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Margate Permits Anglers' Pier

Official Sanction Is Given for Clubhouse and Pier Over Ocean

Margate City is to have a modern clubhouse and fishing pier on the ocean front. Official sanction for the project has been given by the City Commissioners and after plans have been approved by the New Jersey Board of Commerce and Navigation and the Federal engineer corps, the work of building the proposed improvement to be made by the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island, will begin.

The improvement will cost approximately \$100,000. A pretentious clubhouse will be erected on the land side of the Boardwalk between Essex and Douglas Avenues, while a pier 300 feet in length will be constructed seaward from the exterior line of the Boardwalk.

A tract of land 150 x 125 feet with riparian rights has been acquired by the club. The original pier structure will extend only 300 feet, but if later it is deemed expedient to lengthen it, the plans provide for expansion without much additional expense.

Willard Shaner, representing the club, appeared before the Commissioners and explained in detail the ambitious program laid down by the club. The plans show that the pier will conform to restrictions as embodied in the beach park act or easement deeds. There will not be any structure above the skyline outside the Boardwalk. The pier will, however, be equipped with modern facilities for cleaning fish and for the storage of bait.

Approve Pier and Seal for Anglers

A seal was adopted and the purchase of the pier in upper Margate approved at the big meeting of the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island last night, held in the Brown Room of the Alamac Hotel.

The seal contains a surf caster, two fish and a water background. It is indeed beautiful and was unanimously selected by the members. It will be engraved on medals and pins of the Anglers' Club.

The pier site at Douglas and Essex Aves also met with the unanimous favor of those present. An interesting talk was heard on the construction of piers. It will be fully 300 feet long.

A casting tournament is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon at Savannah ave. loop. All members are asked to be present. Those participating will be divided into two classes. Prizes will be given for the best caster.

Anglers' Club Buys 1923 Site For Fishing Pier

The newly formed Anglers' Club of Absecon Island, have acquired a site for its fishing pier according to an announcement made last night by H. W. Shaner, secretary. The pier will be located in upper Margate between Douglas and Essex avenues.

It will be 300 feet long, and will be equipped with all modern conveniences. A meeting of the club will be held tomorrow night when various plans for the new pier will be discussed. The club is rapidly growing and its membership includes some of the most prominent men in the city.

Anglers' Club to Build Pier 1923 300 Feet Out Into Atlantic

Bids for the new pier of the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island will be soon asked. It was decided at a lengthy session of the fishing organization last night in the City Commission Chamber to build a pier three hundred feet long with a one-hundred foot T of twenty-five feet on each side. It is expected to be completed by first of July.

A clubhouse will also be constructed on the club property and this is also to be finished by July first. Members of the Anglers' Club are enthused over the decision reached and are now anxiously awaiting the start of the construction.

Papers will be filed with the New Jersey Board of Commerce and Navigation and the United States Corps of Engineers for the permission to build out into the Atlantic Ocean. The pier will be up-to-date in every way, containing electric

lights for night fishing and many live bait boxes.

The annual meeting will be held on April 10 during which time the officers for the ensuing year will be chosen. The present officers are only temporary. There was a discussion last night on the admittance of junior members between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years. This question will be settled within thirty days and an amendment to the constitution must be made before the younger members will be admitted.

Thirty new members were admitted to the club last night, bringing the total well over the two hundred mark. With the many visitors who will desire to join, the membership is expected to swell to five hundred and, possibly more.

The regular weekly casting tournament will be held on Sunday afternoon at Savannah avenue and the Boardwalk.

Anglers' Club Burns \$45,000 In Mortgages

Willard Shaner Presented With Gold Watch Amid Wild Applause

Forty-five thousand dollars' worth of bonds and mortgages were burned as the feature of the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island's third anniversary celebration on the club's pier and headquarters at Essex av. and the Boardwalk last night.

This sum was the indebtedness of the Anglers' club when it was organized three years ago. By the sale of real estate, which had more than doubled in value, the club was able to pay all its debts this year and now stands free and unencumbered.

The bonfire was started by Mrs. Henry W. Stelwagon, wife of the president of the club, and was a signal for a demonstration from over five hundred prominent sportsmen and citizens who attended the celebration.

President Henry W. Stelwagon of the Anglers' club welcomed the many nationally known sportsmen.

"The Anglers' Club of Absecon Island," stated Mr. Stelwagon, in speaking on conservation, "realizes that the most good can be accomplished for the conservation of game fresh and salt water fishes through co-operation. We must all pull together if we are to save game fish from extinction in many parts of the country."

H. Willard Shaner, secretary of the club, was presented with a gold wrist watch in appreciation of his unceasing activity for the club. He also extended a hearty welcome to the visiting anglers.

Mayor Risley, in behalf of Margate City, stated that such organizations as the Anglers' club were a great benefit to any city and wished the club continued success.

The bonfire was followed by a musicale, Dutch supper, fisherman's frolic and dance.

The clubhouse and pier were thrown open to the public all day yesterday and free instruction was given by the members in casting. An impromptu casting tournament was also staged by the members.

Anglers' Club Buys Pier Site

Upper Margate Selected as Location of Modern Fishing Place

MEETING TOMORROW

The purchase of ground in upper Margate for a fishing pier as the property of the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island was announced last night by Secretary H. Willard Shaner. The deal will be officially closed today or tomorrow.

The pier will be situated off the Savannah ave. trolley loop, running between Douglas and Essex aves. It will be 125 feet on the beach and 103 feet deep. The pier will be 300 feet long, and contain all conveniences for fishermen, including cans of fresh bait, electric lights, making it convenient to fish at night, besides benches and chairs. Work will start soon on the construction of the pier.

The members are all enthused over the announcement that the ground has been secured. Plans for construction will be discussed at the big meeting scheduled for tomorrow night at the Alamac Hotel Brown Room. Final action on the seal will be put before the members for discussion.

Tomorrow night's meeting will be addressed by several noted anglers. Acceptance of an invitation tendered William Meekhan, superintendent of the Fairmount Park Aquarium, to address the meeting on April 10 has been received. He is one of the best-versed men in the fishing game in the United States.

Henry W. Stelwagon, who recently joined the Anglers' Club, and is now president of the Association of Surf Angling Clubs, vice-president of the New Jersey Fish and Game Conservation League, which has more than 55,000 members, and past president of the Ocean City Fishing Club, will address the meeting.

Sale of Shore Property Clears Anglers' Debts

Fishing Club Has Title on Riparian Rights—Plan Monster Convention Here in Summer—Wolff Makes Catches in Florida

Selling the shore property at a fancy profit will enable the Anglers' club of Absecon Island to retire its bonds and liquidate all other indebtedness on the clubhouse, pier, equipment, franchise, not to say anything of the valuable riparian rights, the Press-Union learned last night.

When the Anglers' club purchased the site for the pier, ground on the riparian rights were bought together. The shore property was not needed. The land boom sent the value sky high, and as a result the Anglers' club through the profit will be able to burn the bonds at a formal opening in June.

Although the baby among fishing organizations in the east, it compares favorably with the leaders. Many clubs in existence years before the Absecon Island body was formed are looking to the local anglers for pointers.

Plans for the coming year call for a convention of gunning and fishing clubs in the United States. At this time an attempt will be made to have resolutions drawn up to suggest rules which will benefit commercial and sports fishermen.

The gathering will also suggest an amendment to state laws prohibiting the pollution of waters useable for fishing.

Monthly fishing contests and a

grand prize for the season's best catch are also planned by the Anglers' club of Absecon Island. The casting school will start in March.

Henry W. Stelwagon, president, and H. Willard Shaner, secretary, have been chosen as delegates to assist the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial outdoor sports committee in promoting the proposed five-day surf and fresh-water casting tournament next summer.

It is also the hope of the Sesqui committee, according to Shaner, to have the Long Island Fishing club stage its tourney for the Ocean City cup at this time. The Long Island organization won the trophy, and, therefore, has the privilege to choose the scene of the next tournament.

Henry Wolff, noted Atlantic City fishing enthusiast, writes from Stuart, Fla., that sail-fish are much in evidence in southern waters. He also claims to have made several big catches of the specie.

Clifford Rosengarten, resort sportsman and member of the Anglers' club of Absecon Island, recently returned from a successful fishing trip through the waters of Florida. He is displaying a 45-pound swordfish snared in southern waters with the help of a No. 9 line. The accomplishment of nabbing such a sized fish with so small a line is said to be exceptional.

Anglers to Cast at New Pier Site

Class and Handicap Events to Be Staged at Margate City Loop at 2 O'clock

The joys of casting, to fishermen members of the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island will be found at the new fishing pier site of the recently organized club at the Savannah avenue car loop in Margate City, according to Secretary H. H. Shaner, of the club, who last night announced that there will be casting and handicap contests this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the beach near the loop.

There will be three classes, Class A, Class B and Class C with two prizes and five casts each to every participant, and the handicap event will call for a handicap of one cast and there will be one prize for this event.

The site of the new fishing pier was recently chosen by the anglers at a meeting held in the Brown Room of the Alamac Hotel. Another meeting along the same lines will be held in this room on Thursday, March 15.

It is proposed to build a modern type of pier with a T arrangement sufficient to accommodate more than 70 fishermen.

Today anglers from Ocean City and several men of national casting and fishing repute, will be on hand to watch and participate in exhibition events.

\$5.00 PRIZE FOR THE FIRST FISH

J. M. Perkins of Anglers' Club of Absecon Island Forecasts Busy Season

J. M. Perkins of 101 North New Haven avenue, Ventnor City, one of the charter members of the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island, has offered a prize of a five dollar gold piece to the angler who catches the first fish in casting from the pier this spring. Mr. Perkins himself, caught the first fish last year. He is looking forward to a very interesting season for members of the club.