

Maritime Association Gives Opinion on Proposed Bridge Shrimpers Say Trawler Ban Would End Their Business

The Morehead City Maritime association has set forth four reasons why the present Morehead City bridge plans would restrict navigation using the Morehead City port and the intracoastal waterway, over which the bridge would pass.

Requesting a hearing on the matter, which Army engineers have granted, the association says:

1. The vertical clearance of the fixed span (65 feet) is not sufficient to handle present and future vessels using the waterway. The proposed plan for a future draw span is not in any way consistent with the thinking of port development planners and recognized port engineers throughout the world.

This is evidenced by hearings on the proposed Cape Fear River bridge at Wilmington in which it was strongly shown by ship owners and agents that movable draw spans are of the past and not in line with current and future engineering thinking and principles. Numerous accidents in the past at Lowell, Mass., and at Charleston, S. C., (Ashley River bridge) have shown that such are not feasible.

2. Wind, tide, and current conditions at the Newport river entrance to Morehead City harbor is dangerous at best. This is evidenced by the frequent accidents to the present span and fender systems. With the present and increasing use of the intracoastal waterway and the size and number of tows using it, a safe draw span would have to be of such width as to be impractical from the standpoint of bridge design and cost.

3. This channel with the fixed span would prohibit the loading of vessels in foreign trade such as the Maureen, the Nadi, and the Fostrum, which have made a number of trips through the present drawbridge to the Fish Meal Co. in Beaufort, N. C.

4. Because of the intracoastal waterways being the only means of by-passing Cape Hatteras, it is very often used by sea-going dredges, tugs, and tows and other vessels in foreign trade. A fixed span bridge of the proposed clearance would prohibit such use and cost navigational interests thousands of dollars in insurance and underwriters' fees.

The hearing on the Morehead City bridge has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the municipal building, Morehead City. Col. R. P. Davidson, district engineer, said all interested parties are invited, particularly officials of any county, city, town or local association whose interests may be affected by the proposed bridge.

"They will be given opportunity to express their views upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the plans in reference to navigation, and to suggest changes considered desirable," Colonel Davidson said. Oral arguments will be heard but statements in writing are preferred.

Small Roof Blaze

The Morehead City fire department was called to the Gulf dock on Evans street Wednesday afternoon when an overheated pipe caused a small roof blaze in an office building on the dock. The fire was extinguished in minutes.

Voters to Decide Nov. 8 On Building New Hospital

Before long, voters will go to the polls to cast ballots on whether to borrow a million dollars to build a county hospital.

There are two hospitals located in the county now. One, at Sea Level, built in 1953, and one at Morehead City, built in 1915. The Morehead City hospital was enlarged in 1946.

Both hospitals are set up to primarily serve the public, not to make a profit. The Sea Level hospital was built by the Taylor Foundation and is operated by a board of directors selected from communities in the eastern part of the county where the hospital is located.

The Morehead City hospital is owned by the town of Morehead City. Its operations are in the hands of a board of trustees who are elected by the citizens of Morehead City. Morehead City residents also pay 5 cents per hundred dollars valuation to meet the cost of operating the hospital.

Other town funds which go to the hospital are obtained from operation of Morehead City's state liquor store. Most towns put this money into their general fund. Morehead City's goes to the hospital.

Why can't a hospital operate like a store, using the money it takes in to pay the people who work there and to buy equipment? Why



These kittens appear to be acting out a scene in a temperance drama. The father, center, ready to go out the door for some more booze, the mother, left, trying to keep him home and the little one, right, crying, "Father, dear father, stay home with us now!"

Oh, the Evils of Drink!

Builders Meet; Code Discussed

Contractors, builders and members of the county planning commission met last night in Morehead City to hear Kern Church, deputy state fire marshal and secretary of the NC Building Code council, speak on the proposed county-wide building code.

The codes were recommended by the planning commission this month for adoption and enforcement by county commissioners.

W. C. Carlton, secretary of the planning commission, said this week that authorities in Raleigh are gratified by the planning commission's action in regard to the codes and its intent to draft a hurricane building code.

Last night's meeting was called by Milton G. Coyle, Atlantic Beach, chairman of the sub-committee on building codes. It was held at the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership building.

Coast Guard Assists Grounded Boat Tuesday

A 28-foot yacht, Apothea, ran aground in Bogue Sound Tuesday afternoon and needed Coast Guard assistance to be refloated.

The Fort Macon station dispatched the 40-footer to assist the Apothea, which was on the bottom near day beacon no. 8. The vessel was owned by Charles C. Reese of Georgetown, Md.

Crew aboard the 40-footer was Jack Wilson, BM-2; James Pittman, BM-1 and I. D. Lewis, EN-2.

Ministers Continue Battle Against Obscene Literature

Grady Lupton Pleads Guilty

Grady Louis Lupton, 23, of Lowland and Morehead City, charged with the larceny of personal property from a government reservation, entered a plea of guilty when tried in United States Court, Eastern District, Tuesday morning at New Bern.

The FBI agent on the case testified that Lupton admitted taking \$265 in cash from a safe at the snack bar at the Cherry Point Marine Air station June 3, 1960.

Evidence was offered that the Marine sergeants in charge left the snack bar for about five minutes and that Lupton was left in the snack bar alone, making deliveries of pastries.

The money was taken from a safe which had been left partly open.

Lupton, in a statement to Judge Algernon Butler, told the judge he was sorry and that he had made restitution of the money.

Imposition of the prison sentence was suspended and Lupton was placed on probation for two years.

Parents Asked To Return Forms

Each year Carteret County Schools files an application under Public Law 874 with the US Office of Education for financial assistance for federally-connected children. "This requires certain information that only parents can furnish, so this is an appeal that such assistance be given your school Oct. 26, 1960," announces H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.

"Pupil-Parent Survey" sheets have been prepared for EACH pupil. Parents are requested to complete the sheet, sign and return it without delay.

Parents not connected with the US Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, the US Marine Barracks at Camp Lejeune, the US Coast Guard or US Fisheries at Pivers Island may question why they need complete this form.

Mr. Joslyn said Dr. James Woofter, regional representative, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, on his last visit to Carteret, advised that ALL children should be included in the survey to be made at the end of the second and seventh school months of each school year.

Prompt compliance on the part of parents will be greatly appreciated and assure Carteret county schools the financial help available under PLS74, the county superintendent said.

Mailed throughout the county this week by the Committee on Decent Literature of the Carteret Ministers' association were booklets and pamphlets on traffic in pornographic literature.

The Rev. Alec Thompson, Beaufort, chairman of the committee, said the material was mailed to pastors, the county medical society, county bar association, county school superintendent, principals, presidents of civic and fraternal organizations, police and sheriff departments, teachers' association and PTA's.

The literature consists of four publications: Let's Wipe Out the Schoolyard Sex Racket by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI; A Senator Speaks on Salacious Literature by Sen. Estes Kefauver; A Plan for Pornography Control, reprinted from Contact, a Methodist church publication; and A Sickness in Society, an analysis of sex exploitation on the newsstands, by Ralph A. Cannon, president of the Spartanburg, S. C., Ministerial Association.

Included in the mailing was a note stating that the literature was sent by the Carteret ministers' association "in the hope that you might become aware of the traffic in obscene and pornographic literature in the nation and especially in our county. Further, it is the hope of the association that you might do all within your power to help check it . . ."

The ministers' association has objected to certain types of pocket-books and magazines available at newsstands and has consulted with sheriff Hugh Salter on the matter. The sheriff several months ago appointed a committee to look into the situation.

FHA Okays Emergency Loans for Nine Counties

Rep. Graham A. Barden announced Wednesday that all nine counties in the third congressional district have been designated for emergency loans, due to hurricane damage, by the Farmers Home Administration.

Congressman Barden said that farmers who had substantial losses and who cannot obtain funds locally may apply to the FHA for loans. The FHA representative is at the courthouse annex each Thursday and may be contacted by calling the county ASC office, PA8-3711.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Oct. 21	LOW
8:24 a.m.	2:28 a.m.	
8:46 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	
Saturday, Oct. 22		
9:06 a.m.	3:07 a.m.	
9:34 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	
Sunday, Oct. 23		
9:55 a.m.	3:47 a.m.	
10:30 p.m.	4:28 p.m.	
Monday, Oct. 24		
10:53 a.m.	4:29 a.m.	
11:33 p.m.	5:18 p.m.	

Off-Beat Spring



Ever since Donna, fruit trees and flowering shrubs have been blossoming. It's springtime in the fall.

Here are crab apple blossoms on the tree belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb, Morehead City.

From all over the county there have been reports of pear, peach, apple trees blooming. Even a gardenia (cape jasmine) on the bush of Allen Taylor, Sea Level, bloomed.

The out-of-season blooming is about over. Folks hold little hope of getting decent fruit crops next year, since the blooming and bearing cycle has been disrupted.

October Brings Warm Weather

October has been an unusual month, according to E. Stamey Davis, weather observer. Mr. Davis says it is odd that October has been so warm, with no frost and no cold weather. Temperatures have averaged a high of about 79 and a low of about 64. There has been only 1.19 inches of rain.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction, as reported by Mr. Davis, follows:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Oct. 1	75	67	NNW
Oct. 2	76	60	NE
Oct. 3	84	66	SW
Oct. 4	78	64	SW
Oct. 5	82	66	SW
Oct. 6	84	67	SW
Oct. 7	79	67	calm
Oct. 8	89	66	calm
Oct. 9	74	62	NE
Oct. 10	71	63	NE
Oct. 11	79	62	NE
Oct. 12	82	58	SW
Oct. 13	83	64	S
Oct. 14	81	67	SW
Oct. 15	81	67	E
Oct. 16	78	64	NW
Oct. 17	77	63	NW
Oct. 18	78	58	SW

Members of the shrimp fishing industry generally agree that prohibition of trawlers within three miles of shore will end shrimping in North Carolina.

Capt. Ottis Purifoy, Morehead City, who fishes commercially and also operates one of the most popular partyboat fleets in the state, said that banning of trawlers as proposed "will stop the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina."

Gerald Austin, Beaufort, said he didn't like the proposal but preferred not to comment on it at length. He said that there are mighty few shrimp three miles offshore and beyond. He is of the opinion that passage of such a law would put shrimp trawlers out of business.

Captain Purifoy maintains that "fishing goes in cycles." He says he's been fishing all his life "and there are as many fish now as there were when I was 8 years old."

"Some people are mad," he continued. "They see some small fish in trawls and get the idea that trawls are killing all the fish. We've had more spots this year than ever. The kind of fish sport-fishermen are after, trout, mackerel, bluefish, aren't taken in trawls."

"We have good years and bad years and that's the way it's always been in the fish business. Sports fishermen have their good years and bad years."

The veteran fish dealer said that most of his income is from the sportsfishing business, but if they knock out the shrimp industry, the biggest revenue-producing fishery in the state, they knock out the commercial fishing industry entirely, he declared.

"One year," Captain Purifoy said, "a man in Virginia told me that the North Carolina trawlers were killing all the croakers. The next year he called me and asked if he couldn't sell me some croakers, that they had more croakers in Virginia than they knew what to do with."

"I thought you told me last year that North Carolina trawlers were killing all your croakers," Captain Purifoy reminded him.

"Well, they didn't," said the fellow who was wallowing in a glut of croakers. "I wish they had!"

Institute of Fisheries Research personnel and federal fisheries scientists have been working steadily on fisheries of North Carolina.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, said statistics do not bear out claims that catches of fish in recent years are less than they ever have been.

Other studies indicate that fish spawn in the ocean and not in in-shore waters as some fishermen claim.

The campaign to stop trawling is being led by a coterie of upstate sports fishermen. Rallying around some radio station commentators, they visited the coast this summer and did their best to work up an "expose" of commercial fishing practices and those who enforce commercial fishing regulations.

A fisheries scientist who has been working closely with fishermen was on the beach the other day when fishermen made a terrific haul of mullets.

"Don't tell us how to catch more fish," they said, "just show us how we can get a decent price for what we've got."

Scientists Attend Maryland Meeting

Sixteen marine scientists attended the Atlantic Estuarine Research society meeting Friday and Saturday at Ocean Breeze, Md.

Attending from the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries lab, Pivers Island, were G. B. Talbot, director; Charles Walburg, Robert Chapton, Louis Vogle, Mayo Judy, Kenneth Fischler.

Marlin Taggart, Joseph Higham, John Baptist, George Reese, Donald Hoss, and Rupert Bonner.

From the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, Morehead City: Dr. Earl Deubler, Dr. Austin Williams, Hugh Porter, and John Blake, graduate student.

Cedar Point Community Club Favors New Hospital

At a recent meeting, officers of the Cedar Point Community club unanimously adopted a resolution supporting a county hospital. The meeting was at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Dupree who served a fish stew supper.

Milton Mincey was elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors which was caused by the death of A. D. Emmett. Ruby Sutton was elected to serve as secretary and publicity chairman, replacing A. J. Blackmon, who has gone to Quantico, Va.

The club's next meeting will be

Board Members Adopt Resolution

At a called meeting Tuesday night at the courthouse the board of county commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to place the hospital at least three miles west of the Morehead City limits, Moses Howard, chairman of the board, announced yesterday.

The resolution specified that the site be at least 100 acres, preferably 500 acres, and with a minimum elevation of 15 feet above sea level for the lowest part of the structure. All commissioners were present at the meeting.

Driver Freed Tuesday Night By Six-Man Jury

A coroner's jury investigating the death of Bennie Rhatt, who was struck and killed by an automobile Sunday night on Laurel road, deliberated only one minute Tuesday before returning a verdict of unavoidable accident.

After hearing the testimony of four witnesses the jury retired at 8:18 and returned at 8:19. J. W. Sykes, spokesman for the jurors, told coroner David Munden that Rhatt's death was the result of his own negligence.

Rhatt was killed instantly Sunday when he was struck by a car driven by Richard E. Moeller, USMC, Cherry Point. According to accident reports, Rhatt and a companion, Pete Alexander, were standing in the middle of the road when they were hit. Alexander suffered a compound fracture of the leg in the mishap.

After going to the hospital to hear the testimony of Alexander, the jury returned to the court room where testimony of two of the passengers in the Moeller car and John Wilkinson Jr. were heard.

Wilkinson told the jury that he had passed Rhatt and Alexander on the Laurel road approximately one hour before the fatal mishap. He said that he had to take his car off on the shoulder of the road to pass the two men who were standing in the middle of the road. Wilkinson also testified that the two were staggering and appeared to have been drinking.

John M. Bennett, a passenger in Moeller's car, was the next to testify. He told the jury that he and the other three marines in the car were going to Harkers Island to meet dates. He said that they had just come out of a curve in the road when the two men seemed to "rise out of the asphalt."

Bennett said that Moeller swerved his car to the left but couldn't avoid hitting the two men. Bennett said that Moeller stopped and they all went back to the scene of the accident. He said that they found Alexander lying in a ditch. Alexander told them that Rhatt had gone to get help. Rhatt's body was found about an hour later 100 feet from where he had been hit.

Also testifying was Lewis F. Mathias Jr. who was riding in the front seat of the car with Moeller. He substantiated Bennett's story and added that Moeller was driving about 40 or 45 miles per hour.

Members of the six-man jury besides Sykes were Guy Dickinson, Alex Lewis, Joseph Long and I. E. Courtney, Beaufort and C. H. Davis, Davis.

Welcome Planned

Scouting leaders and representatives of civic organizations are invited to attend a dinner Monday at 6 p.m. at Rex restaurant to welcome Mr. Lemon, professional Scouter. It is hoped that he will consent to become Carteret's paid leader to guide the county's Scouts. All those interested in Scouting are invited to attend the dinner.

Proposal Made Before C&D

The Board of Conservation and Development heard proposals this week to ban shrimp trawlers from North Carolina coastal waters and to change the name of the commercial fisheries committee.

The proposals were made at a meeting of the board at Hickory Monday and Tuesday.

The proposal to keep shrimpers out of waters from Cape Hatteras to Cape Fear, from the shore line three miles out, was presented by A. W. Daniels of Cedar Island and Charlotte, chairman of the commercial fisheries advisory board.

He contends that this would prevent killing of small fish in what he calls spawning and growing areas.

Mr. Daniels said the proposal comes as the result of pressure from sports fishermen. Sports fishermen have presented petitions to the commercial fisheries committee asking that action be taken to curb activities of shrimp trawlers.

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, said it would be useless to pass a three-mile ban on shrimp trawlers without means of enforcing the regulation.

To enforce it, he said the state would have to have patrol boats of the shrimp trawler type, 40 to 60 feet long and crews to man them.

United States territorial waters extend three miles out; beyond that the waters are international. Mr. Daniels said that trawlers should be prohibited also in parts of Pamlico sound.

When Mr. Holland asked for proof that fish spawn in the areas from which Mr. Daniels wants trawlers banned, Mr. Daniels said he had no proof, but he knew that what he said was so.

Mr. Holland said that most of the state's shrimp are caught within the three-mile limit and in inland waters. Not many shrimp are caught more than three miles offshore in the fall, but they are available there in the spring, he remarked.

The Marine Fisheries committee was one of the new names suggested for the commercial fisheries committee. A new name will be placed before the legislature next year. Re-naming has been suggested by sports fishermen.

Defendant Must Appear Nov. 7

Judge Herbert O. Phillips Monday issued an order for a Camp Lejeune man, Kenneth R. Tenhoeve, to be brought into court Nov. 7. Tenhoeve was to have been tried Monday on charges of speeding, careless and reckless driving and violation of the litterbug law but he failed to appear. Bond for his appearance was set at \$250.

In other court action, W. L. Hill of Mebane, was ordered to pay court costs and honor a check on a worthless check conviction.

The case against Willie Moore Harkley, charging him with failing to comply with a former court order, was dismissed.

The court, temporarily, removed from the docket the case against Peniel Lowery, Morehead City. Lowery was charged with fighting and disturbing the peace.

Continued were cases against George Newman and Robert Earl Jones.

Oyster Season Looks Bright

Prospects for the North Carolina oysterman look very bright, but peak of the shrimp season has passed. Trawlers are averaging from 200 to 400 pounds of shrimp a day.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, said that oysters are bringing as much as \$4 and \$4.25 a bushel (five pecks).

This is due in most part to the very poor oyster situation in states to the north. The oyster harvest is bad in Delaware Bay and most of Chesapeake Bay. Some of the biggest operators in those areas are afraid that they won't be able to operate after Jan. 1.

As for hurricane damage to oyster beds in North Carolina, Dr. Chestnut said those in Hyde and Dare counties suffered some damage. At Chincoteague in Virginia there were severe mortalities.

Shrimp dealers were getting 55 to 58 cents a pound for shrimp last week. The shrimp are being caught offshore, consist mostly of brown shrimp and are running, in some cases, 26 to 30 count, heads off.