

Oyster Shell-Planting to Start Soon

C&GS Party To Finish Work On Banks Soon

- Party Establishes Markers for Mapping
- Work Precedes Banks Restoration Project

The Coast and Geodetic Survey party now working on the outer banks expects to finish work here in about three weeks.

Trailers, used by the men as headquarters, are at a trailer park just south of Newport. Their families, who travel with them throughout the United States, live in 17 private trailers.

The survey is being made preliminary to a joint state-federal program of outer banks rehabilitation.

Many of the old markers on the banks have been washed out. The survey party is establishing "vertical control" (elevation) markers every mile along the banks, from Cape Lookout to Ocracoke, and "horizontal" markers, giving latitude and longitude about every three or four miles.

The markers consist of a bronze disc on top of a rod driven into the ground 24 to 50 feet.

Lt. Cdr. H. R. Lippold Jr., chief of the party said that this is the first C&G survey of the banks since the early 1930's. A few of the markers placed then are still intact. To help the men in the work, the markers have names such as Sam, Zack, Bank, Core, Drum, Dots, Wash!

Because of reflection of light from the sand and ocean, much of the work must be done at night with lights, Commander Lippold said.

The surveyors are using four-wheel drive vehicles that were taken to the banks by Coast Guard LCM. The night-time work requires the men to "camp out" over night.

After they establish their "control points" and mark them, aerial photos are taken and mapping follows.

The survey party came here from St. Petersburg, Fla., April 6. Some of the men will be working in Maine after leaving this area.

Two of the members in Commander Lippold's crew are William Ebron and Edward Murdoch, Morehead City. Others are T. Redden, W. L. Morehead, Wallace J. Ince, Harry Vance, Hollis C. Howes, Guy C. Ward and Maurice H. Cordray.

In the group that establishes the elevation-above-sea-level readings are two men from Newport, Jerry L. Garner and James N. Taylor.

Their group is headed by Spellman J. Diez. Others in it are Robert R. Garrish, Clark Brooks, Harold G. Beard, Marvin A. Randall Jr., Ronald L. Cooper, D. C. Taylor and Jerry L. Pryor.

Planting of oyster shells in public oyster grounds will begin in several weeks.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, shellfishery specialist with the Institute of Fisheries Research, said that the planting of oyster seed in counties south of Carteret is complete. There was a scarcity of seed (spat) in Neuse and Pamlico rivers this year, he reported. None was planted in Dare county, at the request of oystermen in that area.

The institute, part of the University of North Carolina, works closely with the state in its shellfish program.

Dr. Chestnut said oystermen along the eastern Atlantic coast are deeply concerned about a new type of fungus disease that has attacked oysters in sections north of this state.

The disease causes the oysters to die off. Delaware Bay has lost practically all its oysters to the disease. It has spread now to the Chesapeake Bay.

The disease is something new to the marine scientist, Dr. Chestnut said. In 1957 Virginia set up a laboratory on the eastern shore to study it, with a view to finding a remedy.

Teams of scientists are also working on the problem at the University of Delaware, and Rutgers university in New Jersey.

At the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries commission meeting in September, a resolution was passed asking states to appropriate funds to study the problem, asking the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (federal) to devote time to it and suggesting that fisheries commissions earmark money to search for the cause of the disease.

It is not known how the disease gets started or how it can be prevented. The oyster shell opens and the animal inside dies.

There is a bill in Congress now asking for \$500,000 to buy up oysters that have survived, in the belief that those still living have developed a resistant strain and could be used to replenish depleted beds.

It is believed that if the disease shows up in North Carolina, it will probably be noticed first in the Dare county area, swept by water currents coming from the Chesapeake. (This is based on the assumption, of course, that the disease is carried by water).

One hope for North Carolina is that Tar Heel oysters have a natural immunity, or have survived mild attacks of the disease and are resistant to it.

"I just hope it doesn't mean what dying off of eel grass meant to the scallop industry," Dr. Chestnut commented. The eel grass disappeared about 25 years ago and scallops, which feed on the grass, have not yet come back in the quantity that was considered normal prior to the eel grass disaster.

Dying off of oysters in certain areas of the world has been experienced several times during this century. Countries hit were England, Australia and Canada.

The disease has no effect whatever on human beings, Dr. Chestnut said. No one need fear that, because of it, oysters should not be eaten.

That's why the disease has not been given much publicity up to now.

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New Garment Plant to Start Pilot Operation

Carteret Industries, Inc., at Newport, the county's newest industry, will start pilot operations with about 35 employees Monday, Truman Kemp, general manager and vice president, announced today.

Carteret Industries, backed by the Newport Development Corp. and several other persons and groups, is located on Morehead Avenue, Newport. It will manufacture high quality sportswear.

It is housed in a new, modern, spacious building.

When in full operation, which may require another two or three weeks, the corporation will employ, according to Mr. Kemp from 100 to 110 employees at an annual payroll ranging from \$234,000 to \$260,000.

Rescuer to Get \$250 Plus Medal

In addition to a bronze medal, David Merrill, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Merrill, Beaufort, will receive a cash award of \$250.

The Merrills received a letter Monday afternoon notifying them of the Carnegie life-saving award. The letter was from David B. Oliver, manager of the Carnegie Hero Fund commission.

The money is to be used for "educational purposes or other worthy purposes" according to Mr. Oliver.

The letter also stated that David was recommended for the award by Stark H. Bishop, Easley, S. C., who read of David's rescuing Mrs. David Musselwhite and her young son from Taylor's Creek.

Mrs. Merrill said that David learned to swim in the summer recreation program that was conducted in Beaufort several years ago under the direction of Hugh Gordon and Sammy Magill.

Mr. Oliver stated that the medal and check will be mailed to David.

Scientists to Go To Greensboro

Five scientists from the county will attend the meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science today and tomorrow at Woman's College, Greensboro.

They are Dr. John Vernberg, and his wife, Dr. Winona Vernberg, Don C. Miller, all of Duke University Marine laboratory; Dr. W. A. Chipman and George H. Rees of the radiobiological laboratory, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Pivers Island.

Mr. Rees will give a talk on the effects of gamma in radiation on grass shrimp and fiddler crabs. Mr. Miller, a research assistant at Duke, will speak on feeding mechanisms in fiddler crabs.

After their return from the Academy of Science meeting, Dr. Vernberg and Mr. Miller will leave on a two-week trip to Florida to collect the Florida-type fiddler crab for further study.

Dr. Vernberg reported this week that a recent guest at Duke Marine lab was Dr. C. H. Mortimer, director of the Scottish Marine laboratory at Millport on the island of Cumbre, Scotland.

He stayed at Duke two days. It was one of several marine laboratories he is visiting on his trip to this country.

Lions' Gumball Machines Stolen

Two gumball machines, placed by the Morehead City Lions club, have been stolen. The machines, taken several weeks ago, were in front of the Morehead City drug store and City newsstand, according to Cliff Edwards of the Lions club.

Proceeds from the machine are used to finance Lions work with those who have defective vision or are blind.

Mr. Edwards suggests that folks keep their eyes open and report to police anyone seen tampering with or carrying off a gumball machine.

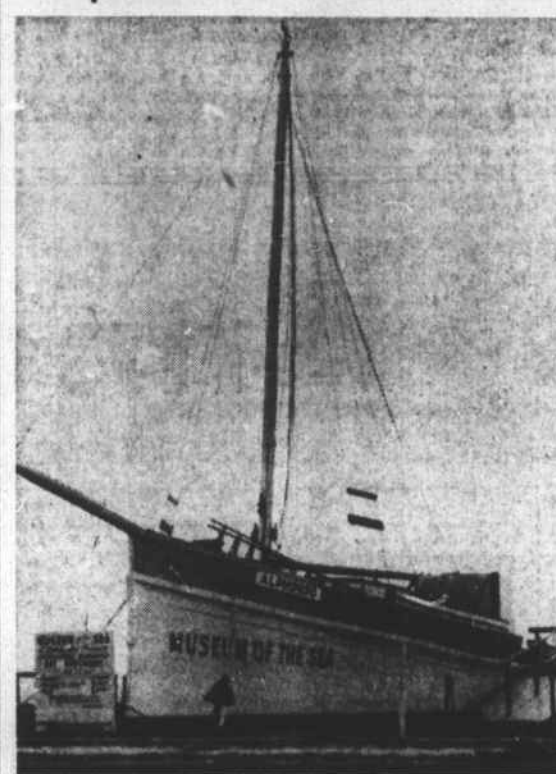
Lindsay Guthrie Elected Morehead Fire Chief

Morehead City firemen elected Lindsay Guthrie, chief of the fire department, Monday night.

They are Lindsay Guthrie, chief; Eldon Nelson, assistant chief; Doyle Rice, captain; and Sammy Hughes, lieutenant.

The new officers will assume their duties following approval by the Morehead City town board in June.

Alphonso Was Built Down East



By GRAYDEN PAUL

The Alphonso, serving as Museum of the Sea on Front Street, Beaufort, is a product of Carteret county.

In 1911 the late T. K. Davis and sons, the late Robert Davis and Blanchard Davis, all of Davis, using hand saws cut the pine timber in Oyster Creek swamp near Davis and hauled it to Cedar Creek with a team of oxen.

Logs were rafted and poled down Smyrna Creek to Lon Willis's mill at Howland Point. There the logs were sawed by Mr. Warren Piner of Williston. The lumber was then transported by sailboat to Canfield's mill in Morehead City, dressed and returned to Williston creek where boat was built by the late Zeff Willis and two of his brothers.

Built of heart pine at a cost of \$300, including mast and booms, original length was 58 feet with a 16-foot beam and two masts. The vessel was used to haul general freight from New Bern to Morehead City, Beaufort and Davis with an occasional trip to Sea Level and Atlantic.

Twice her sturdy 55-foot masts were broken by gale winds. After about two years a 20-horsepower Lathrop engine was installed by the late Harry Frisby of Davis.

In 1936 sails were removed and the vessel was converted to twin screw and so operated about two years. Then a 35-horsepower Palmer engine was installed and the vessel changed to single screw.

Freight operations were discontinued in 1950. Subsequent owners were Joe Hall, Charles S. Wallace and Otis Purifoy, all of Morehead City.

Board Authorizes Transfer Of Funds to Meet Expenses

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Suit, Arising from Beaufort Fire, Starts in Civil Court

Education Board Okays Calendar For Next Year

Adopted by the county board of education, in session Monday in the courthouse annex, Beaufort, was the calendar for the 1960-61 school year.

It follows:

Aug. 29-30—Pre-school preparation for teachers.

Sept. 28-Oct. 26—2nd month (NCEA Oct. 21).

Oct. 27-Nov. 23—3rd month (NCTA Oct. 28). Nov. 24-25 Thanksgiving.

Nov. 28-Dec. 20—4th month (Dec. 21-Jan. 2 Christmas). Jan. 3-5.

Jan. 6-Feb. 2—5th month.

Feb. 3-March 2—6th month.

March 3-30—7th month (March 31-April 4 Easter).

April 5-May 2—8th month.

May 3-30—9th month.

May 31—Post-school closing day for teachers.

The October holiday dates are holidays for children. Teachers attend teacher association meetings on those days.

The board adopted a school insurance plan for next year. Cost per pupil will be \$1.75 for the school year. The insurance provides protection for a child en route to and returning from school and while in school.

Sick leave for two teachers, Mrs. Mimie Davis and C. S. Long, was continued.

The house owned by the board just west of the new Queen Street gym, Beaufort, has been given away and is now being torn down.

H. L. Joslyn, clerk to the board reported. The house was a fire hazard, he said. The board hopes some day to get a dredge in that area and build the land up for a school playground.

R. W. Saffrit Jr., chairman of the board presided. Present were D. Mason, Atlantic; Theodore Smith, Davis, and W. B. Allen, Newport. Absent was George Wallace, Morehead City.

After judge Malcolm Paul denied a motion by water company attorneys to dismiss the case, testimony was started yesterday in the suit against Carolina Water Co., filed by James H. Potter Jr., James H. Potter III and Gilbert M. Potter, doing business as Potter's store, Beaufort.

The store, a grocery, and other places of business in downtown Beaufort were destroyed by fire Dec. 11, 1958.

The Potters allege that failure of the town water supply, due to negligence of the water company, prevented extinguishing the flames, thus destroying their property.

Following filing of the suit, the water company demurred, contending that the complaint did not set forth a cause of action. At the request of the Potter attorneys, the case was reviewed by the supreme court, which ruled that a cause of action was stated and the case should be tried.

Attorneys for the water company, Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, and John Dawson, Kinston, again asked for dismissal yesterday on the basis that no cause of action was stated. Mr. Hamilton contended that the water company's contract with the town does not specify that it will protect individuals and residents from fire.

Judge Paul remarked that unless the contract inured to citizens of the town, the water company wouldn't be in the case in the first place.

Mr. Dawson moved that the attorneys for the Potters, Claud Wheatly and Thomas Bennett, be required to state whether they were proceeding under a breach of contract or tort action (the latter is an injury independent of a breach of contract).

The judge asked Mr. Wheatly if he had a comment. Mr. Wheatly named the cases in North Carolina relevant to the case on trial. Mr. Dawson remarked rather fully that all Mr. Wheatly told him was that the plaintiffs were proceeding under the laws of North Carolina.

The judge denied Mr. Dawson's motion.

Allen Conway, Beaufort fire department engineer, was the first witness. He told how, on the night of the fire, he was operating a truck at Ann and Craven streets when "the water gave out."

He said he drove the truck to the dock in front of the postoffice, preparatory to backing the truck on the dock and getting water from Taylor's creek, but the dock started to crack, so he pulled off and let a smaller Morehead City fire truck pump from the creek.

He then went back to the Ann and Craven street hydrant and estimated that he was there 30 minutes before water started flowing through it again. He estimated that there was no water available from the town supply, for 45 to 90 minutes.

Elmond Rhue, the next witness, See SUIT, Page 2

Merchants Make \$450 Sunday On Horse Show

Members of the Morehead City Merchants association heard a report Tuesday by Charles Willis on the horse show sponsored Sunday by the association.

The show netted the association approximately \$450 in spite of the poor weather conditions. In view of the success, members voted to make the event an annual affair.

Frank Cassiano, chairman of the military affairs committee, announced the arrangements for the Armed Forces Day parade to be held May 28. The event will be publicized as Carteret County Armed Forces Appreciation Day and will be sponsored by the Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association of Morehead City, Beaufort and Newport.

Participating in the day's activities and the parade will be Marine Corps units from Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune, Air Force units from Seymour Johnson Air Base, paratroopers from Ft. Bragg, Coast Guard units, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic clubs, local high school bands and county and town officials.

The Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine Corps will set up static displays of weapons and equipment in an exhibition at either the Morehead City park or the football field.

Dr. R. O. Barnum will be the parade marshal, assisted by Charles Willis. Warren Beck will be in charge of the construction of the reviewing stand which will be located on the south side of Arendell street between 8th and 9th streets.

Present plans call for the parade to start from the Morehead City school at 2 p.m. It will proceed down the north side of Arendell street to 16th then down the south side to 7th street where it will turn north to Bridges and return to the school grounds. Soft drinks and donuts will be provided members of marching units at the end of the parade.

Being planned also is a luncheon for visiting military officers at the Sanitary Fish Market and restaurant.

All merchants in the county are urged to display flags on Armed Forces Day. Welcome placards will be distributed by the Chamber of Commerce to be displayed in places of business.

President Garland Scruggs presided at the meeting. Others present were Mr. Cassiano, Thurlow Wheaton, Bill Willis, R. E. Butner, Oscar Allred, Mr. Beck, Earl Lewis, Mrs. Bill McDonald, O. J. Morrow and Joe DuBois.

Town Will Give Supper As Appreciation Gesture

Newport town commissioners voted Tuesday night to give a supper for members of the fire department in appreciation for the work they did in Newport's recent water system break-down.

They also voted to send letters of appreciation to the Morehead City and Beaufort fire departments for their help in restoring the water supply.

It was announced that the town has acquired the deeds to several pieces of property in Newport through non-payment of delinquent taxes. Some of the lots acquired have houses on them.

The board ordered that one more letter be sent to the former owners, giving them a last chance to pay the taxes owed on the property and reclaim the lots.

An additional \$100 was transferred to the fire department building fund. The money will be used to buy materials for the new fire department and town hall, now under construction.

Other motions acted on Tuesday night were to adopt the same Schedule B license for this year and to advertise 1959 taxes in either July or August.

Commissioner Les Bercegeay reminded the board that the town's recently adopted ordinance, banning outside toilets goes into effect March 1, 1961 and suggested sending letters to that effect to property owners concerned.

The board voted to hire I. W. Haskett to remove four trees for a fee of \$100.

Operating Deferred

C. L. Beam, county veterans service officer, reports that the operating room at the Veterans hospital, Fayetteville, will be closed May 16-30 while new equipment is being installed.

Leslie E. Riggs Pays Fine, Costs

Five dollars and costs were levied against Leslie E. Riggs, Newport, in mayor's court at Atlantic Beach Tuesday night. Riggs was convicted of public drunkenness, resisting arrest and disturbing the peace.

John S. Cooke, Cherry Point, for refusing to sit down while drinking beer in a public building at the beach, paid court costs. Regulations require patrons either to stand at a bar or be seated.

Charles Salter, Morehead City, was found guilty of public drunkenness. He paid costs. If he returns to the beach within a year, he will be restricted from the area for two years, the mayor, A. B. Cooper, said.

Costs were paid by J. B. James, Morehead City, for public drunkenness, and by Samuel G. Clark, New Bern, for careless and reckless driving.

Not prosecuted was the case of Waldon Ellsworth, Cherry Point. Ellsworth was charged with using profane language in public. The mayor warned him that if drinking led to profanity, he was not to drink while on the beach the rest of the summer.

Firemen Called

The Morehead City fire department was called to the residence of David Gould, 1206 Shepard St., Morehead City, Sunday afternoon at 4:45. Firemen report that a wall socket in the house became hot. No damage was done.

JC's to Join in Installation Banquet at 7:30 Monday

Highlights of the Beaufort-Morehead City Jaycee installation banquet Monday night at the Blue Ribbon restaurant will be the installation of officers and the presentation of the key man award by the Morehead City club. The banquet starts at 7:30.

Group Plans July Water Show

Gehrmann Holland Jr., chairman of boat races and ski exhibitions for Beaufort's birthday celebration, met Tuesday night with members of the Carteret Outboard Runabout association at the Morehead City armory.

The races, for family-type runabouts, will be held July 8. A two-hour water ski show is scheduled for July 9. Anyone who wants to take part in either event is welcome, COBRA officers said.

Mr. Holland reported that persons at New Bern have already contacted him relative to participation.

The race course has been tentatively set for the span of water in Taylor's creek between Pivers Island and the postoffice.

A slalom race and barefoot skiing will be two of the features of the water ski show.

Tuesday night, May 17, has been set as a tentative meeting date to plan further for the water events.

Persons interested in taking part in them should contact Mr. Holland in Beaufort, Robert Butler or Roger Hoggard in Morehead City.

The key man award is the award that goes annually to the Jaycee who has contributed the most to the club. Selection of the recipient is made by secret ballot by club members. The winner's name is not revealed until the night of the banquet. The award will be presented by Jasper E. Bell.

Attending the banquet and presiding at the installation ceremonies will be W. E. (Pop) Craft, recently elected vice-president of the 12th district.

New officers to be installed for the Morehead City club include president, Clifton Lynch; internal vice-president, Horace C. Willis; external vice-president, Richard Spears; treasurer, Gordon C. Willis Jr.; secretary, Dalmon Lawrence and directors Paul Cordova, Tommy Ballou, Billy Ogleby, John Edwards, Tommy Bennett.

Beaufort Jaycee officers are president, Bobby Saffrit; vice-president, Clyde Owens; treasurer, Dick Dickinson; secretary, Billy Ippock; and directors, Osborne Owens and Herbert Rice.

L. G. Dunn, state director for the Morehead City club and George Murray Thomas, state director for the Beaufort Jaycees, will also be installed.

Included on the evening's program will be the welcome and introduction of guests by Bill Singleton and George Murray Thomas, recognition of exhausted roosters by George Murray Thomas and Dr. Russell Outlaw, the president's award by Bill Singleton and the introduction of new members by Billy Ippock and Tommy Ballou.

Donald Davis, Morehead City, is chairman of the banquet.