

PETER OLIVER BAHR

Born on Long Beach Island 98 years ago, Pete Bahr is one of the last of the original natives of Surf City. He was destined to live his life on Barnegat Bay as many others of the area did. From the time he was a schoolboy he clammed the bay and learned to eel and scallop.

As he matured, his daddy taught him boat building and the appreciation of woodworking. He learned to make garveys, skiffs, crossbows, cabinets, anything made of wood, even his own home.

In time he became a duck hunting guide running out of rented shanties on the islands in the bay. The method in those days was to use cannon-type guns mounted on the front of the sneakboxes. His living came from this and game hunting and the boat building trade.

Pete moved from the Island to the little boat shop he built on Route 9 in Cedar Run; it is now Ucci's Pizza. His home was the little house behind it. He built most of the garveys for Ace's and Speck boat rental marinas.

Pete Bahr still isn't far from his birthplace. He and his wife, Myrtle, reside on Dock Road in West Creek, where they have a peaceful life on the creek reaping the fruits of their vegetable garden and what the bay will relinquish to them.