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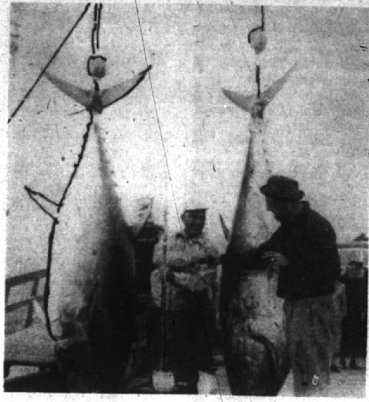
Voters Will Find City Amendment on Nov. 2 Ballot

Birmingham voters, at the November 2 election, will be asked to amend the city charter to permit the city manager to make a \$1,000 purchase for the city without approval of the city commission.

In recommending this change in the charter, City Manager Donald C. Eichert said it was necessary to keep pace with rising prices.

Under present charter provisions, the manager is permitted only to make purchases not exceeding \$500 without previous advertisement. Upon a five-seventh vote of the commission, he may purchase up to \$1,000 without advertisement.

The Catch That Set A Record



Pictured above are Mark Bears (left) and Dr. A. L. McNaughton, with the two tuna which totaled 1,240 pounds. The two fish, caught by one man in a day's fishing here this year.

By Alice E. Morgan

Watch that tuna salad—it may be a part of the 2,645 pounds of tuna which Mark Bears and Dr. A. L. McNaughton caught on their recent trip to Nova Scotia. Fishing off the coast of Yarmouth, Derby is held each year, they spent eight days as a part of the 23-day fleet.

On their first day out the local men were successful in landing a fish, and went on from that point to establish several records, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. Their catch ranged from the smallest of the current season, 87 pounds, to the fourth largest, 683 pounds, and their total was the highest for the season.

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The commission approved a charter amendment raising the limits to \$1,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

"This section of the charter should be brought up to the point where it permits me to meet today's price levels," he recommended.

At the present time, he can't even purchase gasoline necessary to run city vehicles without commission approval, he said.

"This illustrates the tightness of today's markets in many items, items which we have to map up or go without. Delaying such comparatively small purchases of critical items even for a few days till the commission meets, has and will continue for some time to hamper city activities," he explained.

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Two Cranbrook Scientists at Annual Meeting

Dr. Stanley A. Cain and Dr. Curtis L. Newcombe of the Cranbrook Institute of Science are addressing the centennial celebration of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, September 13-17.

The theme of the convention, which will be opened by the President of the United States in Convention Hall, "One World of Science."

The program lists 45 symposium speakers and 12 evening lectures. This Association has a membership of 40,000 scientists and with associated and affiliated societies, the total membership is half a million.

Dr. Newcombe, zoologist at the Cranbrook Institute, is presenting two papers at meetings of affiliate conferences, one concerning lake productivity and the other, growth of the blue crab.

Must Conserve Resources

The only botanist to address the group is Dr. Cain, whose topic is "Plants and Vegetables as Exhaustible Resources." Showing that we have developed a false sense of security regarding our dwindling natural resources with a "let the future take care of itself" attitude, it is now imperative that agriculture, forestry and wildlife management be conducted on a sustaining basis.

His recommendation of "special effort on the part of all educative agencies interested in public welfare to see the whole problem and to develop a public comprehension at least adequate to allow for a wide public following of enlightened leaders" is advanced as a partial aid to solution.

However, a note of pessimism is sounded in his statement "that the dual problems of population control and dwindling resources appear less likely of a solution friendly to man than the control of the atom bomb."

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