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They Gathered at the Manger...



Figures on the lawn of the First Free Will Baptist church, Beaufort, depict the adoration of the Christ child in the manger.

Fire Wipes Out Building Next To Sea Level Inn; Youth Burned

Churches Will Observe Birth Of Jesus Christ

- Worship Services, Programs Announced
- Santa to Provide Treats for Kiddies

Churches throughout the county will observe Christmas with worship, programs by children, and with special numbers by the choirs. The following churches have supplied the newspaper with information on their services:

St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Morehead City (see complete program on page 4 this section) will have a service Sunday night, Christmas eve.

The service will begin at 11:15 p.m., preceded by a half hour's concert of carols on the organ by Mrs. Theodore Phillips. Christmas carols on the carillon bells will be played from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

The First Baptist church, Morehead City, will observe Christmas with a children's program at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by prayer and the Lord's Supper in the church auditorium at 7 p.m.

During the children's program, the Lotie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions will be received. The goal is \$2,630, of which \$674 has already been realized, according to the pastor, the Rev. Corbin Cooper.

At the close of the program, everyone will receive a Christmas treat of fruit and candy. The public is invited to both the 5:30 and 7 p.m. services.

The Christmas Eve service in the First Methodist church, Morehead City, will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. The Methodist Youth Fellowship will have charge of the program, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Max Mason.

Mr. Austin Williams will direct. See CHURCHES, Page 7

Fire devastated a building at Sea Level at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. The blaze wiped out a barber shop, gas station and seriously damaged adjoining quarters of the Sea Level Coast Guard unit. David Gaskill, 16, Sea Level, suffered burns.

The building, owned by Dan, Leslie, William and Alfred Taylor, formerly of Sea Level, was located east of the Sea Level inn. The Taylor brothers built the building when they built the hospital and inn nine years ago.

The gas station was operated by Charles F. Fuchs, Sea Level, and the barber shop by Marvin Rice, Atlantic.

Members of the Coast Guard unit, numbering seven, have taken up quarters in the former ferry office in the Sea Level inn. Lt. John Riddell, commanding officer of Fort Macon group, which includes Sea Level, says the unit is continuing operation as usual. The dock used by the Coast Guard was not damaged by the fire.

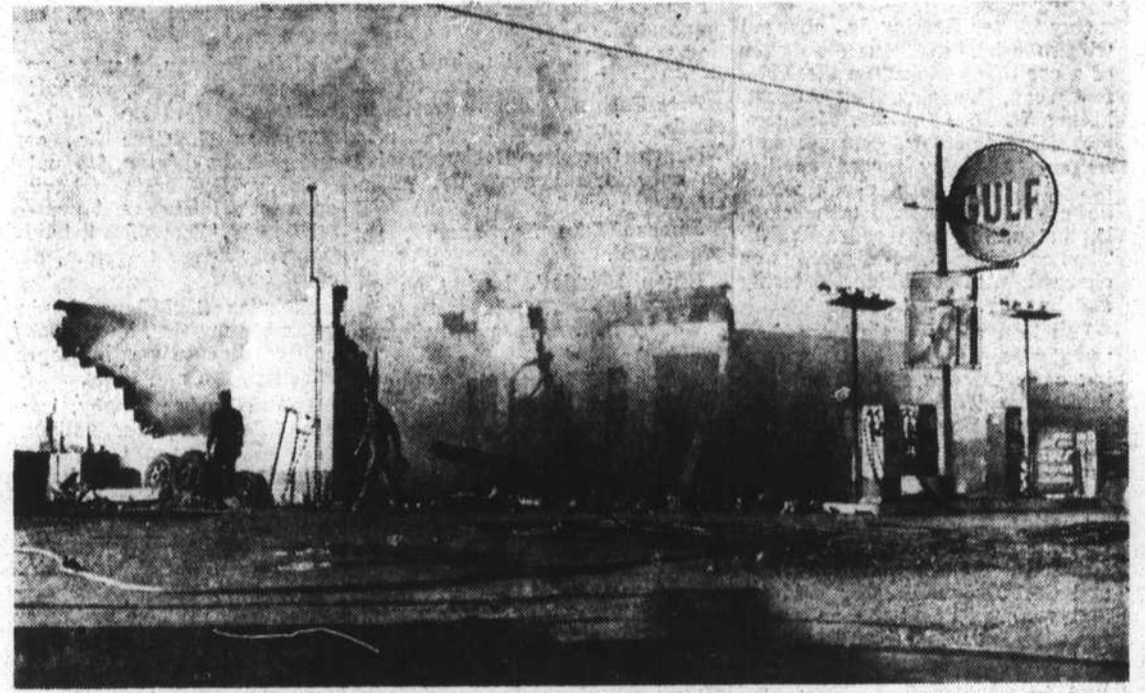
Gaskill, who was employed at the service station, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gaskill, Sea Level. He suffered burns on his right leg and hand and was admitted to the Sea Level hospital. The blaze is believed to have started in the grease pit, possibly from a spark from the air compressor.

The Beaufort rural fire association truck and the No. 5 truck from the Beaufort fire department, as well as the truck from Atlantic, went to the fire.

Beaufort firemen got the call at 2 p.m. and stayed on the scene for two hours. It was believed that gasoline at the station might ignite. Members of the sheriff's department and J. W. Sykes of the highway patrol were on duty at the scene.

Harrell Taylor, county building inspector and resident of Sea Level, said Wednesday it appears to him that the building will have to be totally rebuilt. It is believed that the building was partially insured.

The fire was the third large one in the county in a week. Dee Gee's gift shop, Morehead City, burned Dec. 12, and a four-unit apartment house in Morehead City burned Sunday morning, Dec. 17.



The fire-ravaged building contained a service station on the east, a barber shop in the middle and the Coast Guard station on the west. This is a view looking west.

Newport, Morehead City Residents Discuss Schools

Morehead City and Newport school and PTA representatives conferred Monday night at the county board of education office. They discussed school improvement.

Leslie Bercegeay, of the Newport school planning committee, described Newport's plan for school consolidation throughout the county.

School building problems, since defeat of the proposed bond issue several years ago, were reviewed. H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said that the general feeling at the meeting was that the only hope for better schools is through consolidation.

Attending the meeting were E. B. Comer, Newport principal; Nathan Garner, Gerald Merrill, Charles Hill, and Roy T. Garner, all of Newport; Dr. A. F. Chestnut, H. S. Gibbs Jr., Mrs. A. B. Roberts, Mrs. George Dill, Clyde Burr and Cecil Smith, all of Morehead City; Mr. Joslyn and the following members of the county board of education:

Robert Safrin, chairman, George R. Wallace and W. B. Allen.

58 Attend Emeritus Party

Fifty-eight persons attended the Emeritus club ladies' night program and Christmas party Monday night at the Rex restaurant, Morehead City.

H. F. Lindsay, vice-president, presided. He welcomed the guests and Mrs. D. G. Bell responded. Christmas carols were sung, led by Mr. and Mrs. Grayden Paul, with accompaniment by Al Dewey and his accordion.

Guests, in addition to Mrs. Bell, were Mrs. Kathryn Pearson, Mrs. Phil Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carr, Mrs. Theodore B. McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schick, Mrs. Alvah Hamilton and Mrs. Sarah Willis.

The room was decorated by Mrs. E. P. Spence in the Christmas theme. The ladies were presented Christmas corsages. A steak dinner was served.

Leaves Hospital

Willis Byrd, Harlowe, who was injured Nov. 21 at Morehead City port, was discharged Tuesday from Morehead City hospital. Byrd suffered serious injuries when a fork-lift ran over him.

This Issue Brings You Greetings...

This issue is full of Yuletide wishes from all the folks who serve you 365 days of the year at shops, service establishments, grocery stores and business offices.

They want to wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season. They know the only way to get their greetings to everyone is through THE NEWS-TIMES.

License Revoked

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has revoked the driver's license of Clifford Smith, Morehead City, for drunk driving. Smith was convicted in Morehead City recorder's court Dec. 9.

Newport Man Held for Theft

Walter Thomas Kennon, Newport, was jailed Tuesday under \$500 bond and charged with theft of \$225 from Bennie Smith, Beaufort.

According to sheriff Robert Bell, Kennon broke into Smith's room at the Godette hotel, Beaufort, Monday, cut the bottom of a foot locker belonging to Smith and removed ten 20-dollar bills and 25 one-dollar bills.

The theft was reported to the sheriff's department at 11:15 p.m. Monday, after Smith had returned to his room. The sheriff said Smith had left in the morning and spent the day at Harlowe.

Someone reported that Kennon "was hanging around" the hotel. The sheriff's department eventually located Kennon west of the highway 24 and 70 intersection, at a home there.

Kennon was in county court Tuesday. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to superior court. He was put under \$500 bond.

The sheriff said that after being picked up, Kennon persistently denied knowing anything about the money. The sheriff and deputy Bruce Edwards searched him thoroughly and were about to give up when the sheriff found the \$200 wadded up and stuck inside the back of Kennon's cap.

The 25 ones were gone. Kennon is reported to have said he lost the money in a card game.

Thief Takes Cash During Break-in at Cedar Point

Deputy sheriff C. H. Davis is investigating a break-in at the Waterway drive-in, Cedar Point. Sheriff Robert Bell said the break-in was discovered by the operator, Mr. Dilbeck, when he opened for business Wednesday night.

The sheriff said it has not been determined how entry was gained. The thief ripped open two shuffleboard machines and two juke boxes, taking about \$100.

How Will You End YOUR Holidays?



Photo by J. W. Sykes

By R. H. BROWN
State Trooper

Will the Christmas season be just a one-way street for you? A forceful story is written in the picture above. Too many people make their holiday season a one-way trip to the cemetery.

Last Dec. 24, 25 and 26 twenty-five were killed on North Carolina highways. That's better than eight a day!

Injuries for the three-day period were 498.

During the three-day New Year's period 16 were killed. Injured were 294.

The statistics are getting too high for folks to figure the law of averages will leave them out. The principal reason for fatal

accidents over both last Christmas and last New Year's, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles, is speed.

Add to that a few holiday drinks and the end result is likely to be disaster.

It's unfortunate that some people choose to drink to celebrate Christmas, but it's more unfortunate that they then decide to get out on the public highways and endanger your life and mine.

The National Safety council says that during one Christmas season, 55 per cent of the nation's fatal accidents involved a drinking driver. The social drinker, not the drunk, is the biggest menace on the streets and highways.

Contrary to popular belief, a cup of coffee cannot counteract effects of an evening of drinking. Only time and body processes can do that. It requires at least an hour for the body to absorb or eliminate one bottle of beer or each ounce of whiskey.

A good driver is able to judge speeds, distances, follow traffic patterns, make adjustments as traffic flow changes and quickly react to hazards and emergencies.

After taking a few drinks, a good driver is no longer able to do these things well. Don't make a state trooper force you to obey the law. Be "your own state trooper." Let courtesy, common sense and reasonable speed be your companions in your car this holiday season.

Six Defendants Fined Costs In Beach Court

Six defendants appeared in Atlantic Beach mayor's court Tuesday night. Each was fined court costs by Mayor A. B. Cooper. Defendants and their charges, according to police chief Bill Moore, were:

Charles J. Peedin, Selma, public drunkenness; Clayborne S. Corse, Reedville, Va., public drunkenness and using loud and profane language; Malvin A. Neuel, Shelter, N. Y., interfering with a police officer making an arrest.

Jimmy McIntyre, Goldsboro, using loud and profane language and disturbing the peace; Richard D. McGuire, Cherry Point, public drunkenness; Thomas Howard, Newport, exceeding speed limit in a 20 mph zone.

Attempt Made to Enter Supermarket Tuesday

The sheriff's department was investigating Wednesday an attempted break-in at Bell's supermarket, Cape Carteret.

Sheriff Robert Bell said that wood was chipped around the lock of the door but entry had not been gained. The damaged door was discovered by Mr. Bell when he opened the business Wednesday morning.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Dec. 22	LOW
8:22 a.m.		2:09 a.m.
8:49 p.m.		2:50 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 23		
9:04 a.m.		2:52 a.m.
9:34 p.m.		3:32 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24		
9:46 a.m.		3:34 a.m.
10:20 p.m.		4:11 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25		
10:28 a.m.		4:11 a.m.
11:06 p.m.		4:50 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 26		
11:10 a.m.		4:49 a.m.
11:51 p.m.		5:27 p.m.

High Mass at St. Egbert's



High mass will be observed at midnight Christmas Eve in St. Egbert's Catholic church, Morehead City. Officiating will be the Rev. Hugh P. Kennedy, pastor, shown above with John Hartnett, altar boy, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. C. Hartnett, Bonham Heights.

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