

Carnegie Commission Honors Four Morehead City Heroes

Four Morehead City men have been named winners of the Carnegie life-saving medal and will receive a total of \$2,250 in cash, in addition to bronze medals.

Being recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund commission, Pittsburgh, for saving seven crewmen from the burning tanker, Potomac, are Capt. Arthur K. Lewis, 34; Joseph F. Morris Sr., 27; Delmas F. Willis, 33, and Joseph A. Huber, 20.

The tanker burned in Morehead City harbor Tuesday night, Sept. 26, 1961.

One crewman suffered a heart attack and died and another, the radio operator, was never found.

According to David B. Oliver, manager of the Carnegie Hero commission, Captain Lewis, owner and operator of the partyboat Bunny Too, will receive \$750, and the other three \$500 each.

The four received this week a letter notifying them of the awards. A copy of the letter to Capt. Lewis (the other three letters are similar), follows:

CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION
Oliver Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

July 9, 1962

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. D. Rivers, of Durham, North Carolina, and Mr. Lockwood Phillips, President, Carteret County News-Times, Morehead City, the attention of the Commission was called to your heroic rescue act by which you helped to save Arthur W. Hunter and six others from burning and an explosion on Sept. 26, 1961. A report on your act was furnished to us later through the courtesy of Mr. Bob Simpson of Morehead City.

After thorough investigation and consideration of your case, we take great pleasure in advising you that, in recognition of such outstanding heroism, the Commission has awarded you a bronze medal and the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars.

We trust you will accept the award, and if your reply is affirmative, your medal will be ordered immediately and we will write you concerning your award money.

Kindly fill out the attached card and return it promptly in the enclosed envelope so there will be no delay in the production of your medal.

With our congratulations and best wishes on this announcement of your award, we are,

Sincerely,
David B. Oliver, Manager
Soon after the Potomac burned, the Carnegie commission sent an investigator to this area to check on the report it had received from Mr. Rivers relative to the worthiness of the four men to receive the Carnegie medal.

The investigation was meticulous and extensive.

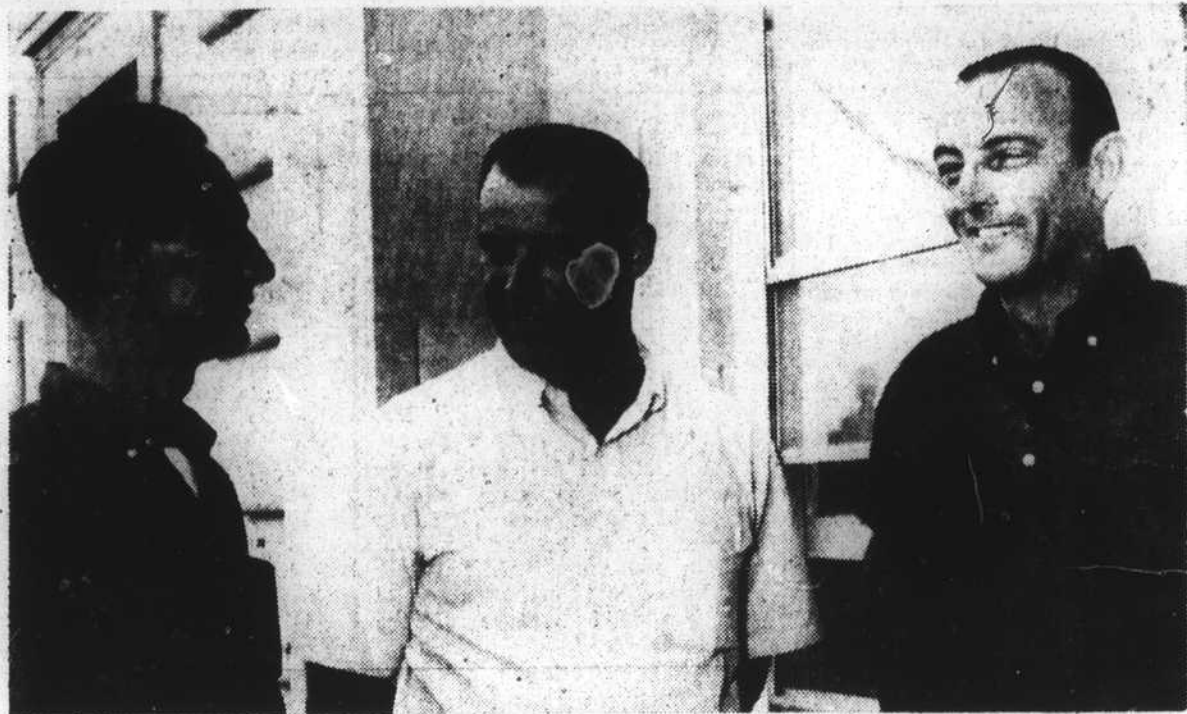
This is the account of the rescue as published by THE NEWS-TIMES Oct. 3, 1961:

Capt. Arthur Lewis of the Morehead City partyboat Bunny Too said yesterday that his boat sustained no damage as a result of its rescue mission Tuesday night.

Captain Lewis ran his boat under the stern of the tanker Potomac and picked up seven men who were making a quick get-away from the ship.

The second explosion, at 7:10 p.m., came just as the Bunny was picking up the seventh man. "It rocked us a little bit, but that's all," the captain said. The sur-

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Scheduled to receive Carnegie hero medals are Delmas Willis, left, Joe Morris, Capt. Arthur Lewis, and below, Joseph Huber.



Woman Injured On B&M Track

Mrs. Carl Rice, 110 Orange St., Beaufort, suffered painful injuries Tuesday when she tripped on the railroad track in front of her home and fell on the rock ballast around the recently-laid track.

Mrs. Rice sustained cuts in her knee and elbow, which were closed with stitches. At the time she fell, she was carrying her 18-month-old child in her arms. The baby was not hurt.

Mr. Rice was among the delegation at the Beaufort town board meeting Monday, which complained of the hazardous condition of the track and the hardship it is creating to residents in the blocks west of Turner street.

Mr. Rice said that the tracks are so high that no fuel truck, emergency-type vehicle or anything on wheels can get too his house.

Other residents state that the highly-elevated cause water to drain off the railroad bed and flood their property.

New Ranger
Richard Hinkley has replaced William J. Chapparo as district ranger of the Croatan National Forest with offices in New Bern. The forest consists of 156,000 acres of forest service land in Carteret, Craven and Jones counties.

The four men who risked their lives at a flaming tanker to pull seven men from the water insist that they're not heroes. But they say that there's no worry about finding a place for the money that will accompany their bronze medals.

Mr. Willis says he and his wife are planning to put their \$500 in a savings account and add a little to it now and then for their children's education. They have a daughter, Linda, 8, and a son, Delmas Jr., 4.

Mr. Willis is captain aboard the private yacht, Skate, at the

Morehead City Yacht basin.

Mr. Morris is employed by Carteret Towing Co., is building a new home, has two children and another is expected any day.

Captain Lewis, skipper of the Bunny Too, says he's going to pay \$2,730 worth of bills with his \$750. He and his family live in Mitchell Village.

Mr. Huber is in charge of a newspaper route and until recently his wife worked as a waitress at Captain Bill's waterfront restaurant.

The men have not yet been notified as to when they will receive their awards.

Mosquitoes, Just Like Sun, Always Follow the Rain!

Whenever there's an unusual amount of rain, folks can count on plenty of mosquitoes.

Beaufort, Morehead City and county spraying machines have been at work during the past week, attempting to knock down the heavy mosquito population that exploded following the rainfall at the end of June and first of this month.

The pests are the saltmarsh mosquitoes — a large brown kind and a little black type.

Keith Oates, Morehead City, sanitary engineer with the State Board of Health, who is working in the mosquito control program over the southeastern part of the state, says that all the mosquitoes destined to hatch because of the recent rains, have hatched.

Unless there is more rain or another flood tide, the county won't be bothered with a new crop.

Without water, mosquito eggs do not hatch, Mr. Oates said. People can help control future hatches by getting rid of any standing water in their yards or by putting oil on water that can't be drained.

"Spraying is a very costly operation," Mr. Oates said. "It's something that is done in emergency situations, usually, when the mosquitoes get real thick." He said cost of spraying, depending on the rig used, runs from \$12 to \$20 an hour.

A permanent mosquito control program, under state supervision, is now under way: ditching. Mr. Oates is engaged now in locating ditches so that they will drain eastern Carolina's vast marshlands.

Two draglines are now at work in this county in the Newport river area north of Morehead City; one is in Onslow and three in Pamlico.

Purpose of ditching is to get water out of the marshes within five days after flooding. Mosquitoes hatch in seven to ten days, depending on temperature.

Ditches are 6 feet wide and 3 1/2 to 4 feet deep. "Marshes develop a lip around them, like a saucer," Mr. Oates explains, "and once a flood tide washes over them, it can't get out. Drainage ditches provide an opening for outflow."

How much maintenance will these ditches require? Mr. Oates says it is hoped that none will be necessary. He said drainage ditches dug in this county in WPA days are still open and they are smaller than ones being dug now.

Carteret, he said, has 57,000 acres of marshland and it will take a long time to get drainage ditches through all of it. He said the county has more marshland than any county to the north or south of it. Pamlico has less marshland, but is putting more money into its mosquito control program, Mr. Oates remarked.

To dig the drainage ditches, easements must be obtained over private property. Generally, property owners are cooperating, Mr. Oates said, because the ditching improves their property by knocking down the mosquito menace.

No dirt is taken off the property in the ditching, it is merely displaced, he explained.

Rains Cause Drop in Catches

Recent heavy rains have affected not only the income of the farmer, but that of the fisherman.

Heavy volumes of fresh water pouring from the hinterlands into the sea reduce the amount of salt in the waters of bays, sounds, tidal rivers and the ocean. When shrimp, menhaden, and fish of other kinds find their home has some kind of new characteristic, they move off in search of waters where they will feel "at home" again.

They seek, in other words, waters of higher salinity that have not yet become "infected" by the heavy fresh, muddy water that flowed off lands away from the sea.

Shrimp catches fell way off after July 4, date of the last heavy rainfall. They started to pick up again this week but five to six days were "lost" by the shrimper, in addition to the days he couldn't work because of rain. Channel netters were put out of business. The trawlers still plied the waters, but got little in return — mainly the expense of running the boat and paying a crew.

The big shrimp, which before the deluge were bringing shrimpers 30 or more cents a pound, heads off, disappeared after the rain.

Only little shrimp, still in the process of growing, were being caught. The price dropped to 20 cents a pound.

Capt. David Beveridge, Beaufort, says that if there are no hurricanes and other storms there's a possibility that good shrimping may extend into the fall. There are indications that there is a very good crop of young shrimp.

Bill Jones, manager of Carteret Quick Freeze, Beaufort, believes that the heavy rains have washed many of the young shrimp out of the tidal rivers. Boats, he said, have been catching this week a soft-shelled gray shrimp or "river shrimp."

Those caught in the ocean are usually of a brown or tan color with harder shell. These, he said, moved elsewhere after the rain. Catches he remarked, were way down. Four boats that had been shrimping here left Monday for Southport and McClellansville, S. C., where shrimping was reportedly better.

Mr. Jones says the big shrimp have probably moved south. Whether they move because of change in salinity, change in water temperature or both, has never been unquestionably decided.

It is expected that the mature shrimp may move back north or the shrimp still in inland waters will mature and take their place, but Mr. Jones concludes that the heavy dose of fresh water "has made a

difference" in the shrimping picture.

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH LOW

Friday, July 13

4:32 a.m. 10:57 a.m.

5:09 p.m. 11:48 p.m.

Saturday, July 14

5:31 a.m. 11:43 a.m.

5:59 p.m.

Sunday, July 15

6:23 a.m. 12:37 a.m.

6:44 p.m. 12:31 p.m.

Monday, July 16

7:11 a.m. 1:24 a.m.

7:29 p.m. 1:20 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17

7:59 a.m. 2:09 a.m.

8:13 p.m. 2:08 p.m.

Action Sought to Curb Cutback in O&R Personnel

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Heavy Rains Bring Problems To Town Board

Water — too much of it — was one of the major topics at the Beaufort town board meeting Monday night at the town hall.

The board passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for a property owner to permit water from his property to drain off on to another's and thereby create a problem for the neighbor.

Appearing before the board, at the invitation of the mayor, W. H. Potter, were Clarence Stamper and Jim Wheatley, front street businessmen who reported that buildings they occupy were subject to water seepage during the recent rains.

The water seeped through the ground and ran in their buildings at floor level.

Gray Hassell, town engineer, said that property owners involved should install a storm drain with proper catch basins. But even that would not take water off in the volume it occurred during the recent rains.

Mr. Wheatley said he had water in his store three months ago. The merchants said they would pay for materials for a storm drain and catch basins if the town would install it. Mr. Hassell said he has told one owner of the property involved, at least 15 times, what must be done and gave him the cost, and his only reply was, "My, my, my!"

It was then that the board passed the ordinance making it a misdemeanor to let water from one building or property run on to another's.

Albert Chappell, Dave Clawson and Mrs. Jack Neal appeared to report on conditions caused by the rains on Front street. Mrs. Neal said that water running between Arthur Rose's and Mrs. George Brooks' has washed out the drain fill to her septic tank. The mayor said he would take the problem up with J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent.

(Ann street is in town but Front street from Live Oak east is still maintained by the state who employs Mr. Humphrey as superintendent of state-maintained roads in Carteret.)

Mr. Chappell said that the runoff from Ann street has literally floated septic tanks. Ronald Earl Mason, town clerk, said that the state has already recommended a ditching plan to handle the excess water.

Mayor Potter said the town will confer with the state and the property owners will be informed of the outcome of the meeting.

Two CD Officials To Help in Drafting Survival Program

Col. Wallace Dawson and Col. David Spivey, civil defense officials, will be in Morehead City next Thursday and Friday to confer with chairmen of the various civil defense programs in the county.

They plan to draft in final form the county's survival plan. When the plan is mimeographed and approved, it will enable the county to participate again in purchase of surplus property for civil defense use, according to Harry Williams, county CD chairman.

Mr. Williams says that since the county has not accepted his resignation, he will continue as chairman in the hope that work done to date in civil defense will not have been in vain. The county has budgeted \$1,500 for civil defense.

Morning Speaker



Delivering the breakfast address this morning to the North Carolina Press association will be Dr. William C. Archie, director of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education.

Court Convicts Inn Operator

Joseph Suggs, Stella, has been convicted in county recorder's court, for failing and refusing to file sales tax reports.

Suggs, operator of the Joe-Joe inn, was sentenced to a year in jail, suspended on condition that he file all the required reports and pay all the money due the state department of revenue within 30 days.

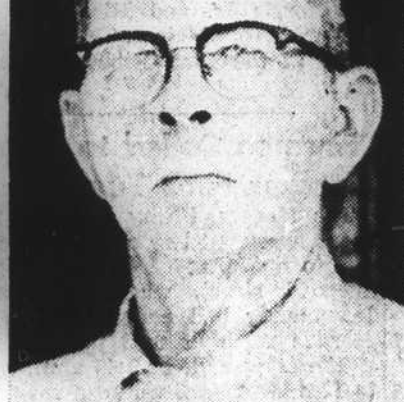
H. W. Dickson, who is assigned to this county by the state department of revenue, said that other businessmen have been failing to file sales tax reports.

Unless they comply with the law, they too will be prosecuted, Mr. Dickson said.

New Presidents



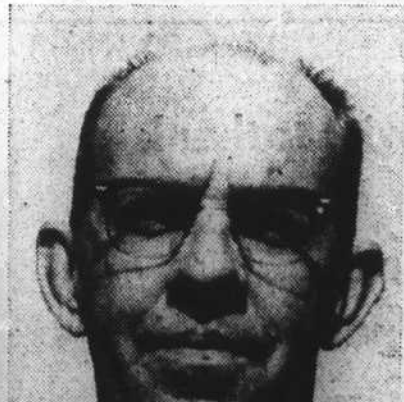
Dr. John Gainey
... Morehead City Rotary



John B. Tomlinson
... Newport Rotary



Clarence Stamper
... Beaufort Rotary



C. W. Williams
... Morehead City Lions

Congressman Contacted On Job Cuts at Air Base

Action has been taken in this county to curb, if possible, a lay-off of 95 persons at Cherry Point air station's overhaul and repair department.

At the request of persons employed at the base, W. H. Taylor Jr., Beaufort attorney, reports that he sent the following telegram Wednesday to congressman David Henderson:

"Bureau of Naval Weapons advised civilian employees Overhaul & Repair Department, Cherry Point, N. C. that 95, or about five per cent of department would receive discharge notices on July 15. Action will result in payroll loss to area of half million or more annually. This has long been designated as depressed area. In recent days declared disaster area as result of destructive rains. The reduction in force at Cherry Point will greatly aggravate local economic situation. Respectfully urge you to seek to have order countermanded so as not to further disturb local conditions."

The Pentagon announced Wednesday that 836 workers would be laid off at eight Naval and Marine Corps air stations throughout the country. Such lay-offs occur periodically, usually toward the end of a budget period.

Notices of discharge given this month will become effective Aug. 15.

J. H. Clark, O&R repair officer, Cherry Point, in a bulletin issued Wednesday, stated that all employees relieved Aug. 15, will have the opportunity of re-employment as vacancies occur in the future.

"It is hoped," he said, "that within six months all those separated on 15 August and who desire to return to the O&R will be re-employed."

On June 29, the officer said, number of employees was reduced from 1,872 to 1,839, but due to resignations, retirements, transfers, etc., only six persons had to be relieved of their jobs.

O&R was notified Wednesday by the Bureau of Naval Weapons that the ceiling was to be reduced to 1744. Mr. Clark added, "I have been assured by the bureau that every effort was made to minimize the cut at Cherry Point and the first plan to apportion cuts among all the O&Rs was modified to alleviate the situation at Cherry Point. I am told that, had this not been done, our cut would have been approximately 145 personnel."

The O&R officer expressed the opinion that the fine performance of Cherry Point O&R employees and the resultant savings time-wise led him to believe that the

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Hearing Dates Set on South River Oystering

State to Buy Two
New Fisheries Craft

Shell Dredging Work
Approved

The commercial fisheries committee will conduct a hearing Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8, at Morehead City on the leasing of oyster beds in South river. The dates were set at the committee meeting this week at Boone.

South River residents claim that the state is leasing natural oyster beds to private individuals, thus cutting off source of supply to South river oystermen.

South river oystermen state that a private lease prevents them from carrying on any fishing activity within the bounds of the leased area.

The committee also decided to buy a 42-foot boat and a 24-foot boat. The 42-footer would replace the Cape Fear which blew up and burned this spring in the Thoroughfare at Cedar Island.

The full C&D board approved a pilot operation on dredging of dead shells in Albemarle sound. The approval was recommended by the commercial fisheries committee.

The committee's decision was based on several opinions by fisheries specialists, including that of Dr. Gordon Gunter, director of the Gulf Coast Research laboratory, Ocean Springs, Miss.

Dr. Gunter said, in part, "Experiments on shell dredging in connection with the production of fisheries and water flow have already been carried out on the Gulf Coast on a vast scale and it has been shown to be harmless, or quite possibly beneficial."

"It will be most unfortunate for the general welfare for the State of North Carolina if fresh water biologists and the general populace, who do not understand the situation, prevail in this instance because of political pressure. North Carolina has a great potential resource for wealth in its shell deposits which can be utilized for many years to come without any damaging effect upon the bay environment.

"The same type of resources brings a minimum of twenty-five million dollars a year to the Gulf States. The State of North Carolina would do well to utilize its similar resource."

Long Beach Will Be Derby Site

Long Beach will be the scene of North Carolina's second annual crab derby Aug. 25 and 26, announces Wade Lucas, of the Department of Conservation and Development, who is derby ringmaster.

Dan Walker, Beaufort, now town clerk of Long Beach, put in a bid for the derby last summer when it was first held at Morehead City.

The commercial fisheries committee of the C&D department offered full cooperation to Mr. Lucas while in session this week at Boone.

Purpose of the derby is promotion of the state's hardshell industry. All eight hardshell producing counties and any community in them are eligible to enter their best blue crab speedster in the derby.

The winner and its handler will be sent to Crisfield, Md., Saturday, Sept. 1, to participate in the national crab derby there.

Rotary Club Hears Talk On Constitution, By-Laws

Newport Rotarians heard a talk on the Rotary International constitution and by-laws Monday night, and discussed the by-laws in relation to the Newport club.

The talk was given by Graham Baker, program chairman. Also discussed was the club's picnic table project, which is nearing completion on US 70 north of Newport.