

# Electrical Storm Causes Damage

## Official Comments on New Chairman, Shrimp Catches

C. G. Holland, state fisheries commissioner, commented Friday on the appointment of D. G. Bell, former county legislator, as chairman of the state commercial fisheries commission.

"We are fortunate to have Mr. Bell, someone from a coastal county who understands the fisheries problems," Mr. Holland said.

The commissioner also commented on the current shrimping season. "We have more small shrimp than we've had in many years," he said. As a result, numerous shrimpers have been apprehended for taking shrimp smaller than regulations allow.

No one may catch, have in his possession or sell shrimp of more than 70 count, heads off. The commissioner predicted, however, that in several days the shrimp will be legal size, probably 60 count, heads off.

Why the glut of small shrimp? Mr. Holland says that there was a good crop last winter and the nurseries (inland creeks, bays and streams) produced a lot of babies that succeeded in surviving the winter and are now moving out to sea.

In addition to the brown-spotted shrimp, some native species are being taken, the commissioner added.

## Five Methodist Churches Get New Ministers

Five Methodist churches in the county have been assigned new pastors.

The assignments were made by Bishop Paul N. Garber at the North Carolina Methodist conference at Wilmington Thursday.

The new pastors are J. P. Mansfield at Camp Glenn, replacing the Rev. Virgil Moore who has been assigned as assistant pastor at the First Methodist Church, Morehead City; J. M. Hunter, Harlowe-Oak Grove, who replaces J. G. Lupton, assigned to Seven Springs.

J. O. Jernigan, Marshallberg, replacing William Jeffries, who has been assigned to Whitakers; B. L. Davidson, First Church, Morehead City, replacing J. F. Herbert, who has retired, and W. G. Lowe, Sea Level, who replaces W. R. Hale, who has retired.

Methodist pastors returning to charges in this county are D. M. Lewis, Atlantic; J. E. Smith, Beaufort circuit; J. F. Casey, Midway-Bethlehem; S. S. Moore, Franklin Memorial, Morehead City.

R. L. Fleming Jr., Newport; J. T. Fisher, Salter Path; C. Ray West, Straits; D. M. Tyson, Wilton-Smyrna; and the Rev. John Cline, Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort.

Other appointments of interest to folks in this area: Stanley Potter, Steele Street church, Sanford; J. D. Young, Oxford; Robert M. Poulk, Salem; W. W. Clarke Jr., Ocracoke.

Dr. A. J. Hobbs remains as superintendent of the New Bern district.

## Soybeans Make Up Carteret's Major '58 Crop

More cropland in the county is devoted to soybean culture than any other use, according to the 1959 county farm census summary released at Raleigh. The figures are based on the 1957 and 1958 crop years.

Twenty-seven per cent of the land under cultivation in Carteret is devoted to growth of soybeans for the beans; 26 per cent to truck vegetables, 20 per cent to corn, 7 per cent to tobacco, 7 per cent to small grains and 13 per cent to other crops.

Seventy-seven per cent of all land on farms is woods or wasteland; 12 per cent is used for growing crops, 7 per cent for pasture and 4 per cent of the cropland is idle.

In 1958 the number of farm acres had decreased to 93,798.

Crops were harvested from 11,388 acres in 1958, which was essentially the same as the 11,299 acres harvested during the 1957 crop year. Acreage-wise corn and soybeans were the two major crops, and together these crops accounted for 47 per cent of the total harvested cropland. Livestock inventories on Jan. 1, 1959 showed little change from the inventories taken a year earlier.

Number of milk cows showed an increase while brood sows and beef cows were about on the same level as reported the previous January. Number of hens and pullets in laying flocks showed a drop below the number reported in January 1958. Total number of people on farms declined slightly with 2,733 reported in 1959 as compared to 2,775 a year earlier.

Of the total number living on farms, 442 people worked on non-farm jobs for 100 days or more during 1958, while 329 people were reported as being 65 years of age and older.

## New Boat Law Effective Jan. 1

The 1959 legislature passed a bill which will require all boats using North Carolina waters to buy a license Jan. 1, 1960.

The law covers not only outboard motor and other pleasure boats, but commercial fishing boats. It requires all boats to carry the necessary safety equipment and all owners to comply with federal waterways laws.

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**Board to Meet**

The county health board will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the county health center.

## 14 Highway Men To Get Awards

Fourteen state highway commission employees in Carteret County will receive service buttons Thursday night at a dinner at Mrs. Russell Willis's restaurant, Morehead City. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Receiving the service awards will be John L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, who has been with the highway commission 35 years; D. C. Golden, 30 years; W. E. Bell, Clyde Willis, H. D. Lewis, H. G. Gurganus, W. H. Cannon, and S. D. Weeks, 15 years.

Carol Mills, H. S. Mason, S. J. Gray, J. G. Graham, A. A. Beauchamp, and D. D. Bell, 10 years each.

Among the guests will be Mrs. Cybil M. Smith, district clerk, second highway division.

**Wins Election**

Annette Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, Morehead City, was elected an associate justice at Girls State, Woman's College, Greensboro, Thursday.

## Twirling Taught



Miss Suzanne Beck, foreground, Morehead City high school student, is conducting summer classes in baton twirling at the recreation center. The classes are divided into beginner and advanced twirlers, totaling 35 girls. Shown with Miss Beck are three of her beginner students. Left to right they are Manie Piner, Valerie Ambrose and Sharon Simpson.

## Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen Make Many Weekend Trips

Missing fishermen, disabled boats and fouled screws were only a few of the circumstances responsible for one of the heaviest weekends Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen experienced this summer.

The first call for help was received at 9 Saturday morning when a man came to the Fort Macon station and reported that the cabin cruiser, Laura, belonging to Henry Holt of Morehead City was having engine trouble.

The 30-footer departed to assist and upon arriving at the scene, relieved the Mary II of the tow and brought the Laura to Holt's dock on the Morehead City causeway.

Also injured was Johnnie May Fort, 19-year-old Negro girl of Zebulon, who was riding with Williams. Williams had a back injury and cuts on his head. She had bruises and cuts. Both were treated at Morehead City hospital.

Sheriff Hugh Salter, who investigated, said that the car skidded 65-70 feet on a curve, sideswiped an oak tree and knocked a utility pole in two. The car was demolished.

Williams has been cited to juvenile court, charged with no operator's license and careless and reckless driving.

## Two Hurt Sunday As Car Crashes

James Warren Williams, 15-year-old Negro boy, driving a 1952 Chevrolet belonging to Barbara W. Jones, 1200 Avery St., was injured in an auto accident at 1:30 a.m. Sunday on the Crab Point road near the Morehead City limits.

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**License Returned**

Kermit Lawrence of Beaufort has been notified by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles that his driving privileges have been reinstated effective June 1.

## New President Takes Office

Simon Jesse, Goldsboro, center, lieutenant governor of Civitan International for this district is shown congratulating Walter Morris, new president of the Morehead City Civitans. At the right is outgoing president of the organization, Jimmy Wallace. Mr. Jesse attended the Civitan meeting Friday noon and presided over installation ceremonies.

## High Winds, Rain Strike Sunday Afternoon

### Stacy, Davis Residents Will Meet Thursday

Home owners of Stacy and Davis are invited to meet at 7:30 Thursday night in the recreation building at Atlantic to discuss forming volunteer fire departments at Stacy and Davis.

A fire department, known as the Down East department, now covers Atlantic and Sea Level.

This department, through Civil Defense, has acquired three three-quarter ton trucks which will be converted to tank trucks.

Also obtained with the trucks were six large type fire extinguishers, jackets, raincoats and other minor items of equipment.

John Valentine, director of civil defense, said, "The communities are individually expecting to carry their share of the cost of obtaining necessary fire-fighting equipment, as well as meet maintenance costs."

He explains that the trucks were originally weapons carriers but with water tanks and two tanks of carbon tetrachloride on each, they will serve as effective fire fighting units.

William Gorges, Atlantic, member of the Down East Fire Department, expressed the department's appreciation to Mr. Valentine for helping to get the equipment.

Lightning ripped and thunder rolled Sunday afternoon bringing hail, fire and pounding rain to a county sweltering in temperatures above a hundred degrees. A fisherman on an ocean pier was struck by lightning.

Damage from the storm was estimated yesterday to run into several thousands of dollars.

Injured when a bolt of lightning hit Morehead Ocean pier on Bogue Banks was Julius Goss, 32, of Lexington. Goss was taken to the Morehead City Hospital where he was reported to be in good condition yesterday.

Dr. M. T. Lewis, Beaufort, said Goss will probably be discharged today. The lightning affected Goss's right foot, temporarily affecting the flow of blood to the foot.

Several other people on the pier were knocked down by the same charge that struck Goss.

Lightning struck an old home at Wildwood, starting a fire which destroyed it. The home, unoccupied, was owned by Lee Murdoch and used as a storage place.

Lightning also traveled the wires into James Murdoch's home at Wildwood and caused sparks to shoot from an electric stove.

Mrs. Lee Murdoch said that every time lightning flashed, phones in the Wildwood area rang.

The homes of Dewey Phipps and Guy Thomas, West Newport, were struck by lightning. Lightning is also reported to have caused some damage at Broad Creek. Water heaters and tv sets bore the brunt of the high-charged electrical attacks.

Trees were blown over in the Morehead City area and one of the panels of glass in the new Mallory Sales building, next to the postoffice, was blown out.

Henry White, owner of the building, said that the glass was not sealed as well as it should have been. His damage is covered by insurance.

The area that seemed hardest hit by the storm was Morehead City and the region west and south of Morehead City. Golfers reported that hail lay on the putting greens at the Morehead City golf course for 10 minutes after it fell. Rain started at 2 and accompanied by high winds, continued more than an hour.

The building on the Murdoch farm was reported by Mrs. Murdoch to have been more than a hundred years old. It was originally owned by her late uncle, William S. Bell, but has not been used as a home for the past 15 or 20 years, she said.

The only thing stored in the building at the time were tobacco stacks. But the place has been used to store oats as well as the tobacco from the Murdoch farm.

The Murdochs were notified that the place was burning by a passing motorist. Newport firemen were called by someone (Mrs. Murdoch said she didn't know who). Mr. Murdoch told them he appreciated their coming, but there was nothing that could be done about the fire.

The remains were still smoking yesterday morning.

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## Lumber Causes Damage to Cars

A lumber rack sticking out from the back of a pickup Saturday night damaged three cars, two of them belonging to Raleigh drivers.

The accident happened at 8:55 p.m. at 24th and Evans Streets. The driver of the pickup, Eugene Willis of Morehead City, had just come off the beach bridge and made a right hand turn at Evans Street. In making the turn the lumber rack scraped the three cars which were waiting for traffic to clear.

Drivers of the three cars were William Congleton of Morehead City, William Ely Phelps Jr. and Jack Haskins of Raleigh.

According to patrolman J. V. Gialino there were no charges filed in connection with the mishap.

Another accident at 2:05 a.m. Saturday was investigated by Morehead City police. A 1952 Oldsmobile, driven by Aaron George of Morehead City, struck a parked car belonging to Joe Howey of Charlotte. The accident took place near the intersection of 12th and Avery Street. George was going north on 12th Street and the Howey vehicle was parked near the intersection.

Patrolman Buck Newsome investigated and estimated the damage to George's car at \$200 and that to Howey's vehicle \$400.

## ESC Office To Move Today To Evans Street

The Employment Security Commission office, now located in the Jefferson Coffee Shop building, 103 S. 4th St., Morehead City, will move today to its new location at 809 Evans St., in back of the Morehead City Hospital.

Business in the 4th Street office will continue until 10 a.m. today. From 10 on, the ESC will be in its new building. The building has been built specifically for the ESC and is air-conditioned. Parking space has been provided around the building for members of the office staff.

Those who have business at the office should park on the streets, Mrs. Julia Tenney, office manager, advised.

In addition to Mrs. Tenney, office personnel include Lonnie Dill, counselor; James Pearce, veterans employment representative; Mrs. Hazel Chadwick, interviewer-stenographer and Oscar F. Schneider, interviewer.

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## The Rev. J. F. Herbert Writes From Chapel Hill

The Rev. J. F. Herbert, former pastor at First Methodist Church, wrote the following letter to THE NEWS-TIMES and requested that it be published.

He refers to the Rev. Virgil Moore, former pastor of Camp Glenn Methodist Church, who disappeared June 4 and has not yet been located. Mr. Moore was appointed at conference last week as assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

Mr. Herbert's letter follows:

Glenn Heights  
Rt. 2, Chapel Hill, N. C.  
June 27, 1959

I want to thank you for an excellent county paper and ask that you please extend my subscription for another six months, sending the paper to me at above address.

We had expected to be in Morehead City until June 29, but when we found our successor could surely be there for Sunday, June 28, it seemed wise, on account of my condition of health, to get on to our little home here at Chapel Hill. I was very happy that such an able young minister as Barney Davidson was appointed to First Methodist Church there.

I want to thank you for handling the recent appeal I wrote to Rev. Virgil Moore. There was one thing I left out which might well have

been included. That is an acknowledgement of the fine way the leaders at Camp Glenn Church have assisted Mrs. Moore in her days of anxiety and have done all they could possibly do to help her find Brother Moore. There are some splendid Christian leaders at Camp Glenn Methodist Church.

For three happy years we have lived at Morehead City. It is a fine little city, indeed. It is quite possible I may have overlooked some financial obligation during that time. This is an unfortunate thing for a minister to do. If I have left any unpaid obligation please let my creditor write me at above address.

Most sincerely yours,  
J. F. Herbert

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● Manager Explains Hours for Today

● Construction, Service Worker Shortage Here

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## Two Men Booked For Shoplifting

Charlie King and Leroy Powell, Negro laborers, are in the county jail, charged with shoplifting at Conner's store, Harlowe.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said the men took 16 pairs of women's hose and several pairs of men's hose from the store Friday.

He said an attempt was made Thursday night to forcibly enter the store. While officers were investigating Friday, they learned that the hosiery and socks were missing.

Further checking revealed that King and Powell had taken the two items, but the two were no longer employed on the Ball Brothers farm. Officers later found the two at the Chicken Shack in Beaufort.

One still had some of the loot in his pockets. The other items were retrieved at the labor camp where the men had sold them. King and Powell are scheduled to appear in county court today.

## Route 101 Folks Plan Fish Fry

Residents of the area from West Beaufort to the Core Creek bridge are invited to a fish fry at 7 p.m. Saturday, the Fourth of July at Fred McDaniels' shop on highway 101. At that time the community club will be organized.

The fish fry, for which no charge will be made, was planned at a pre-organization meeting Thursday night at the Free Will Baptist Church, Russells Creek.

The speaker was Clayton Taylor, president of the Harlowe Club, who gave advice on organization and told how the Harlowe club had effected improvements at Harlowe.

Among the guests were R. M. Williams, county agricultural agent; Harry Venters, 4-H advisor, and Mrs. David Beveridge, vocational home economics teacher, Beaufort.

Jaycees Meet

Twenty-five Morehead City Jaycees met last Monday at Bruce Goodwin's camp near Swansboro for a party. Charcoal hamburgers and refreshments were served.

**Tide Table**  
Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, June 30	LOW
3:52 a.m.	10:16 a.m.	
4:30 p.m.	10:57 p.m.	
Wednesday, July 1		
4:48 a.m.	11:04 a.m.	
5:20 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	
Thursday, July 2		
5:42 a.m.	11:48 a.m.	
6:07 p.m.		
Friday, July 3		
6:30 a.m.	12:31 a.m.	
6:49 p.m.	12:39 p.m.	