

Crab Derby Events to Start Today

The track is up and everything is ready for North Carolina's first crab derby!

Preliminary races will be run on Jib Square (between 7th and 8th streets on the Morehead City waterfront) at 2 p.m. today. That's when the handler of Carteret's winning entrant will be officially recognized as the person to enter Carteret's crab in the state-wide derby tomorrow.

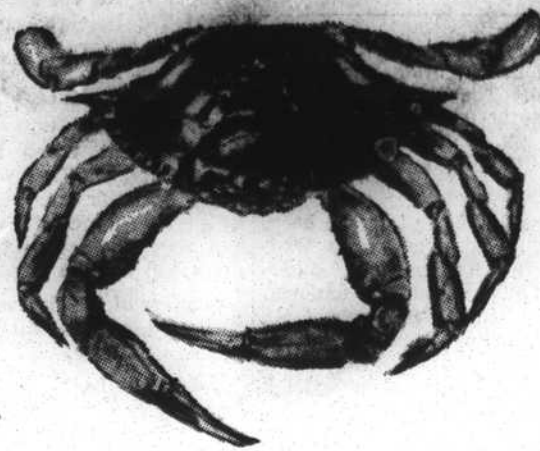
State-wide is really coast-wide, because it's rather difficult to find a blue crab in mountainous Watauga county. The 12 counties where blue crabs live are Currituck, Craven, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde, Onslow, Brunswick, Tyrrell, New Hanover, Pamlico, Pender and Carteret.

The crab derby idea originated with Wade Lucas, public information officer with the Department of Con-

servations and Development. Mr. Lucas smarted under the defeat a North Carolina crab received last year at a national crab derby in Crisfield, Md. So he has set out to locate a winner to take to the Maryland derby this year.

The handler of the winning crab, and a companion, (companion of the handler, not the crab) will be given an expense-paid trip to the national derby in Maryland Saturday, Sept. 2, where he will enter the crab representing North Carolina.

If other counties want to run pre-



liminaries this afternoon, they are welcome to do so, according to J. A. DuBois, manager of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce.

Anybody can race a crab. If you can't catch one, you can buy one for 25 cents at Capt. Bill's Waterfront cafe, right across from the crab track. Crab dishes are also being featured at the Waterfront and Sanitary restaurants (see menus in today's paper). All restaurants in the area are invited to feature crab dishes in observance of this week-

end's activities.

The crab derby will be sponsored in another coastal county next year, Mr. Lucas says.

Purpose of the derby is to point up the growing importance of the hard blue crab industry in North Carolina, where it has grown from a production of about 8 million pounds, or approximately 16 million crabs, in 1956 to almost 15 million pounds, or just about 30 million hard crabs last year. The hard blue crab weighs about a half pound on the average.

Saturday's derby will be preceded by a ski show, concert by the Marine band from Cherry Point, and crowning of the North Carolina seafood queen.

Derby judges will be Woodrow Price, managing editor.

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Poorly-Maintained Roadbed Plagues Beaufort Citizens

Crossing Broad Street in Beaufort—the street with the railroad tracks—can be perilous if one hits the holes and ruts the right way—or the wrong way. Here is the reason why.

Beginning at the east end of Broad Street, the holes and ruts were painstakingly measured to discover their depth.

At the intersection of Broad and Gordon streets, the crossing is not very bad, but then Gordon street between Broad and Live Oak street is a dirt street of holes and bumps. And a few bumps more over the tracks are not particularly noticeable. Furthermore, the street is so bad, nobody travels if he can avoid it.

At the intersection of Live Oak and Broad street, there is a hole 1 1/4 inches deep as one crosses the north rail and another hole 3 inches deep as the second rail is crossed. Three inches is nothing? Not if you do it at 10 miles an hour.

Heading south at the intersection of Marsh and Broad streets, the first track one crosses is 1 inch above the rest of the street while the second track is 1 inch below the street.

Heading south again, at the intersection of Pollock and Broad, one bumps across one particular 3-inch hole that is a foot wide on the first track. At the second track, there is a 4-inch deep 21-inch wide gully running approximately 20 feet along the track where cars cross.

Crossing the intersection of Queen and Broad street headed south, one bumps across a 1 1/4-inch hole at the first track and a 1 1/2-inch hole at the second track.

At Craven and Broad, one rail is flanked by a 3 by 11-inch hole.

Crossing in any direction, the intersection of Turner and Broad street is smooth. Making the crossing satisfactory are timbers which run parallel to the tracks, thus easing cars over the rails without any damage.

At the intersection of Orange and Broad streets, one jolts his car over the first track which rises 2 inches above the street before bouncing down into the 1 and 1/4 inch hole at the second track.

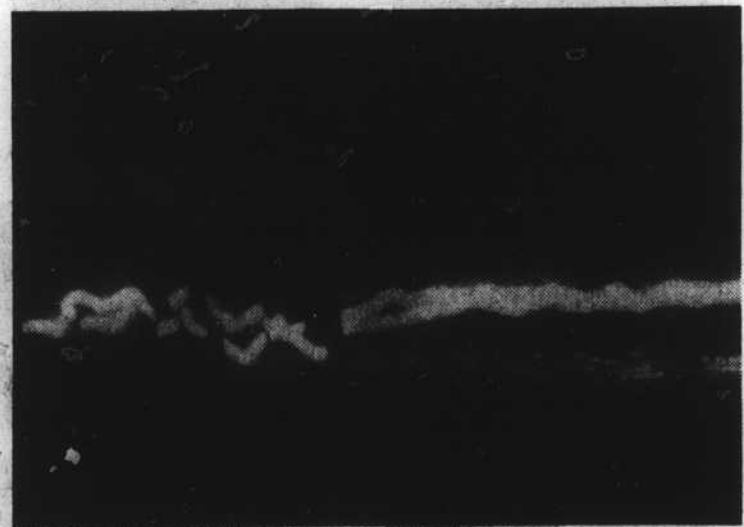
Tracks are sunken at the intersection of Moore and Broad street. The center strip between the tracks is 3 inches higher than the tracks.

While the intersections listed above are potentially dangerous to any car, motorists should not attempt to cross in "mid-block." You will probably find conditions worse.

Elks Take Option On New Site

Morehead-Beaufort Elks lodge, No. 1710, proposes to put up a lodge home on four lots located 43 feet west of the Buccaneer motor lodge. The property, on which the lodge now holds an option, has a 174-foot frontage on Arendell street and runs to a depth equal to that of the motor lodge.

The present Elks lodge is located next to Styrone's department store, Morehead City. It had been proposed at first that the new building go up on the present site.



A car's headlights at night indicate the jolting a car gets as it travels Broad street, Beaufort. This picture was taken on Broad, between Craven and Queen. The car was headed east.



This is a daylight scene of one of the numerous ruts and potholes along the Beaufort and Morehead railroad tracks in Beaufort.

Oxygen Content of Neuse Improves During Past Week

G. C. Smith Named To State Board

The North Carolina Industrial commission announced today appointment to the commission of Gene C. Smith, Beaufort attorney.

The appointment to the three-man board, which hears evidence in workmen's compensation claims, was made with the enthusiastic approval of Gov. Terry Sanford, who called Mr. Smith "a highly capable attorney."

Members of the commission serve at the discretion of the commission. Mr. Smith expects to start his new work in the near future. The position pays about \$9,000 a year.

Tide Table		
Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Aug. 25	LOW
7:18 a.m.		1:20 a.m.
7:40 p.m.		1:33 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26		
8:08 a.m.		2:08 a.m.
8:30 p.m.		2:26 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 27		
9:01 a.m.		2:57 a.m.
9:23 p.m.		3:17 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 28		
9:54 a.m.		3:43 a.m.
10:16 p.m.		4:06 p.m.

Oxygen content of the Neuse river has increased this week, thus correcting a condition which last week had been killing mullet and fresh water fish.

Howard Whitney, oceanographer at the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, reported yesterday after returning from the Neuse that oxygen content of the water is back to normal.

He said the past week of north-east wind and the rain has probably contributed to stirring the water up and "turning the river over." Last week, he said, when the fish kills had been reported, there was no oxygen in the water a foot above the bottom. The smell of hydrogen sulphide gas was also strong, he said.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the institute, says this is the third year that depletion of oxygen in the river has been noticed. It begins about May and some parts of the river show less oxygen content than others. As the summer progresses, the lack of oxygen covers wider areas.

At one time last year a layer of water 6 feet off the bottom was lacking oxygen. Oysters and seed oysters died as a result. Fish and other marine life cannot live without oxygen any more than can humans.

Cedar Point Club to Meet

Officials of the state Alcoholic Beverage Control system, a Carteret court official and state highway patrol officer have been invited to the Tuesday night meeting of the Cedar Point Community club.

The club will meet at 7:30 at the Cedar Point fire house. The guests will be William Hunt, chairman of the state ABC board; Lee Phillips, assistant chairman of the board; M. M. Ayscue, county ABC officer; Wiley Taylor Jr., solicitor of county recorder's court; and Capt. S. H. Mitchell, Greenville, State Highway patrol.

Cedar Point club officers have asked these people to meet with them because they feel that the concentration of beer outlets in the Cedar Point area constitutes an undesirable situation.

They say that deaths, injuries and property damage have been caused by motorists leaving the roadside bars.

The club hopes that its visitors will be able to present facts about alcoholic beverage control and highway traffic law enforcement in the Cedar Point area.

The club invites the public to the meeting.

German Girl Gives Her View of Berlin Crisis

By SYLVIA THOMPSON
Morehead City

I had the privilege this summer of becoming friends with Rosemarie Borner, a 19-year-old German girl who had been working the past year in this country. She has now returned to her home in Kassel, Germany. In answer to my questions, she wrote the following to me in a recent letter:

"Dear Sylvia, 'You asked about Berlin. We are about 250 miles apart from it. That is—about 20 miles Western Germany, and the rest Eastern Germany. Our feelings are very clear. We look at Berlin as our capital. It is our capital, it always was. And we love it. We look at Bonn as our temporary capital, the government is there, well, but the German peoples heart is for Berlin. We can't think else about it. That doesn't mean we're sleeping or just romantic—we know the situation well, better than anyone foreign can be able to. We feel so much—we suffer about it. Our people live there and in Eastern Germany.

"The Berlin crisis is for everybody else just another great problem, but for us Germans it means our life, because I believe when Berlin is taken, West Germany will be taken soon, too.

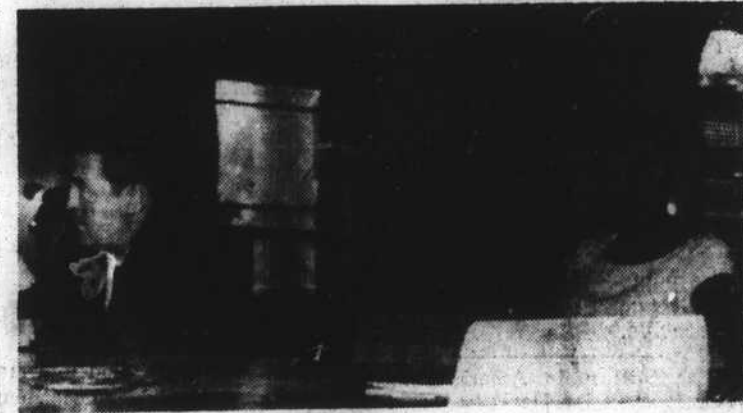
"I love Berlin, it is the heart-beat of Germany. Next year I'm going with one of my friends on a trip to Berlin. It costs only \$7, because the government pays the most part of it. The youth organization leads these group trips. I'm dying to go, but can't this year. I don't know what will happen till next year, sometimes we think still this year something is going to happen.

"People here, I think, are not so scared of war as Americans.

That doesn't mean we don't care. But our people suffered so much, I don't know how it all will be. We live so close in it all. I'm not scared of war. It's not much we could lose, anyhow.

"But God does it all and I just trust Him. He also cares for us so much and His will, will be done. I'm very confident.

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Nancy Debrix, right, charged with murdering her common-law husband, John Tyson, listens to testimony in county court Tuesday. At the left is her attorney, Luther Hamilton Jr.

Nancy Debrix went back to jail Tuesday, after judge Lambert Morris found probable cause and bound the murder case over to superior court. Nancy is charged with murdering her common-law husband John Tyson, Tuesday, Aug. 14, at their home at 313 Marsh St., Beaufort.

Two days later she posted \$1,000 property bond and was released from jail. The home where the murder took place was padlocked by Guy Springle, Beaufort police chief, Monday, when he learned that members of her family and Tyson's were "going in and out and carrying stuff out of there."

Representing the state in the preliminary hearing Tuesday in recorder's court, in addition to Wiley Taylor, solicitor, was Claud Wheatly, retained by Tyson's family. Appearing for the defendant was attorney Luther Hamilton Jr.

The only witness heard was chief Springle. The chief showed the .12 gauge shotgun which he said was used to shoot Tyson, a brick mason's hammer, which he said was lying on the floor of the house, and a pen knife, which he said was found in Tyson's pocket by the undertaker.

Questioned by Mr. Wheatly, chief Springle said that he was called to the Tyson home at 6:10 p.m. the day of the shooting. He said John and Nancy, who had been living there about two years, were in the house.

The officer said that when he arrived, John asked him in and told the chief that he wanted Nancy out of the house. The officer told John that if he wanted Nancy out, he'd have to get the necessary papers.

Chief Springle said that he left the house and rejoined Marshall Ayscue, county ABC officer, who was waiting in the car outside. He said he went home and had been there about 30 minutes when Evelyn Garrett called him, saying that John had been shot.

The chief said that he found the body about 15 feet from the front door. The man had been shot just above the belt line. He said the coroner identified the shot in the body as No. 8. The chief identified the gun used as .12-gauge, single-barrel.

He said he picked the gun up at the scene, opened it and a shell fell out. He put it in his pocket. About that time sheriff Robert (Bobby) Bell arrived and called an ambulance. The chief said Tyson was still alive. He said he was groaning and mumbled something, but it was not understandable.

The chief said he escorted the ambulance to the hospital where Tyson died almost immediately. Deputy sheriff Bruce Edwards took Nancy into custody.

Chief Springle said that later in jail Nancy told him that she had decided to leave the house as John wanted. She said when she started out the front door, John ordered her not to leave. She said he struck her on the side of her face, knocked her to the floor and broke her glasses.

She told the officer that when John came at her with a knife, she picked up a gun by the front door and told him not to come any

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Taxpayer Says City Hospital Should Be Operated as Private Institution

Scout Leaders Hear About New Camp Site

The new Boy Scout camp site at Gales creek was discussed at the Carteret District Boy Scout meeting Monday night at the civic center, Morehead City. Dr. S. W. Hatcher, chairman, reported that the lines are being surveyed and a deed would be drawn up as soon as the work was completed.

He said enough money is available to purchase the campsite, and donations are being accepted for improving the land.

The fall finance drive was discussed and it was reported that response from the 200 letters mailed out has been favorable. This was credited to the new campsite and the diligent work of T. A. Guiton, Scout executive.

Three outdoor activities were planned. A Cub outdoor festival was scheduled for 4 p.m. yesterday at Radio Island. A swim-a-ree will be held at Cape Lookout Saturday. All Scouts in the district are invited.

The boys will gather at Carl Lewis's ramp at Shell Point, Harkers Island, at 8 a.m. Saturday. Cecil Sewell, Morehead City, will supervise boats transporting the boys to the Cape. There will be plenty of adult supervision, Dr. Hatcher reports.

A camp Fun-o-ree is planned for October. It will be held at the Gales Creek campsite if possible.

Twelve leaders attended the meeting. The Rev. Charles Kirby gave the invocation and Dr. Hatcher presided.

85 Civilian Workers Will Be Added at Base

Washington (AP)—About 85 new civilian workers will be hired at the Marine Corps air station at Cherry Point, N. C., the Navy announced Wednesday.

The Navy said it is adding about 2,000 civilian employees at installations of its Bureau of Weapons throughout the country.

Skinner Chalk, a Morehead City taxpayer interested in financial conditions at Morehead City hospital, figured in a front page news-story in Tuesday's paper. The news-story reported a joint meeting of the town commissioners and Morehead City hospital trustees.

Mr. Chalk was a subject of discussion at certain times during the meeting. His comments on the city hospital situation were submitted to the newspaper Wednesday. They follow:

The news-story in your Aug. 22, 1961, issue "Town, Hospital Board to Ask County to Up Welfare Fund" quotes the Mayor as saying, "Skinner says the hospital is making money, and we'd like to know where the surplus is."

I am quite sure he said this in jest, but since the statement was not qualified, many who read the story will think I made such a statement.

The purpose of my appearance before the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Morehead City, was to point out the hospital has been operating at a loss unnecessarily, and the Board should not levy a tax to make up any deficit.

The Board was told my statement was based on the audit of the hospital for the year ending 9/30/59, and I compared the financial condition of the hospital with that of the town. This audit showed the total approved charity cases cost the hospital \$21,001.10, and the income to the hospital for these same cases totalled \$22,288.58. This means the hospital received in income \$1,287.48 more than it charged as expense for charity cases.

This is not meant to imply the hospital does not lose money on cases not treated as charity. I do not know the current situation at the hospital, but as you reported, I attempted to attend the August meeting not held, because there was no quorum.

There is no dispute the hospital in the year ending as described in the above audit showed an increase in the operating fund balance of \$20,377.10.

The above statements are fact and can be verified by examination of the audit in the hospital office.

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Fred Taylor Found Guilty Of Child Assault

Fred Taylor, Morehead City, appeared in Morehead City recorder's court Monday, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a minor. Judge Herbert O. Phillips found Taylor guilty and sentenced him to three months in jail, suspended on two years' good behavior, payment of \$50 and court costs and payment of \$30 to the court to pay the hospital bill of the injured child.

Testimony revealed that Taylor hit a child of John T. White with a stick when the child was in Taylor's yard. A warrant for Taylor was sworn out by the child's mother.

The Whites and Taylors live in the 1500 block of Avery street, Morehead City.

J. T. Brown, Morehead City, was convicted of throwing trash and rubbish on private property and was ordered to pay one-half court costs and remove the trash from the property.

A second public drunkenness offense within a 12-month period brought a jail term of 60 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs to Marvin Ray Horne, Morehead City.

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Development Firm Will Organize Monday

Skinner Chalk, president of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce, announces that there will be a meeting at noon Monday to organize a development corporation for this area.

Mr. Chalk said a chemical corporation is interested in locating here and assistance can be offered the firm if a development corporation exists.

Any businessman interested in making a contribution to the new organization is invited to the meeting. It will be at the Rex restaurant west of Morehead City.

Oil Drillers Go at It Again

Oil drillers never say die—when it comes to this county. They're at it again.

This time the drilling is scheduled to get under way at the Open Grounds, on Harkers Island and at a point near Atlantic. A test drill well will be put down at each spot, according to Donald E. Carman, in charge of drilling.

The wells will be 4,000 to 4,500 feet deep. Mr. Carman said that it had been planned to put the Harkers Island well down first, but heavy rains made cutting a right-of-way impossible this week, so the first drilling site will be on the Open Grounds.

A section of land totaling 223 acres is under lease at Harkers

Island to the Coastal Plains Oil Co., Fort Worth, Tex. Fifty-three acres were leased from Carl A. Johnson, 30 from Earl Davis and 140 from Owen Fulford, all island residents.

Mr. Carman is with the Delta Drilling Co., Tyler, Tex.

In 1946 and 1947 test wells were sunk in the McRimon section.

There has also been exploration for oil in the area around Jacksonville in Onslow county. The wells put down did not produce encouraging signs—at least that was the word the drillers put out.

Geologists say there should be oil here. But so far no one has been able to find it in commercial quantity.