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## Mayor Praises Board for Fiscal Achievements

● Audit Presented At Recent Meeting

● Beaufort Town Debt Totals \$353,000

Mayor W. H. Potter, at the recent Beaufort town board meeting, commended commissioners and Ronald E. Mason, town clerk, for their handling of financial affairs during the 1959-60 fiscal year. The mayor's comment followed presentation of the audit by Frank Wall of the Williams and Wall auditing firm.

The town during the past year operated within the budget. The total budget was \$88,657.67. Spent was \$84,651.60. However, the town's income for the year was slightly over-estimated when the budget was set up. Therefore, expenditures actually exceeded income by \$4,909.06.

The only two departments which spent more than was set up in the budget were the administrative department whose budget was over-spent by \$961.82 and the police department whose budget was over-spent by \$356.02. (The mayor returns his \$600 annual salary to the town).

General expenses and expenses of the fire and street department were less than anticipated.

The town's total bonded debt as of June 30, 1960 was \$353,000. During the year two \$500 bonds were retired. The bonds which would have matured July 1, 1974 were paid off at \$933.46, at a saving on the principal of \$66.54. Also saved, of course, was interest that would have been due on the bonds until 1974 had they not been retired.

The auditor pointed out that the 75 cents levied for paying the debt was less than stipulated in the bondholders' agreement, yet it yielded \$8,532.86 more than needed to meet interest on the bonds.

It also states that during the 1959-60 fiscal year, \$28,033.02 was collected for debt service, of which only \$13,195.91 was deposited to the account for retiring bonds.

The tax rate that year was \$1.75. It was raised for the 1960-61 fiscal year, which started last June, to \$2, and \$1 was levied for debt service.

The town's tax levy is based on \$3,294,186 valuation. Total property tax levy for the 1959-60 fiscal year was \$64,029.90. The auditor pointed out that taxes received were \$24.21 less than in the previous year.

Percentage of the 1959 levy collected was 91.18.

The audit showed cash receipts for the year as \$123,868.99. Disbursed was \$110,541.42, leaving a balance of \$13,327.57. Mr. Wall pointed out that this balance was due to a cash overdraft of \$3,884.20 as of June 30, 1959 plus a cash balance of \$9,443.37 as of June 30, 1960.

## Divers Find Car; Driver Drowned

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. for L. Hugh Marshburn Jr., 42, of Carolina Beach, whose body was recovered Monday from Snow's Cut on the inland waterway near Carolina Beach.

A brother of Mrs. John Bordeaux of Morehead City, Mr. Marshburn had been missing since Dec. 8, when he failed to return home from a business meeting.

An autopsy was to be performed in an attempt to learn whether the driver suffered a heart attack at the wheel.

His car, a 1955 Chevrolet station wagon, apparently plunged off the highway and into the water. It was located under the bridge by Navy divers from the explosive ordnance disposal team, Charleston, S. C., as they made their final dive before calling off the search.

The funeral was conducted at First Baptist church, Carolina Beach, by the Rev. Guilford Daughtry. Interment was in Hopewell Presbyterian cemetery, Burgaw.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Mae Marshburn; one son, James Hugh; three daughters, Laurie Ann, Paula Jean and Susan Carol, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. Hugh Marshburn Sr.; three sisters, Mrs. W. L. Eason and Mrs. D. V. Jacobs, Wilmington, and Mrs. Bordeaux; and one brother, Edwin Ray Marshburn of Carolina Beach.

# Menhaden Season Closes; New Horizons Seen in Industry

## New Sources of Oil-Bearing Fish Found by Scientist

The Carteret menhaden season closed last week. The fish that are caught here have moved away in their annual migration. But in years hence this doesn't mean that the industry need close down.

Investigations by John W. Reintjes, biologist at the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Pivers Island, show that types of fish used for meal and oil exist in more areas and in greater abundance than previously known.

In years when American fish oil and scrap producers could sell all they produced, this would be sensational news. But right now, North Carolina producers, like others in this country, are fighting stiff competition from imported fish products. Their margin of profit is less, and they're not interested in catching more fish. They'd like to get rid, at a decent profit, of their 1960 output. But circumstances are always changing and knowledge of fishery resources is essential.

Whereabouts of the large, oily menhaden, at all times, is unknown.

"Following a hunch," Mr. Reintjes says, "substantiated by rumors from fishermen in the tropical waters of the United States, we found that several different kinds of menhaden occurred in Florida, Texas, and Mexico."

"The results of trips to those states showed that menhaden occurred just about every place we looked and in greater abundance than had ever been reported. In some areas of the Gulf, thread herring or 'hairy backs' and anchoveta outnumbered the menhaden as raw material for the fish meal and oil industry."

Mr. Reintjes, who is with the federal menhaden investigations project headed by Fred June, has made another notable contribution to the menhaden story. In addition to discovering that the Atlantic and Gulf menhaden inhabit waters continuously around the Florida peninsula and in large numbers, he has reared menhaden from eggs.

Until last February, when Mr. Reintjes accomplished this in Florida, it had never been done before.

What does this mean?

It means that menhaden eggs can now be positively identified. When eggs of the menhaden or tiny offspring were picked up in tows offshore, no one knew if they really were menhaden eggs or menhaden "fry" as the baby ones are called.

Mr. Reintjes obtained eggs from the yellowfin menhaden in the Indian River area near Cape Canaveral. He covered them with fine mesh and put them in crab floats. Under these natural conditions, the eggs hatched and developed.

Examples of the developing eggs and fish were taken and preserved every few hours. It took the eggs 48 hours to hatch; 48 hours more for the tiny fish to absorb the egg yolk, its first "food." Then when eyes and mouth develop, the fish is on its own.

Menhaden or "mammy shad" are full of spawn when off the North Carolina coast in the fall. They

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## Rites Conducted At 2 Wednesday For W. F. Willis

Funeral services for William Finley Willis, 41, of Otway were conducted at Otway Christian church Wednesday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. J. W. Funk, pastor. Willis died at 1 a.m. Sunday of shotgun wounds allegedly inflicted by his stepson, Elmo Lawrence.

The shooting took place at the Willis home at Otway. Lawrence has been charged with murder and is being held without bond in the county jail.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie L. Willis; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Dallas W. Lawrence; one stepson, Elmo Lawrence; all of Otway, seven sisters, Mrs. Alger Shoop, Mrs. Rudolph Guthrie and Mrs. Beulah White of Morehead City; Mrs. V. J. O'Neal of Key West, Fla.; Mrs. Ralph Fowler of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. James Diemer of Falls Church, Va.; and Mrs. Skee Oscheskie of California.

Two half sisters, Mrs. James Macy of Morehead City and Mrs. Alice Fitzpatrick of Virginia; three brothers, Alvin Willis and Charles M. Willis, both of Cameron, La., and James E. Willis of Morehead City; and two halfbrothers, Earl T. Willis and J. Dewey Willis, both of Morehead City.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

## Ft. Macon Aids Trawler, Yacht

The 56-foot trawler, Miss Vicky that recently burned off Fort Lauderdale, Fla., ran into more trouble here Sunday when a steering gear went out near the Atlantic Beach bridge.

Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen were called to assist the Miss Vicky and the 40-footer took the vessel in tow to Beaufort. The trawler is owned by Clifton Meadows, Swansboro and was being piloted by Gray Willis, Harkers Island. The crew aboard the 40-footer included Clayton Russell, BM-3; Chester Arthur, EN-3 and James Dudley, SA.

Another assist was made Saturday by the Coast Guard's 40-footer when a call was received at the station from a 61-foot pleasure yacht, Kirkwood II, that had run aground in Gallants channel.

The yacht was refloated and taken in tow to the Gulf docks in Morehead City. M. A. Frank, Toronto, Canada, was the owner of the boat.

Making the assist to the Kirkwood II were Coast Guardsmen Howard Jones, BM-1; Chester Arthur, EN-3 and Fred Gallup, SN.

## Mild Weather Follows Cold Spell

Relative mild weather moved back into the area following last week's brief cold snap, according to local weather observer Stamey Davis.

Following a low Wednesday night of 18 degrees, the mercury climbed to a mild 51 Thursday afternoon with Thursday night's minimum being only 39 degrees.

Temperature ranges, and wind directions for the eight-day period of Dec. 13-20 were recorded as follows by Mr. Davis:

	High	Low	Wind
Dec. 13	28	19	WNW
Dec. 14	46	18	WSW
Dec. 15	51	39	SW
Dec. 16	51	40	W
Dec. 17	49	25	E
Dec. 18	51	30	E
Dec. 19	55	30	SE
Dec. 20	51	35	NE

## G. Barden Announces New Weather Service at Lookout

### Beaufort Lifts Fire Truck Ban

Beaufort town commissioners on Wednesday lifted the ban that prohibits use of town fire equipment in the areas proposed for annexation.

For 90 days, beginning Dec. 21, town fire trucks will be permitted in the areas immediately adjoining the town.

Mayor W. H. Potter said that the move was made due to cold weather and the resultant increase from fire due to furnaces and stoves, also the overloads on electric circuits due to the additional Christmas lighting.

Fire trucks have been confined only to the town and to far rural areas for the past year. Providing fire protection to the heavily populated areas immediately outside the town was a burden on town taxpayers, the board said.

The area involved in the fire equipment ban has been taken into town by resolution but the annexations has not been effected due to protest, through the courts, by the persons living in those areas.

### Patrolman Investigating Fire in Abandoned Car

Highway patrolman R. H. Brown is continuing his investigation of a fire in a car abandoned at Hardesty's corner on highway 70 east of Beaufort.

The patrolman said the car, a 1954 Ford, had been sitting by the road several days. At 2:30 a.m. Monday the inside caught fire and the patrolman was called. Beaufort firemen extinguished the blaze.

To Publish Forecast THE NEWS-TIMES will publish next week Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1961.

Rep. Graham A. Barden, who in a few days will end his career as congressman for the third district of North Carolina, has announced that weather flags will be flown from Cape Lookout in the near future.

F. W. Reichelderfer, chief of the US weather bureau, has reported to congressman Barden that the commandant, US Coast Guard, will cooperate with the weather bureau in establishing flag and pennant displays at the lifeboat station, Cape Lookout.

Mr. Reichelderfer says the service "will commence shortly." The need for such displays at the cape was mentioned editorially by THE NEWS-TIMES Aug. 30. A copy of the editorial and letter was sent to congressman Barden, who immediately started to make the proper contacts to make weather flag warnings a reality.

Boatmen have stated that display of flags would be advantageous to sportsmen in small craft, without radios, who sometimes go off for a full day's fishing. They would also be helpful to larger craft whose radios might fail.

The only weather station for display of flags in this county is at Morehead City, on the waterfront, a good distance from the ocean.

It is believed that weather flags at Cape Lookout, to be flown by Coast Guardsmen at the station there, will be another step toward greater safety on the sea.

### Air Rifle Vandals Bring Complaints

Morehead City police chief Herbert Griffin reports that several complaints have been received recently of vandals firing air rifles through windows.

Chief Griffin said that a town ordinance prohibits firing air rifles in the city limits and added that the police department has been alerted to be on a special lookout for such offenders. The police department will confiscate air rifles of anyone caught firing them within the city limits.

### The Christmas Picture

At Christmas a young lady's fancy turns to mistletoe. . . . where, they say, a young man's thoughts have been all the time. Every house should have a sprig of mistletoe at Yuletide. Six-year-old Wade Faircloth Jr. isn't taking any chances in our Christmas picture on this page today.

He heard that Elaine Leary, also 6, was going to be around and he brought his own mistletoe. Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Faircloth, 103 Yaupon Terrace, Morehead City. Elaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Leary Jr., 117 Emeline Pl., Morehead City.

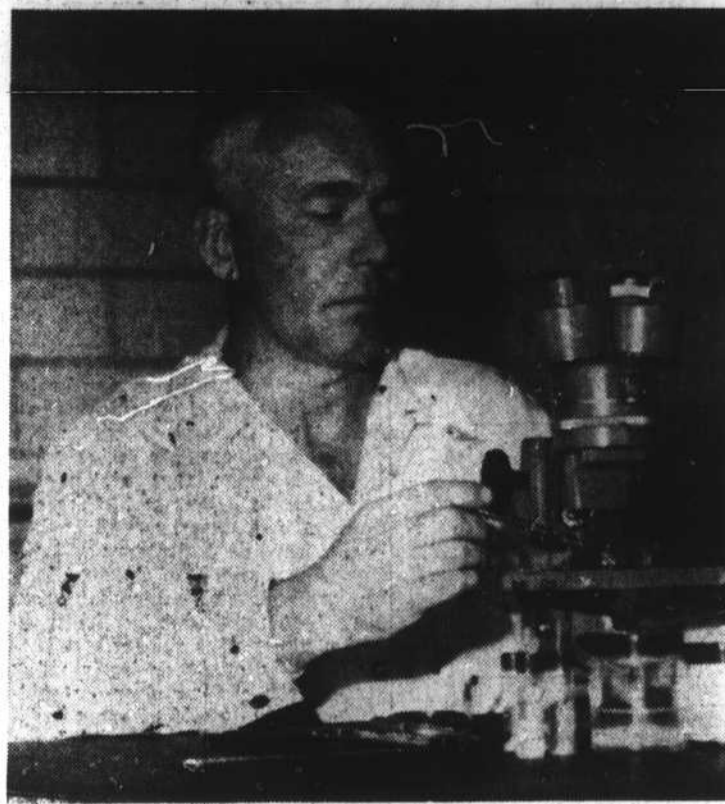
### Thieves Enter Building On Beach Tuesday Night

Thieves entered the Dainty Maid bread warehouse on the Atlantic Beach causeway sometime Tuesday night, according to deputy sheriff Bobby Bell.

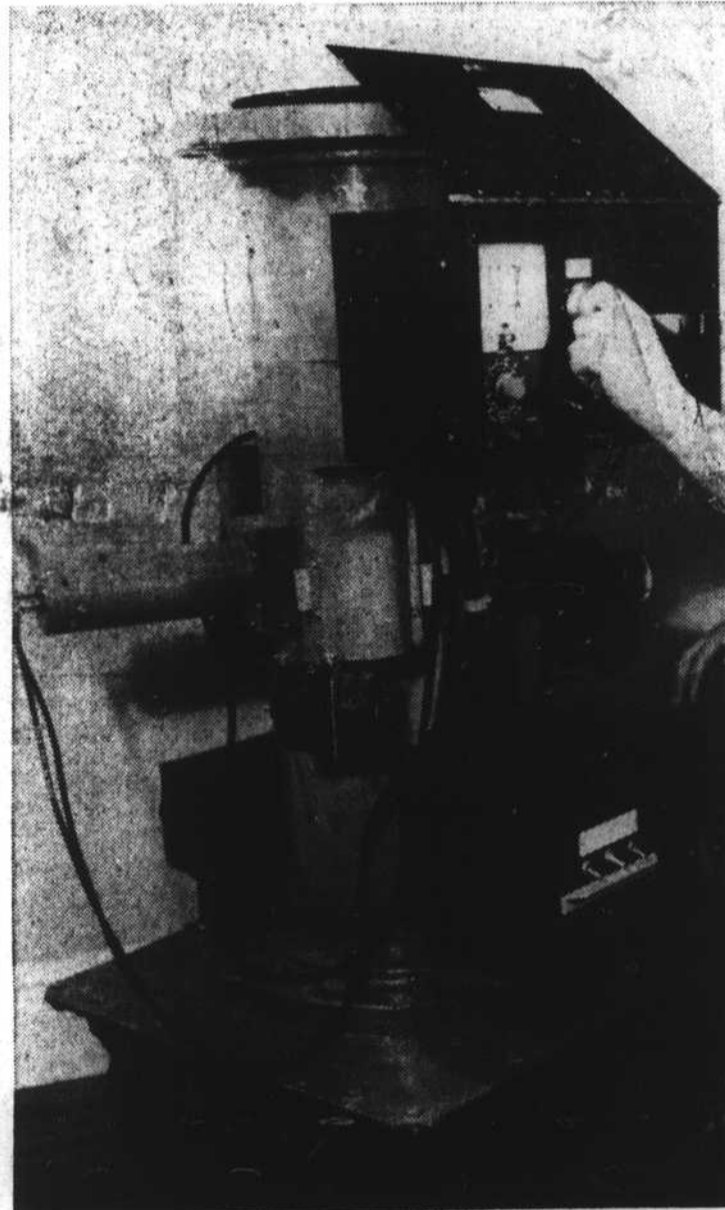
The deputy said the thieves entered by breaking a lock on the door. Nothing had been reported missing Wednesday morning. Bell is continuing his investigation.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Dec. 23	LOW
12:08 a.m.		6:03 a.m.
12:27 p.m.		6:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 24		
1:05 a.m.		7:12 a.m.
1:22 p.m.		7:49 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25		
2:01 a.m.		8:23 a.m.
2:19 p.m.		8:51 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26		
2:57 a.m.		9:28 a.m.
3:18 p.m.		9:48 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27		
3:56 a.m.		10:26 a.m.
4:18 p.m.		10:39 p.m.



John W. Reintjes, menhaden investigator with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Beaufort, gets ready to view marine organisms under the microscope.



This is an experimental model of an electronic device that detects menhaden marked with fluorescent dyes as they pass through the large hose into the factory from boat.



Mr. Reintjes is shown checking on his menhaden nursery in the crab floats at Indian River, Fla.

