

MURRAY SPENCER, NEW PRESIDENT OCRACOKE PTA

Ocracoke, April 23—At the April meeting of the local P.T.A. Murray Spencer was elected to serve as president for the 1956-57 school year, taking over the office in September. With him Elmo Fulcher will serve as vice-president, Mrs. Geraldine Tolson as secretary, and Mrs. Iva Garrish as treasurer.

Marvin Howard presided over the business session in the absence of Frank Teeter, president. Treasurer, Mrs. Bertha O'Neal, reported about \$150 in the treasury at this time. The organization voted to order some more of the Village maps sold to tourists; to purchase another high school dictionary, and to pay for duplicating paper used by the school for various purposes.

Mr. Rondthaler, principal, announced that the Hyde County Teachers' meeting would be held at Ocracoke on Saturday, May 5th. About twenty-five teachers are expected to make the trip to Ocracoke by boat from Swan Quarter. Possibly State officials from Raleigh will also be with the group. A luncheon meeting will be held at Wahab Village Hotel.

Secretary Mrs. Archie Wahab announced as hostesses for May meeting: Mrs. Wallace Spencer, Mrs. Norman Styron, Mrs. Thurmond Styron, Mrs. Frank Teeter, Mrs. D. S. Tolson, Mrs. Harvey Wahab, Mrs. Archie Wahab and Mrs. Rudolph Waller. A special social hour and program is being planned for the May meeting and two more than the usual number of hostesses will serve.

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OCRACOKE PERSONALS

Walter C. O'Neal, Sr. reports in the first big channel bass caught at Ocracoke this season. On April 18th, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal were surf casting together, and although Mrs. O'Neal usually has the first lucky strike, Mr. O'Neal brought in not only a 37 1/2 pound channel bass, but a two pound trout which the channel bass had evidently just swallowed.

Dr. Fletcher L. Raiford of Hendersonville is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Neal.

First sports fishermen of the season registered at Wahab Village Hotel last week end and this week include Allen Perry of Wilmington, Delaware, Harold H. Sneider of Long Island, Walter Smith of Connecticut, Carl Bannanoff and W. Ygan of Pennsylvania, and Marion L. Farrar and J. Norman Stewart of Arlington, Va. Another party are from nearer home: George A. Lilt, William R. Davis, and Marvin E. Ward, all of Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leinbach and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson of Winston-Salem spent the week end at Sound Front Inn. Mr. Johnson had come here in the days of Capt. Bill Gaskill's Pamlico Inn and has many stories to tell about happy times there. On Sunday they made a trip up to Cape Hatteras by jeep. They returned to Winston-Salem on Monday via Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Howard have had as guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smith of Pennsylvania, N. J.

Mrs. H. A. Vise, mother of Mrs. W. T. Boos, returned to her home in Benton, Illinois, on Monday after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boos and son Warwick.

Mrs. Irvin Garrish left Sunday to join her husband who is working in Wilmington, Delaware. Her children, Agnes Marie and Martha, are living with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Garrish until the end of the school term.

Mrs. Owen Gaskill gave her husband a surprise birthday party recently. Guests were Mrs. Horace Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Styron, John Gaskill, Joyce Midgette, Eleanor Gaskins, Mrs. Betty Midgette, Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, Mrs. Louise J. Tolleson and Betsy C. Styron.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spencer announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Merina, on April 18th at Hatteras Health Clinic. Mrs. Spencer and the baby returned to Ocracoke Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Neal had as week end guests Mr. O'Neal's brother, Dewey O'Neal, and their sons, Herbert and Sam and families of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. John B. Gaskins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Simpson and family in Elizabeth City. Thurman Styron has returned to his work near Atlantic City, N. J. after an extended visit with his family.

Miss Kathleen Bragg, Mrs. Laura Bragg, Miss Florence Gaskins and Mrs. Needham Simpson are planning to spend several days in Beaufort this week.

Mrs. Stacy Simpson of Portsmouth, Va., is spending a week or ten days with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Howard.

On Thursday, May 3rd, the Willing Workers Class of the Methodist Sunday School will sponsor a weiner luncheon at the Church Recreation Hall.

The May meeting of the Woman's Society Circle comes next Tuesday night, May 1st, 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. Since it was voted not to meet during the summer months, this is the last meeting before September. All members are urged to attend. Hostesses are Mrs. Murray Tolson, Mrs. Gladys Williams, Mrs. Ruby Garrish and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler.

Members of Troop 290 who plan to attend the Jamboree on Friday at Cape Hatteras and participate in the Pony Riding Events will leave here with their ponies on Thursday, taking a special ferry trip across the Inlet and camping out Thursday night on Hatteras Island. Scouts planning to go with Capt. Marvin Howard are Edward C. O'Neal, David Esham, Rudy Austin, Ronnie Van O'Neal, Billie Garrish, James Gaskill, Linsey Howard, Joe Ben Garrish, Norman Styron, Louis Tolleson and Jackie Wilson.

EAST LAKE PERSONALS

Mrs. Annie Creekmore and Norman Creekmore of South Mills were recent visitors here.

Bernice Mann and Shelbert Sawyer of Portsmouth were here Sunday.

J. P. Holmes of Manteo, Chester Holmes, and Harry Creaf of Norfolk spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Basnight and children of Norfolk spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McGowan spent the week end at Salvo.

Mrs. Nina Basnight, R. F. Smith and Henry Ambrose were in Engelhard Saturday.

The prime rule of carving turkey is to cut across the grain of the meat. If you cut with the grain, the long meat fibers tend to give a stringy appearance.

The Manufacturing Potential of The N. C. COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

By WILLIAM A. ELLISON, Engineering and Marketing Economist of the State Department of Conservation and Development

In this and succeeding installments, we give our readers a report on the fishing industry of North Carolina which should be carefully read and studied by every fisherman, and all other persons who realize the importance of the fishing industry in this state.

The attention of the state was first focused on the economic phase of its fisheries in 1945-46 when Dr. Harden F. Taylor assumed the responsibility of directing a survey of the marine fisheries of North Carolina under the auspices of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Taylor and his associates studied the fisheries for several years. While the picture has changed somewhat since the conclusion of Dr. Taylor's investigation and the publication of his findings, the basic conclusion drawn by him are as sound today as they were when written. No full understanding of the economic complexities and aggravations of the North Carolina fisheries is possible without an acquaintanceship with the facts given and the conclusions drawn in the economic section found in his volume: Survey of the Marine Fisheries of North Carolina* 1. This section is of unique and lasting value and must serve as the beginning point for any economic and industrial studies on the North Carolina fisheries.

In a lengthy report to the Board of Conservation and Development, Eric W. Rodgers in July 1951 reviewed the fisheries of North Carolina and proposed, among other things, as a function of the Department, the promulgation of processing and manufacturing of packaged seafood. No substantial progress was made in this direction until 1953, when, at the request of the Department, the legislature appropriated \$32,500.00 for economic studies to be undertaken by the University of North Carolina. After some awkwardness and delay in the beginning, these studies were initiated and were fully underway in the early months of 1954. Mr. George Woodward of the School of Business Administration of the University was assigned the task of making the survey, which is now in process. We have seen no report, except one issued on oysters, but discussions with Mr. Woodward and news reports of speeches made by him indicate the high order of his methods and the development of basic economic facts which promise to be valuable to the fisheries.

The present investigation was designed to complement the studies made during the survey of marine fisheries by Dr. Taylor and those made by Mr. Woodward. These studies were begun on July 1, 1955, and have continued uninterrupted with the exception of about three weeks during hurricanes Connie, Diane and Ione. Concurrently with the investigation, engineering aid and advice have been given to five dealers who were building new plants, expanding or renovating old ones, or planning new construction and an expansion of business.

Primary attention has been given to source, distribution and amount of raw material; existing methods of manufacture; suitability of fish house for expansion; equipment in fish houses retail trade practices governing both packaged seafoods and round fresh fish; methods of processing in other states; suitability of native raw material for manufacture; abundance and potential abundance of raw material; manufacturing and equipment costs.

*1. Survey of Marine Fisheries of North Carolina was published by the University of North Carolina Press: 1951.

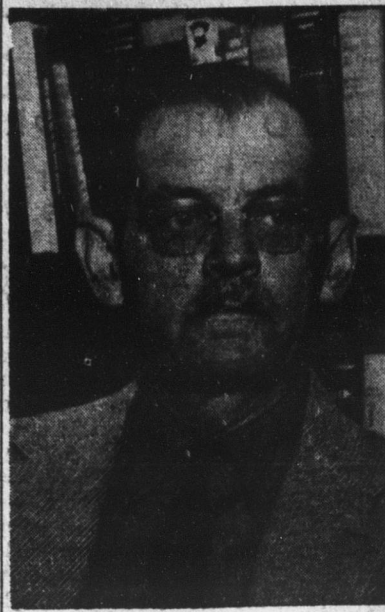
** It is not implied that there is complete agreement with Mr. Woodward's implications concerning oysters.

PROCESSING

Contrary to the usual impression, there is considerable processing done in this state. All herring (alewives) and mullets are processed in some manner. Shrimp pass through the first step in manufacture and crabs, oysters and clams are prepared for consumption. There is, however, considerable opportunity for expansion of manufacture of shrimp, crabs, and oysters. There are limited possibilities for fin fish, but their seasonal appearance, the small volume landed of any one species at any port and the high-ex-vessel price greatly circumscribe operations in this field. The extent of manufacture now done, the methods employed and the natural potential will be discussed under appropriate headings later. It suffices to say now that any substantial processing in this state depends upon shrimp, crabs, and oysters. Any accomplishments in this direction must first depend upon a merchandizing and distribution system.

In those states bordering the south Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay, which have marine resources similar to those found in North Carolina manufacture of fisheries product is limited

A WELL INFORMED MAN REPORTS ON FISHING



WILLIAM A. ELLISON, JR., a resident of Belhaven, N.C., has spent several years in work and study of commercial fishing in this state. He is concerned with the Department of Conservation and Development in the capacity of Engineering and Marketing Economist. His recent report on the food fish industry of North Carolina is an important one, and is being reprinted in our columns for the valuable information it contains. The first installment appears this week.

ed to a great degree to shell fish, crabs, shrimp, and oysters. These animals are processed as such or used to produce cakes, patties, soups, bisques and pastes. A rough breakdown by the manufactured products of the six states of the Chesapeake and South Atlantic for 1952 discloses that oysters, shrimp, and crabs listed as such accounted for approximately 83% of the dollar value of processed goods. Oysters as such led with slightly over 52% of the total value, followed in order by shrimp (over 18%) and crabs (over 16%). Processed fin fish made no significant contribution to the total value of \$52,425,000. A large proportion of the remaining dollar value came from products made from these shellfish such as canned goods, cakes, soups and bisques. These data are tabulated in Table III.

* Because of the erratic scallop production and the small amount of clams produced, these animals offer small opportunity for manufacture beyond the present stage.

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STUMPY POINT PERSONALS

Horace Hooper, Floyd Hooper and Jessie Bell were in Washington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Hooper visited Mrs. Hooper's brother, John Wise of New Bern, for the week end.

Ralph O'Neal was in Elizabeth City Monday.

Mrs. Jasper Hooper, Mrs. Tal Best and Luther Hooper spent Tuesday in Belhaven.

William Gray is home after the winter in Florida shrimping.

Alfred Pugh of Guilford is here. Mrs. Geraldine Stephenson and Florine Hooper attended a meeting of home clubs at Buxton Tuesday.

Mrs. Bob Midgette and Mrs. Woodrow Best attended a meeting of the S.A.A. in Creswell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Bell, Sr. and J. R., Jr. of Norfolk visited Mrs. Florine Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Twiford and Mrs. Florine Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Midgette, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Midgette visited in Guilford and Nebraska.

Mrs. Thurston Gray and family are visiting in Norfolk.

Thurston Midgette is home spending his leave from Flying Pan Lightship.

Mrs. Fannie Meekins returned from Elizabeth City Sunday after

a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Hooper.

Mrs. Clyde Payne is improving from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Burgess were in Engelhard Monday.

Mrs. Viola O'Neal, Gertrude Wise and Florine Hooper attended a meeting of the Order of Eastern Star in Engelhard.

Elroy Hooper and family of Elizabeth City visited Mrs. Calvin Hooper.

Dairy herds of Wisconsin produce about one-seventh of the milk output of the United States.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A Bridal shower attended by more than 30, was given in honor of Mrs. I. D. Midgett, the former Miss Anna Marie Hooper at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie S. Hooper of Avon.

Games and contests were enjoyed. The bride received many lovely gifts. Refreshments of cake, mixed nuts, bridal mints and soft drinks were served.

The hostesses were: Mrs. Ebbie S. Hooper, Mrs. Charles Williams, III, and Mrs. Phillip M. Whitehead.

CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER FROM ATLANTIC TOWNSHIP

I hereby announce as a candidate for Commissioner of Dare County from Atlantic Township, of which I am a lifelong resident. I solicit your vote and support in the Democratic Primary of May 26. I promise if elected to give thoughtful, careful consideration to all the public business, to try to see that the people know about their own affairs, and to carry out their wishes and not the wishes of a few.

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