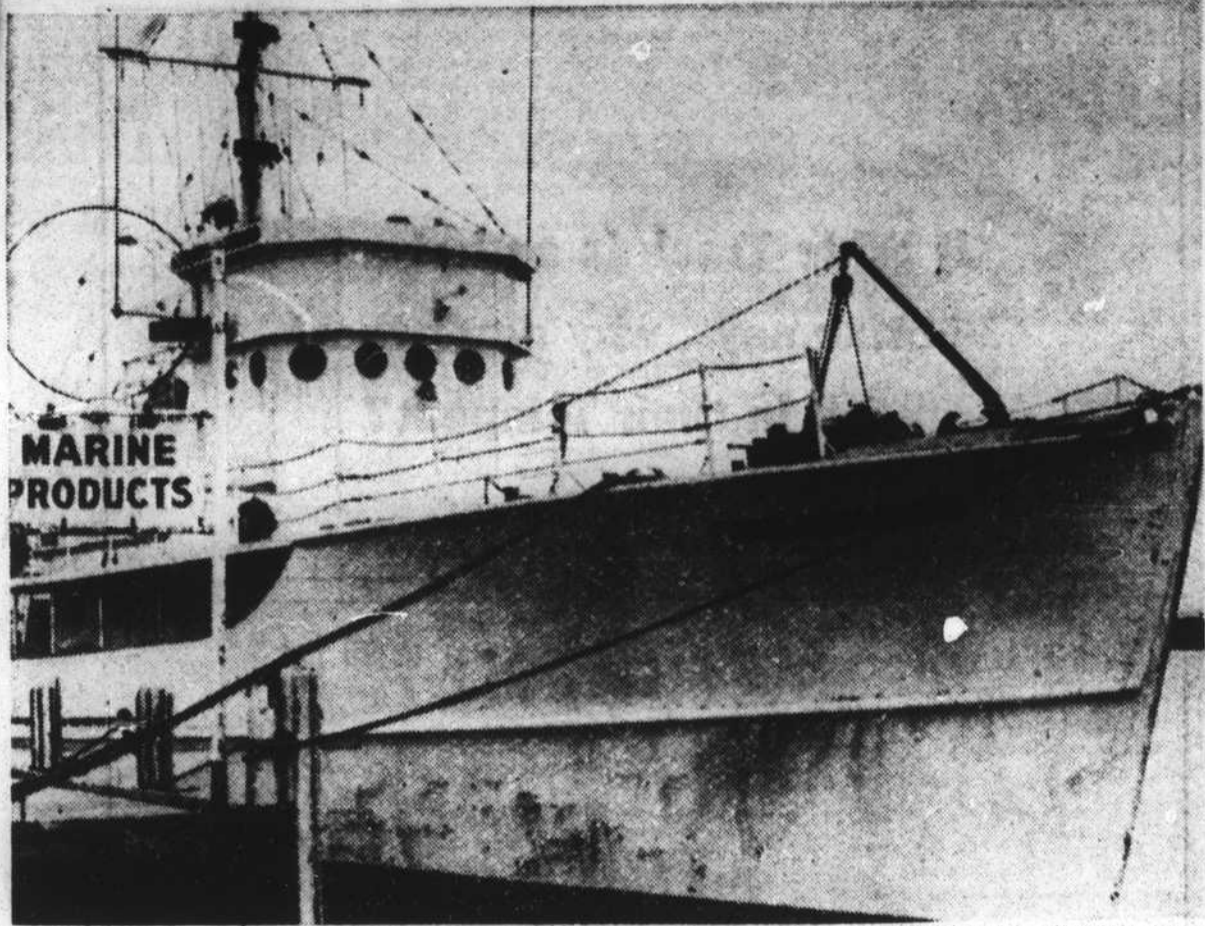


Aqualab, Floating School For Fishermen, Pays Visit



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The Aqualab, owned by the Maine Vocational-Technical institute, is a minesweeper that was converted by students in a period of six weeks at a cost of \$7,000 to a vessel which has been in use four years as a "practical classroom." She lies here at a dock on the Morehead City waterfront. The ship is traveling the ocean route from Maine to Miami.

By RUTH PEELING

A floating school for fishermen and oceanographers, the only one of its type in the country stopped this week at Morehead City. The vessel was the Aqualab and is operated by the Maine Vocational-Technical institute of South Portland, Maine.

Aboard the ship were 45 students enrolled in the institute's two-year course in marine technology. Captain of the Aqualab is A. W. Jordan, former Navy man and skipper of the beam trawlers in New England waters.

He and his chief, Halvor Andersen, a Dane, and three other officers handle the 45 students, scheduling each one for the day's activities so that all will get a turn at navigation, engineering duties, collecting marine specimens and the numerous other tasks that teach the boys all they are required to know when they emerge as graduates of the school.

The Aqualab is on its first trip to southern waters. Bound for Miami, it came into Morehead City Sunday morning. It left Portland at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. Morehead City was a scheduled stop. Captain Jordan said they wanted to visit the marine labs here, Duke, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, both in Beaufort, and UNC's Institute of Fisheries Research at Morehead City.

They also visited the marine vocational class, taught by Capt. Jim Mitchell at Morehead City school and the class, in turn, paid a visit to the Aqualab, which was tied up at the Gulf dock.

Captain Jordan and chief Andersen were guests of the North Carolina Fisheries association at a clam bake Tuesday night at the Elks club, Morehead City.

Captain Jordan said that weather prevents the Aqualab from doing efficient work in Maine waters in the winter. For that reason, they decided on the southern trip.

They are collecting specimens for Woods Hole Biological laboratory, Woods Hole Oceanographic institute, oceanographic data for the Navy and releasing 600 plastic disc-type drift buoys.

The Aqualab is a 138-foot former Navy minesweeper which was built at East Boothbay, Maine, in 1944. The vessel, with all its equipment, is valued at \$2½ million. It has two radar sets, sonar and three

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Capt. A. W. Jordan planned four years ago to set up the marine technology course at MV-TI then leave, but has been with the school ever since.

Rotary Club Views Movie

A film showing many scenes of military activity in this county was the program at the Newport Rotary club Monday night.

The film, entitled An Answer, was shown by program chairman Paul Wright. It showed the readiness of the Navy and Marine Corps in the event of a national emergency, and included a number of scenes of the visit of President Kennedy to Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point and Bogue field last year.

Included were locations in both Carteret and Onslow counties, plus scenes at sea.

Guests at the meeting were Tommy Howard, Harry Livingston and the Rev. E. T. Vinson, all of Newport, and visiting Rotarian George McNeill, Morehead City. The club meets weekly at the school lunch room.

PTA to Meet
Queen Street PTA, Beaufort, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the school. All parents are invited.

200 Masons Will Meet Tuesday At Newport Hall

Two hundred Masons are expected Tuesday at Newport in the hall of Lodge No. 706 at the 7th and 8th district meeting.

Charles C. Ricker, Asheville, grand master of the Masons in North Carolina, will be present. The meeting will be under the direction of Thomas W. Cathey and Ira J. Graves, district deputy grand masters.

Mr. Graves will preside at the afternoon session beginning at 5 p.m. Supper will be served at 6 and Jesse G. Graham, master of the host lodge, will preside when the meeting convenes at 7.

The following masters of lodges in the two districts will head delegations from their respective lodges:

John A. Johnson, St. John's No. 3, New Bern; Roy F. Collins, Zion No. 81, Trenton; David A. Lausterer, LaFayette No. 83, Jacksonville; Neal Windley, Franklin No. 109, Beaufort.

Carl Alcock, Bayboro No. 331; L. D. Spruill, Mount Vernon No. 359, Oriental; Mart L. Bell, Ocean No. 405, Morehead City; Ledrew D. Stubbs, Sea Side No. 429, Swansboro.

Lester E. Hart, Vanceboro No. 433; Vennis M. Piner, Rainbow No. 479, Arapahoe; J. E. Whaley, Richlands, No. 564; Charles E. Hill, Doric No. 568, New Bern.

Carroll W. Hawkins, Ionic No. 583, Cape City; David W. Owens, Severe Fidelis No. 680, Jacksonville; James H. Corey, Jr., Cherry Point No. 688, Havelock; Nelson B. Banks, Berne No. 724, New Bern; William L. Adams, Grantham No. 725, New Bern.

Masonic leaders other than Grand Master Ricker who are expected to be present are Charles A. Harris, Raleigh, grand secretary; A. D. Leon, Gray, Oxford, superintendent of Oxford orphanage; Troy G. Robbins, superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Greensboro; district deputy grand lecturers Charles T. Potter of the 7th district and Benjamin R. Alford of the 8th district.

Hearing on Outer Banks at New Bern Tomorrow at 10 is Open to Everyone

Everyone who has an interest in preserving the state's geographically and historically-important outer banks is invited to a hearing at 10 a.m. Saturday at the courthouse, New Bern.

Discussed will be the following proposals, set forth by the North Carolina Outer Banks Seashore Park commission, for protection of the outer banks:

Lab Announces Open House Hours

In observance of US Civil Service Week, the Beaufort biological laboratory of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Fisheries will be open for public inspection from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon Saturday.

The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Biological laboratory is located on Pivers Island.

The station under acting director Fred June, is the headquarters for research study of the Atlantic menhaden, blue crab, American shad, striped bass, and for research in marine radio biology.

The public, and students in particular, are invited to visit the lab tomorrow.

● Request the general assembly to appropriate \$500,000 each year of the 1963-65 biennium to local governments, to match federal funds available for shore-protective works and other civil works projects.

● Ask the general assembly for \$50,000 during the next biennium for support of a cooperative program of research and grassing aimed at re-establishing vegetation on dunes.

● Legislative appropriation of \$750,000 each year of the current biennium to be used for the purchase of buffer strips along relatively undeveloped shorelines. This money would go into the contingency and emergency fund and would be allocated by the governor.

● Legislative action to provide the State Department of Insurance with additional personnel to assist coastal counties and communities in the development of effective building codes. This would encourage the construction of more substantial buildings along the coast and, at the same time, help make insurance protection more readily available.

● A request for an appropriation of \$239,000 to match federal funds in a Corps of Engineers project considered necessary for the protection of Fort Macon State park in Carteret county.

Commission chairman Woodrow Price of Raleigh feels that the foregoing recommendations will, if favorably received by the general assembly, achieve three important objectives:

● Establish state acceptance of a substantial share of the responsibility for controlling erosion on the beaches.

● Establish a local-state-federal partnership principle in efforts to protect coastal areas.

● Encourage the continuation of research with regard to the unique problems involved in beach erosion. Among persons from this county who will attend the hearing are Monroe Gaskill, Cedar Island, and Miss Alida Willis, Morehead City, members of the Outer Banks Seashore Park commission; mayor George Dill, Morehead City, and mayor A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach.

A delegation from Ocracoke will attend.

Architect Looks At Morehead City Hospital

Archie Royal Davis, Durham architect, inspected the Morehead City hospital Monday, with a view to repair.

Mr. Davis said that temporary repairs can be made with a very nominal amount of money. He gave no estimate on cost of permanent repairs. He said it would take a while to work up those figures.

The architect believes that the hospital, if permanently repaired, should be skyward, utilizing the present "nurses' home" on the third floor and extending the elevator. The walls, he said, are solid, "not a crack in them."

The basement, he commented, would not then be used for housing patients or services connected with the hospital. He suggested that there be a moat constructed around the building, equipped with centrifugal pump, that could take out any water which may threaten to flood the lower part of the hospital.

The old wing, he declared, is in bad shape. In some places, floors throughout the hospital may sag a few inches, but do not indicate any serious structural fault.

If the hospital is permanently repaired, the plans would include complete refinishing of the outside in a manner similar to the refinishing of the First Methodist educational building in Morehead City. That building was remodeled in recent years under the supervision of Mr. Davis.

At the suggestion of the Morehead City town board, the Morehead City hospital board asked Mr. Davis to inspect the hospital and give estimates on cost of temporary and permanent repair.

Mr. Davis said Monday he would be unable to present the figures to the hospital board at its scheduled meeting last night.

If a county hospital is built, Morehead City may close its hospital which is now operated by the town, but completion of a county hospital is estimated to be at least two years hence.

Federal Funds Will Build Dock at Cape

The Coast Guard will let a contract to rebuild a dock and roadway at Cape-lookout life boat station during this spring. The anticipated cost of the project is \$200,000. It is being financed through the Area Redevelopment Administration under the Public Works Acceleration act, according to congressman David Henderson of this district. The funds will be obligated before June 1963.

This is the second project approved for Carteret county under the act. The prior one was for improvements in Croatan National Forest.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar			
Friday, Jan. 18			
HIGH		LOW	
2:23 a.m.		9:02 a.m.	
2:28 p.m.		9:15 p.m.	
Saturday, Jan. 19			
3:14 a.m.		9:57 a.m.	
3:26 p.m.		9:56 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 20			
4:00 a.m.		10:48 a.m.	
4:30 p.m.		10:52 p.m.	
Monday, Jan. 21			
5:03 a.m.		11:37 a.m.	
5:28 p.m.		11:38 p.m.	

Morehead City Jaycees Will Present Service Award Monday

The Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Distinguished Service Award banquet Monday at the Blue Ribbon club at 7 p.m., according to a report from Ed Hudson, co-chairman of the event.

Mr. Hudson, speaking at the Jaycee meeting Monday, announced that guest speaker for the banquet would be the Rev. Charles Kirby, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Morehead City. Mr. Kirby was DSA winner last year.

The Jaycees will present the Distinguished Service Award to the Jaycee who in the past year has done most for the community in accord with the Jaycee ideals.

A dance with live music will be held following the banquet. The public is invited to the banquet

and dance, and tickets may be obtained from any Jaycee member.

New members will be inducted by Dan Rand, Richlands, Jaycee district vice-president.

Reports at the meeting were given by Art Sanchez on the "Speak Up, Jaycee" campaign; Glenn Holt on a project to establish a Morehead City Red Cross chapter; and L. E. Kelly, chairman of the community development committee. Mr. Kelly said that a committee meeting would be held soon with a clean-up of the waterfront as a primary goal.

Gordon Willis was presented with a sergeant's pin in the Tar Heel Corps, and Walter Willis told of plans of the club's committee on spark plug awards. President Joe Beam urged the

club members to visit all the Jaycee clubs in the district, and appointed Arnold Ashley as chairman of a committee on visitations.

34 Patients Attend Orthopedic Clinic

Thirty-four patients attended the orthopedic clinic at Morehead City hospital annex Saturday. Sixteen were new patients. Dr. Lenox Baker, Duke orthopedist, was in charge. He was assisted by Dr. G. P. Sirechio of Duke.

Assisting also were Mrs. G. T. Spivey and Mrs. Leota Hammer, county public health nurses; Mrs. Agnes C. Beckhoff, Mrs. Rufus Butler and Mrs. Clyde Wood Jr.

NCA Entertains Lawmakers



Carteret legislator Thomas Bennett, center, talks with Sen. Ray H. Walton, Southport, right, of the 10th state senatorial district, and Rep. Hugh Ragsdale, Onslow county, at the North Carolina Fisheries association clam bake in Morehead City Tuesday night.



Three senators on the scene were Leroy Simmons, of Albertson, 9th district; Sen. Thomas White, Kinston; and Sen. Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, both of the 7th district. At the right is George B. Garner, New Bern, secretary of the NCA.

"Fisheries is a production business. It's nothing to build a fence around and say, 'This is a wonderful resource, let's look at it,'" said W. H. Potter, Beaufort, in a brief talk Tuesday night at the North Carolina Fisheries association clam bake.

The NCA entertained 14 lawmakers of eastern Carolina and other leading officials at the Elks club, Morehead City.

Mr. Potter, who is manager of Beaufort Fisheries, a menhaden plant in Beaufort, put in his bid again for a state department of fisheries. For years he has campaigned for such a department.

"Fisheries has reached its present status in spite of the state of North Carolina, not because of it," Mr. Potter remarked. The "status" could use improvement and Mr. Potter said the challenge lies in seafood processing.

"We're d—dumb to sit by and let our fisheries products glut the market," the menhaden industrialist declared. Prior to his brief remarks, Dr. W. M. Roberts, State college, showed slides on work State college scientists are doing in promoting food processing.

Processing seafood when it is plentiful and selling it in other forms when it is not plentiful is one of the great needs for stabilization and better prices in the fishing industry. Dr. Roberts said.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, commented that the fisheries industry has to have the knowledge that will produce predictions as to the amount of catch to be expected so that fisher-

men can be in the office of Marvin W. Clem, postal department real estate officer, Greensboro, by Monday, Feb. 18. The building is to be ready for occupancy within 150 days from that date.

The person offering to construct the building and rent it to the postoffice at the lowest monthly figure will be the successful bidder. Specifications may be seen at Harkers Island postoffice.

The new building will be one-story, brick front and consist of a thousand feet of floor space. It will be erected on a 90 by 242-foot lot owned by Clayton Guthrie, on which the postoffice department has an option. The option will be turned over to the successful bidder who will purchase the land.

The new location is about 400 yards west of the new REA building. The postoffice, which will replace the present wooden building (a rental property) consists of a vestibule, work room, service room, lockbox lobby and will be air-conditioned.

Persons wishing further information should contact postmaster Yeomans at the postoffice, or phone him at his home, FA8-3854.

Radio Gear Will Be Moved Back To Courthouse

Harry Williams, county civil defense director, reports that the radio equipment now on the second floor of the old jail, Beaufort, will be moved to the basement under the clerk of court's office in the courthouse.

Mr. Williams said dampness in the old jail was damaging to the equipment. The radio room was formerly in the basement under the clerk's office, but Mr. Williams said there was insufficient space; also, water came in under the door.



Earl Holton, Vandemere, center, is president of the NCA. At the left is state fisheries commissioner C. G. Holland, Beaufort, and with him is Dr. Frank Thomas, food processing specialist, State college, who acted as master of ceremonies.

County Office Holders Train New Appointees

C. L. Beam, former veterans' service officer, and Harrell Taylor, former building inspector, have been requested to remain in their jobs two more months, to train their successors.

Their successors are Ralph Thomas, in the veterans' officer's job, and Albert Chappell in the building inspector's job.

In becoming veterans' officer, Mr. Thomas returns to a position he held for six months in 1945-46.

On Nov. 4, 1945, representatives of veterans' organizations appeared before the county commissioners to request that a veterans' service officer be employed.

Hugh Hill represented American Legion post No. 99, Beaufort; W. H. Bailey and Dr. H. F. Fryther represented the VFW post, Beaufort, and George Ball and Floyd Chadwick represented Legion Post No. 46, Morehead City.

They said that a service officer was needed to see that veterans obtained the money due them, to help those needing medical aid, family aid and to tell them what they could receive from the government in the way of school and education funds.

Mr. Thomas, who had recently been discharged from the Army with the rank of major, was appointed service officer at a special meeting of the county board Nov. 20, 1945. He is a veteran of the Normandy Beach invasion (second world war).

After his appointment, he attended for several days at Chapel

Hill a veterans' service officers' school conducted by the Institute of Government.

In a few months he resigned to go to Canada where he grew tobacco until his return here several years ago. Mr. Beam was appointed to the office June 3, 1946.

Mr. Thomas ran for sheriff on the Democratic ticket in the spring of 1962. In a second primary, he was nosed out by incumbent sheriff Bobby Bell. In the second primary he was adopted and supported by the March for Democracy party.

Mr. Chappell is a former Beaufort businessman. Mr. Taylor has been building inspector since July 1961 when the office was created.

Coast Guard Goes to Aid 146-Foot Fishing Vessel

The Coast Guard 40-footer from Fort Macon went to the aid of a Virginia menhaden boat Wednesday night, after the boat, the R. L. Haynie Jr., Reedville, Va., had run out of fuel near the No. 7 buoy, Beaufort inlet.

The crew of the 146-foot boat transferred fuel from a drum to the tanks and managed to come into port under its own power, with the Coast Guard standing by. The vessel was enroute to the Gulf Coast with five persons on board.

Manning the 40-footer were Ernest Syron, B.M.I., Clayton Russell, B.M.I., Richard Hall, ENI, and Joe Ehrenberg Jr., SK2.