

Fisheries Officers Go to School



Dexter Watts, of the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, instructs the class for fisheries law enforcement officers at the commercial fisheries building, Camp Glenn.

Town Board Adopts Tight Budget for Year

Morehead City commissioners adopted Saturday morning what the mayor terms "an austerity budget." The budget totals \$309,660. Cuts were made in salaries to city employees. There will be no Christmas bonus this year, and each employee will be required to take his vacation rather than work during that period and draw double pay.

The fire truck that the town had expected to buy will not be bought, "simply because we don't have the money," said D. J. Hall, fire commissioner.

The mayor, George W. Dill, asked that his salary be reduced to \$1,300. It had been \$2,650. Individual commissioners declined to follow the mayor's lead, however. Their pay stays at \$25 per month per commissioner. At one time they received \$10 a month.

While the budget includes a 5-cent levy for hospital maintenance, mayor Dill said that adoption of the budget does not automatically certify that the hospital will get the money.

The levy is a part of the general fund and according to law, he said, may or may not be paid to the hospital.

The mayor said that there is evidence that the hospital is not losing money because of lack of remuneration from welfare patients, which is what the hospital board has claimed.

Five cents of the general fund levy has been budgeted to pay back into the debt service fund money that has been borrowed from it for current town operation during past years.

Gordon Bell of the Local Government commission assisted Raymond Hall, town supervisor, in drawing the budget. Mr. Hall says that under the new financial program, Morehead City's debt will be met within the prescribed period.

"This austerity budget, which will bring us much criticism, will mean a new day in Morehead City," the mayor observed. He said in the future the town will adopt a budget, then set the tax rate.

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Total of Back Taxes at Beach Amounts to \$1,031, Clerk Reports

Beach town commissioners were told at their meeting Friday morning that the only unpaid taxes in the town for 1953 through 1961 are owed by five property owners. The taxes amount to \$1,031.15.

Property on which taxes are unpaid was sold at noon yesterday at the town hall.

The board set 10 a.m. yesterday for a special meeting to make a final decision on enforcing an ordinance requiring property owners to remove hazardous buildings.

The building in question is owned by Shelby Freeman and is located on the boardwalk, just west of the Beach Pub. It was damaged in last year's storm. The building was condemned July 24 by R. A. Barefoot, building commissioner.

Mr. Freeman was given 45 days to remove the building. M. G. Coyle, town clerk, said that a day before the 45 days expired, Mr. Freeman mailed a letter to the board requesting a hearing before the zoning board.

Mr. Freeman also stated that the property would be improved or cleared off before next spring. The commissioners said the

Twenty-three officers and inspectors of the commercial fisheries division received certificates Friday night for completing one week of intensive training at the commercial fisheries building, Morehead City.

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, said, "The school has been very successful. The men showed tremendous interest and will be able to do a better job when they get back in the field."

"It has been my dream for eight years," the commissioner continued, "to have a school of this sort. I always got a lot of promises, but this year I finally got it."

The 1961 legislature appropriated the funds to finance the school which was supervised by Donald Hayman, assistant director of the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 18, another one-week school will be conducted for 10 recruits and for fisheries personnel who did not attend last week's school. The class will number 24 and will continue through Saturday, Sept. 23.

Mr. Holland said that in his eight years as commissioner he feels his department has been extremely

fortunate in enforcing regulations and obtaining convictions against those who violated regulations.

"In the past the men have been taught only by word of mouth as to how to make an arrest and how to obtain the type of evidence that will hold up in court," the commissioner observed. He said that the schools will increase the efficiency of his department and make the commercial fisheries program of benefit to more of North Carolina's fishermen, as well as the average citizen.

The school opened Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3. Commissioner Holland welcomed the men, explained the purpose of the school and aims of the Institute of Fisheries Research; theory and practice of fisheries conservation and general ecology, Dr. Chestnut, Dr. Austin Williams

Courses taught and the instructors were the following: historical view of commercial fisheries by Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research; conservation and general ecology, Dr. Chestnut, Dr. Austin Williams

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Citizens' Band Radio Operators To Stage County-Wide Test Thursday

Coastal Carteret Communicators, citizens' band radio operators' club, will carry out a county-wide exercise at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Purpose of the exercise will be to show that the county can be blanketed by the group, which will be able to get information to or from every community in case of disaster, according to W. A. Willis, Morehead City, president.

Mr. Willis states that the sheriff's department, police, fire department and rescue squads can be assured of the club's assistance.

Eighteen mobile units and eight base units will be used in Thursday's test.

Manning the mobile units and the location of each will be Terry Guthrie, Cedar Island beach; Charles Eric Russell, Atlantic; Thomas Earl Willis, Sea Level.

Bob Russell, Stacy; William B. Longest Jr., Davis; Clifton Davis, Marshallberg; Paul Hancock, Shell Point, and Harry Gaskill, bridge, Harkers Island.

Gray Hassell, Merrimon and South River; Wiley Taylor Jr., Harlowe; Otis Willis, Mill Creek; Julius Adair, Radio island ramp.

Neal Willis, route 24 at Earle Webb property; Frank Lewis, highway 70 Go-kart track; Albert L. Hewitt, Broad Creek bridge; J. O. Barbour, Swansboro bridge; Bennie Garner, 9-Foot road; Donald Davis, Stella.

Alternates: Henry Smith, Cecil Lewis, Will Guthrie, Elmond Rhue and Tom Willis.

Manning the base units will be Guy Gillikin Jr., Bettie; Mrs. Julius Adair, Mrs. Wiley Taylor Jr., Beaufort; Ronald Smith, Beaufort fire department.

W. A. Willis, Morehead City; Keith Godwin and Mrs. Richard Perry, Newport, and Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach police department. The Atlantic Beach police department will cover the area from Fort Macon to Bogue inlet, using seven mobile units.

The club's president said that there are more than a hundred citizens' band radio sets in the county. Thursday night's test will be preceded by an ice cream party at the loading ramp on Radio island at 7 p.m. All club members and their families are invited.

lice and lifeguards hired for the summer have been dismissed. He reported that the civil defense organization is ready to go into action in case of hurricane.

Mayor Cooper commented, "Atlantic Beach was set for a big season, but we actually had only a month and a half of season because of the weather. There was a bad beginning (summer was late) and the last three weekends were rainy."

"I hope the business places are not alarmed at this. Lots of the people operating them were new, and when they don't make money they are inclined to blame some 'one' rather than some 'thing'."

"When you try to whip the elements of nature, you've got to learn it's a gamble," the mayor said.

He commended the police chief and the officers for their work during the summer.

Commissioner Charles Walters reported that he is planning to take care of a broken drainage pipe on Durham street this week.

The board will meet again Friday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. in the town hall.

Businessmen Take Issue with Label Branding Carteret as 'Depressed Area'

Crews Net 30,000 Pounds In Friday Blow

Approximately 30,000 pounds of fish were caught in the county during the first mullet blow Friday.

Capt. Otis Purifoy, Morehead City, says that the run flopped Saturday. None were caught on the ocean side. Bogue sound crews caught about 3,000 pounds.

Sally's crew, the all-woman crew of six who fish for Captain Otis, made two catches of mullet totaling about 1,100 pounds Saturday. Capt. Albert Lea's crew at Salter Path made the big Friday catch of 8,000 pounds.

Friday's "mullet blow" was the first of the season. As a result of Friday's catches, Captain Otis predicts that the coming mullet season will be "pretty good." No crews were fishing yesterday.

When is the next mullet blow due? Nobody knows, but it will come on a north wind and things will "cool up," according to the captain.

"Until then, the only fish we'll get," he said, "will be on the inside."

The fall fishing for sportsmen is under way, Captain Otis says. Surf casters on the beaches are getting spot, sea mullet, trout and flounder.

Temperature Rises to 92 Thursday; Rain Friday

Temperatures ranged as high as 92 the latter part of last week, and 56 inches of rain was recorded Friday, reports weather observer Stamey Davis. Readings for Wednesday through Saturday follow:

Table with 4 columns: Day, High, Low, Wind. Wednesday: 88, 76, SW; Thursday: 92, 76, light; Friday: 85, 74, NE; Saturday: 84, 74, NE.

County Board Draws Jurors

Names of the following county residents have been drawn by county commissioners for jury duty in the Oct. 16 term of superior court.

Morehead City — Maurice E. Richardson, Theodore Roosevelt Smith, Talmadge R. Snead, Frank Macon Barrow, Frank Cassiano.

Beaufort — Guy Chadwick Gillikin, Guy Dalton Lawrence, Jack O. Williams, Guy L. Brooks, Mervin Fulcher, Leonard B. Daniels, William Lloyd Cannon, Mervin Fulcher, Julius Carroll Dunn, Lytle C. Smith, Carl Edwards.

Newport — Derryl Garner, Jesse E. Haskett, J. C. Hill, Mrs. David A. Kirk, James W. Lewis, Samuel L. Johnson, Wren E. Lawrence, James S. Kelly, J. E. Midgett, L. Gatlin, Arthur, Douglas Stewart, A. L. Winberry, Mary Lucille Salter, J. E. Barbour Jr., W. D. Roberts.

Harkers Island — Dewey Wilson, Dennis Fair Lewis, James Malcolm Coats.

Davis — Edward M. Taylor.

Atlantic — Peter Joseph Pogera, Stella — Dewitt Truckner, James W. Morris.

Swansboro — Hunter H. Brown, Woodruff C. Harris, Henry Lealon Crumpler, Walter C. Mooney.

Marshallberg — Mrs. Lillian Salter.

Atlantic Beach — Sylvester Fleming.

She's Miss America



Maria Beale Fletcher, Miss North Carolina, who is now Miss America of 1962, as she appeared on her week-long vacation in Morehead City in August. The 19-year-old Asheville girl won the Miss America title at Atlantic City Saturday night. Ann Herring, last year's Miss North Carolina, was second runner-up in the 1961 pageant.

Two Get Minor Injuries In Sunday Auto Accidents

Two persons received minor injuries in three highway accidents Sunday.

Leroy Butz, Cherry Point, got a cut on his lower lip when he knocked a 1953 Chevrolet in the rear, according to patrolman R. H. Brown.

The patrolman said Butz, in a 1957 Chevrolet, was headed west on highway 70 and three and a half miles west of Newport clipped the 1953 Chevrolet driven by Miss Frances Pierce, Havelock.

The patrolman said that Butz came up behind the Pierce car at a high rate of speed and hit it when he tried to pass. The accident happened at 12:30 a.m. The Pierce car was knocked 35 feet into the woods on the right side of the road. Butz was charged with reckless driving.

Damage to both cars totaled \$900.

Basil L. Flanagan, Newport, got a cut chin at 5:15 p.m. when the pickup truck he was driving north on the Roberts road rounded a sharp curve, skidded to the left and hit a ditch bank.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$400. Flanagan was charged with speeding.

Clinton A. Davis, Havelock, was charged with driving drunk, reckless driving and driving without insurance at 10 p.m. Sunday when the 1955 Chrysler he was driving hit the rear of a 1960 Chevrolet.

Driving the Chevrolet was Robert C. Short, Cherry Point. According to patrolman Brown, Davis, at a high rate of speed, came up behind the Chevrolet, applied brakes, went into a skid, and hit the Chevrolet.

The accident happened on highway 70 two-tenths of a mile east of Newport. The Chrysler knocked the Chevrolet 75 feet eastward and 150 feet into the L. W. Howard yard, where it knocked over shrubs and tore up the lawn.

Chief Dan Bell, Newport, cited Davis also for speeding through town. Damage to both cars was estimated at \$500.

Dog-Chasing Bull Killed Friday Night

A black bull owned by Wayne Sowers, route 1 Beaufort, was killed Friday night when it collided with a 1956 Ford driven by George W. Courtney, route 1 Beaufort. The accident happened at 7:30 on highway 101, six miles north of Beaufort.

Highway patrolman W. J. Smith, who investigated, said the bull had jumped a fence and was chasing a dog when he ran in front of the car. Courtney said the bull was so black he didn't see him until it was too late to stop. The patrolman said he was told the bull weighed about 800 pounds.

William Bell Dies of Wound

William Edward Bell, 41, Morehead City, died Sunday of a pistol wound in his head. Sheriff Robert Bell said the death was a suicide.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at the Bell-Munden funeral chapel, Morehead City, by the Rev. Jack P. Mansfield, pastor of Camp Glenn Methodist church. Interment will be in Bayview cemetery.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Henry Nichols, Morehead City, Mrs. John McKinney, Hickory, Va., and Mrs. Arthur Ackerson, Charlottesville, Va.; two brothers, Earl Bell, San Diego, Calif. and Plepton Bell, Wilmington, and his stepmother, Mrs. J. P. Bell, Morehead City.

Mr. Bell lived with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols. The home is west of Morehead City on a road near Wallace Fisheries.

The sheriff said the deceased left a note in the house, addressed to his nephew, Ralph Nichols. The body was discovered early yesterday, according to the sheriff, in a small building at the rear of the home.

Mr. Bell used a .22 pistol. The sheriff said he did not know what might have caused Mr. Bell to take his life.

He was single, a veteran of the second world war, and was employed at the Fry Roofing Co., Morehead City.

Labor Department Decides This Section in Crisis

Carteret is an area of "substantial and consistent unemployment" — according to word from Washington, D. C. Employers in this area, as a result of a check yesterday, don't agree.

The following information was received by THE NEWS-TIMES Friday from Congressman David Henderson:

"The United States Department of Labor has today announced that Carteret county has been found to be an area of substantial and consistent unemployment.

"This finding, based on Department of Labor statistics, will be forwarded to the Department of Commerce which can then, based on this report, declare Carteret county to be a depressed area and eligible for participation in the area redevelopment program."

"Participation in the area redevelopment program" means that federal funds, if matched with local money in most instances, will be available here.

How the Department of Labor has arrived at its decision that this is a "depressed area" is puzzling to the business leaders contacted yesterday.

They admit that weather affected the tourist season and realize that fishing hasn't been good, but this is a seasonal factor with which this county has contended for generations.

County retail sales for the four recent fiscal years have been consistently better: 1958 — \$23,141,120; 1959 — \$25,902,580; 1960 — \$27,320,310; 1961 — \$28,481,704. The figures are compiled by the North Carolina Retail Merchants association.

Garland Scruggs, manager of Cooperative Savings and Loan, Morehead City, when asked yesterday if he thought this is "an area of substantial and consistent unemployment," said "No I don't."

The people who work are working, in Mr. Scruggs' opinion. The economic condition is not quite as good as it was 12 months ago, according to Mr. Scruggs. There was a bad fishing season last year, followed by a cool spring and late summer, which affected tourist business.

He said he doesn't expect the menhaden season to be good this winter "and that has a definite bearing on the area." The amount of building going on is less than a year ago, both here and in Wilmington, he says. Building is slowing up a bit in Jacksonville, but in Wallace, where Cooperative Savings and Loan also has an office, more building is under way than a year ago.

Truman Kemp, manager of Carteret Industries, Newport, one of the county's two clothing manufacturing plants, was asked if he had laid off any workers in the past few months. "No. I'm putting more on and business is holding up well," he said.

Walter Edwards, manager of Fry Roofing, Morehead City manufacturing plant, said that 30 men have been laid off in the past month, but not because of economic conditions.

"Our new plant opened in Atlanta Aug. 15 and the territory supplied by the Morehead City plant has been cut down. What we have to do is rebuild our tonnage in the area we now have. And we'll get it back," he said confidently.

When asked if the opening of the Atlanta plant may mean closing of this plant here, Mr. Edwards declared, "No, absolutely not."

"We started from nothing here, and this plant developed into the top production plant of our 19

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Promises of \$23,400 Made At Meeting Thursday Night

Pledged at the business development corporation meeting Thursday night at Morehead City was \$23,400. This has been termed "a starter" for the organization of a \$100,000 profit-sharing corporation.

The pledges of \$100-per-share stock subscriptions were \$3,400 more than the \$20,000 minimum chairman H. S. Gibbs Jr. had set to organize the corporation.

The pledges quickly followed introductory remarks by S. A. Chalk Jr., president of the greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce; explanations of the corporation's purpose by Mr. Gibbs, and a talk by Wyatt (Slim) Barnes, of the department of conservation and development.

Mr. Chalk told the 50 persons present: "We've been trying to organize this corporation since 1952. This is a risk proposition. If we put our money in it, we may lose

every cent. On the other hand, we may make a nice profit, and attract industry besides. There is as good a chance to make money in this county as anywhere."

Mr. Barnes' views weren't so blunt. He said there are 203 such corporations in the state, "organized 203 different ways," and that this was "one of the best drawn up" he had seen. He stated the lowest profit he had known such a corporation to make was three per cent, and the highest, eight per cent. He added he had known no such corporation to lose money.

He said C&D has 200 industries who wish to move into the state. At least 75 per cent of them want community help. Reasons for this are they're now leasing buildings they're in and don't have the money to purchase another, and they want to know the community is interested in them to the extent that

it will participate in their endeavors.

Mr. Barnes advised the group to make certain they secure plant sites either by purchase or option, and to keep sites clean, so prospects could see them. He promised C&D would not bring a prospect into this area without first thoroughly checking his credentials.

"It won't be long before you have prospects if the building site and money are available," Mr. Barnes continued. He listed two advantages Carteret has over other areas in the state, the deep water port and plenty of fresh water. "You can dig a well and get all the fresh water you want," he added, "whereas there is a scarcity of fresh water in the Piedmont section."

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