Alonza Edwards of Hookerton will be the guest speaker. Mr. Edwards is the executive vice-president of the State Farm Bureau.