

Restaurant Fire Quickly Contained

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN
Thanks to fast action on the part of the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, a fire that started June 28 in Steere's Seafood Restaurant in Calabash was extinguished in about five minutes.
Fireman Steve Moore said the fire was reported about 3:30 p.m. and "five-foot high flames" were describ-

ed. "We immediately asked for help from Sunset Beach, but when we saw the fire we cancelled that," he said. Two local fire trucks had it under control within five minutes.
An exhaust fan on the roof was the culprit, Moore said. Its motor shorted out and the plastic cover over the motor caught fire, causing a flash

fire. However, the blaze was prevented from spreading and Moore said the motor and a few shingles are the only casualties.
"It's lucky it didn't happen at 2 o'clock in the morning," he added.
The restaurant owner, Pete Steere, who also owns restaurants in North Myrtle Beach and Murrells Inlet,

lives in North Myrtle Beach. He closed the Calabash Steere's two weeks ago and put it up for sale.
Steere said in a telephone interview Thursday, "It wasn't a fire. There were no shingles burned; it was just a little bitty motor. I don't think it's fair to put it in the newspaper."

Brunswick Unemployment Back To Double Digits

While most of southeastern North Carolina accommodated the larger summer labor force with insignificant increases in unemployment, Brunswick County's jobless rate jumped from 9.7 to 10.8 percent in May. N.C. Employment Security Commission figures showed that out of a total labor force of 16,340, there were 1,770 in the county out of work last month.
This was the highest rate in the seven area counties, including Bladen, Columbus, New Hanover, Duplin, Onslow, and Pender. Only Bladen also had double-digit unemployment, with a 10 percent rate.
ESC officials said Brunswick County's increase was largely due to a temporary layoff of construction

workers at Carolina Power and Light Co. With a new contract, workers are expected to be re-hired next month, they said.
Statewide, unemployment rose from 5.1 percent in April to 5.4 percent in May, and nationally the May rate was 7.3 percent.
Duplin County achieved the most dramatic recovery, going from an 11.3 percent unemployment to 7.2 percent in May. New Hanover's jobless rate increased from 5.5 percent to 5.9 percent.
Aside from Duplin, only Pender County reported improved statistics, dropping its previous 7.7 percent unemployment rate to 7.2 percent in June. The lowest rate in the region was Onslow County, with 4.3 percent in May.

Holden Commissioners Awards Audit Contract

The Holden Beach Town Board, in a special four-minute session Monday morning, hired the firm of Brock, Berry and Padgett for the fifth consecutive year to audit the town books.

Commissioner Hal Stanley said the firm would charge its usual hourly rate for the job, but had put a \$4,500 cap on the total audit cost. Town Manager Bob Buck added the auditors did not expect the work would take as long as usual this year.

Two other firms considered were Lowrimore, Warwick and Co., and John Carraway.

Before adjourning, commissioners discussed informally their hurricane emergency plans. Stanley reported that Carvin Robinson, whose motel on the causeway had been used during the last storm by some town officials, had reconsidered his previous decision not to offer his place to the board as a command post. "But he said it would only be open to human beings," Stanley said.

After a brief discussion about the dilemma of pets, Stanley said his office, across from the motel, was fenced and had a telephone that could be

used as the official telephone during an emergency. Commissioner Gay Atkins said the telephone company had agreed to rotate their Town Hall

number to any other phone.
Decisions regarding location of the command post will be made at the next meeting.

Kim Weeks Was Runner-Up

A former Miss N.C. Fourth of July was named fourth runner-up last Saturday in the Miss North Carolina Scholarship Pageant and Miss Brunswick County left her mark on the event as well, according to pageant observers.

Kim Weeks of Southport received a \$350 scholarship as fourth runner-up in addition to the \$150 awarded to all participants in the state pageant, said her chaperone, Connie Ledgett of Southport.

Miss Weeks, a senior music and drama major at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, was

the 1980 Miss N.C. Fourth of July. She represented the Miss Western Piedmont Pageant, an open preliminary, in the state pageant.

It was her first time competing in the state pageant and it came after several years off the pageant circuit.

With what she learned at this pageant in mind, said Mrs. Ledgett, "We hope she'll look at going back again."

Completes Course

Specialist 4 William R. Hardee recently completed the two-week Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Bragg. He is a member of Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry of the N.C. Army National Guard in Shallotte.

He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Shallotte with their daughter, Faith. He is employed by Triple T as a truck mechanic in Wilmington.

Arrives For Duty

Army Maj. Barry M. Borst, son of Howard M. and Betty J. Borst of Calabash, has arrived for duty with the combined forces command in South Korea. He is a countermeasures officer.

Completes Course

Army Pvt. Gene B. Williams, son of Garfield and Nettie B. Williams of Winnabow, has completed an airplane repair course at the U.S. Army Transportation School in Ft. Eustis, Va.



Ocean Isle Beach Land Use Plan Update Approved

A committee authorized by the Ocean Isle Beach Town Board met Friday and approved a revised land use plan update prepared by Ken Weeden of Fairbert, Cox and Associates. The committee included Mayor LaDane Bullington, building inspector Druid Robison, and town commissioners Terry Barbee and Debbie Fox.

According to Mrs. Bullington, all the changes requested by the committee were "nit-picky changes in wording."

She said two important additions to the update, not included in the 1981 land use plan, were plans for sidewalks and hurricane evacuation plans.

The sidewalks are to be on the ocean side of 1st and 2nd streets. The evacuation plans had already been drafted by the town, but are included in the land use plan for the first time.

The update now goes to the Coastal Resources Commission for its suggestions, then comes back to the town for final adoption, Mrs. Bullington said.

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