

F. C. Salisbury Wins Cup For Local Historical Work

The Smithwick Cup winner for 1962 is F. C. Salisbury of Morehead City. The winner was named Saturday at Raleigh.

The Smithwick award, established by the late Dr. D. T. Smithwick of Louisiana, is given annually for the best newspaper or magazine article relating to local history or biography appearing in a North Carolina publication between Nov. 15 and Nov. 15 of each year.

Mr. Salisbury, who won the Smithwick cup in 1958 is 88 years old this month, is a former newspaper editor and is former president of the Carteret County Historical society and chairman of the Carteret Civil War Centennial committee. His winning article was a record of Carteret county newspapers during the last 50 years. It appeared in a special edition of the Carteret County News-Times Feb. 23.

Charles Dunn, chairman of the Smithwick Cup Awards, made the following comment:

"... For it is only by knowing from whence we have come that we can appreciate the present and plan for tomorrow," reads the lead editorial of that special edition of THE NEWS-TIMES, which incidentally should win some type of an award for its contribution to local history.

"Mr. Salisbury's article on the county's newspapers and others on Fort Macon, the development of Morehead City, and Carteret boat-building, which appeared in the edition, certainly provided Carteret citizens with information to better know 'from whence they came.'"

"Mr. Salisbury's research is coupled with the knowledge gained by living and participating in the day-to-day events that make today's history. He left the cold weather of Western New York soon after the turn of the century to come to the 'sunny South' and split the difference in location between his state and Florida to settle in Eastern North Carolina."

"Mr. Salisbury's interest and knowledge of his adopted county is admirable and merits him the Smithwick Cup award for 1962."

The first place winner has his name engraved on the Smithwick Cup and receives a replica of the cup. Second and third place winners in the contest receive certificates of merit.

This year's Smithwick Cup Awards committee was composed of Dr. Hugh Lefler of the University of North Carolina history department and Mr. Dunn of the Durham Morning Herald.

Mr. Salisbury received certificates of merit for his historical writing in 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1961.



Blackwell Robinson, Greensboro, left, and F. C. Salisbury, Morehead City, display Smithwick cups. Mr. Robinson is president of the North Carolina Society of County and Local Historians. The large cup bears names of recent winners. Each year the winner receives a replica bearing his name only and the year the cup was awarded.

Virginia Fisheries Laws Don't Seem to Bear Out Local Contentions

Prior to the November election, interest was expressed in Virginia fisheries laws, by several persons in the fishing industry, as those laws pertain to fishermen who do not live in Virginia.

Those persons contended that non-residents, such as North Carolinians, get a "dirty deal" at the hands of Virginians, in that Virginians can come to this state and fish (particularly for menhaden) but North Carolinians cannot go into Virginia waters to take menhaden.

At the request of THE NEWS-TIMES, Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, Morehead City, obtained from Milton T. Hickman, Virginia fisheries commissioner, a copy of fisheries regulations, recently revised and enacted during the past session of the Virginia general assembly.

According to those regulations, details of which appear below, North Carolinians can take menhaden in Virginia waters. Resident Virginians are, however, accorded certain privileges.

If interpretation of the Virginia laws is correct, non-residents, by paying the same license fee as Virginians (\$1.50 per vessel gross ton) may take menhaden within three miles of the coast of Virginia. Only residents, however, may take menhaden in Chesapeake Bay.

Non-residents may take menhaden only between the last Monday of May and the first day of December. Apparently there is no restriction as to when Virginians can take menhaden. But the season in Virginia is mainly during the summer time, so restricting non-resident boats in other times of the year works no hardship.

North Carolina's tax on menhaden vessels is the same as Virginia's, and that tax applies to both North Carolinians and non-residents.

Menhaden are taken for manufacture into products which in this country are not used for consumption as food by humans.

One North Carolina food fisherman has complained that he cannot trawl in Virginia waters (in the three-mile limit from shore).

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Two Injured In Collision

Two persons were injured in a wreck in Beaufort Saturday. Injuries were minor.

The accident happened at the intersection of Live Oak and Cedar streets, at about 4 p.m., when Richard W. Gillikin, route 2 Beaufort, pulled out of a filling station to go north on Live Oak street.

The Gillikin car, a 1956 Chevrolet, collided with a 1950 Dodge pickup truck driven by Leona H. Rogers, route 1 Beaufort. Mrs. Rogers was going south on Live Oak street.

Mrs. Richard Gillikin was treated for a head injury at the Morehead City hospital and released. Mrs. Rogers was taken to the hospital and kept overnight.

Investigating officers at the accident were Beaufort police chief Guy Springle and assistant chief W. C. Garner.

Coroner Rules Sellers Death As Suicide

A 23-year-old man, Raymond Gray Sellers Jr., died shortly after noon Thursday when he hanged himself in a closet at his home, according to coroner W. D. Munden. Mr. Sellers lived on the Macons town road near Newport.

Coroner Munden ruled the death a suicide.

Mrs. Carol Ann Sellers told the coroner that she and her husband had been arguing and that she told him she was going to leave him. She had already packed her clothes, the coroner reported.

Mrs. Sellers said her husband told her he could not live without her, then went into the bedroom and barricaded the door with a dresser, the coroner relates. Mrs. Sellers could not get into the room, she claims, nor would Mr. Sellers answer her call.

Alarmed at his failure to answer, she called a friend, Nick Spak, at Cherry Point. Spak came immediately to the house, forced his way into the bedroom and found Sellers hanging in the closet, the coroner said.

Mr. Munden said the closet was without a door and that the rod for hanging clothes was unusually high. He said Sellers apparently got on a stool, tied heavy cord around the rod and around his neck, then kicked the stool from beneath his feet.

The coroner said when he arrived at the home, Spak had cut Sellers down and removed the cord from his neck. There were rope burns and a deep depression in his neck where the rope was tied, the coroner stated. Mr. Munden said Mrs. Sellers told him the argument took place about noon. The coroner was called about 1 p.m.

The body was removed to the Bell-Munden funeral home with the understanding that Mrs. Sellers would be there Friday to make final arrangements. On Friday a call was received from a Rockville, Md., funeral home stating that Mrs. Sellers was in Maryland and the body was to be shipped there.

The funeral service was conducted in Rockville yesterday at Tyson-Wheeler funeral home, with burial in Park Lawn cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Sellers Sr., Rockville. The couple had been married about two and a half years. Sellers was attending the apprentice school at Cherry Point.

Injures Leg

Don Coats, Harkers Island, was treated at Sea Level hospital yesterday morning after he cut his ankle while chopping wood at his home. The ax head flew off the handle and gashed his left ankle. Six stitches closed the wound. Mr. Coats operates the partyboat Crosswinds, out of Harkers Island, during the summer.

Submission of a low bid on the West Carteret high school construction, a bid almost \$100,000 (general contract) below the next low bidder, has raised some question as to the advisability of accepting the bid.

Legally, the bid can't be accepted, according to information given county commissioners last week by Wiley Taylor Jr., county attorney. But the board of education felt that county commissioners could assure sufficient funds in the next fiscal year to cover the entire cost of the low bid.

The legal obstacle lies in general statute 115-130, which provides that no board of education shall enter into contracts for construction beyond the amount of funds appropriated. By the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 1963) the county will have on hand \$800,000 for West Carteret school construction.

The general contract bid alone (for building — does not include plumbing, heating, wiring) was \$863,200. It was submitted by J. M. Thompson, Raleigh contractor. Mr. Thompson, when contacted by phone by THE NEWS-TIMES Friday, refused to state whether he had made an error in his bid.

According to The American Institute of Architects "Guide to Bidding Procedure" (Document No. (See OBJECTIONS Pg. 3)

A spokesman for a Morehead City menhaden firm, when told of the rumble from a certain segment of the Carteret fishing colony relative to Virginia fisheries laws, said, "There's no reason why anyone should want to alienate our Virginia friends."

He enumerated reasons why. "It's not practical for North Carolina menhaden boats to go into Virginia waters. None of our North Carolina plants is close enough to the fishing grounds there," he remarked.

Furthermore, what summer fishing there is for menhaden in North Carolina coincides with the summer season in Virginia, so it would not be feasible, economically, for a North Carolina plant to run its boats miles and miles into Virginia waters, when it can catch menhaden here at home.

The Morehead City menhaden operator said, "We need those Virginia boats here in North Carolina to furnish fish to our plants. They're certainly not damaging our resources and in some instances it's profitable to us to use Virginia boats rather than bring our own boats from states farther away."

He added, "The Virginia boats pay North Carolina taxes—a tonnage tax and net tax; they buy grub at our local stores and fuel at our docks. If any menhaden plant operator in this county has a gripe about Virginia fisheries laws, he has an opportunity to voice his complaints before the Virginia Fisheries association. All of us in this county are members. It used to be that other fisheries were represented, but now it has boiled down to just menhaden operators."

"Every year we attend the association meeting and they brief us on Virginia laws."

There is basis for believing that sniping at Virginia fisheries laws has its root in purely local politics and is an effort by malcontents to "build an issue" and make things uncomfortable for present North Carolina fisheries officials. Nevertheless, these malcontents say they are going to "petition the legislature (North Carolina)" in 1963 to make things as rough for Virginians fishing in North Carolina as they seem to think Virginia is making it for them when it comes to North Carolinians fishing in Virginia waters!

WOW Lodge Needs \$930 to Finance Lights

Woodmen of the World, camp 188, Morehead City, need \$930 to clear the debt they incurred in buying town street decorations, erecting them and burning them at night during the holiday season.

Chairman of the lighting project is Gerald V. Phillips, consul commander. Clifford Faglie, consul representative, WOW, on Friday commended Mr. Phillips "and the entire camp" for the work they did. "They worked hard and did a fine job," Mr. Faglie remarked.

This is the second year the Woodmen put up the lights. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the lighting fund should contact Mr. Phillips or other lodge members.

Morehead City town tags for 1963 are now on sale at the municipal building, Morehead City, announced Mrs. Blanda McLobon, city treasurer.

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