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Fire Seriously Damages Lipman Building, Beaufort

Little Theatre Will Present 'Joan of Lorraine' Saturday

Who Said Moving Was Fun?

With plasterers, press mechanics, electricians, and plumbers falling about our heads, we, in amazement and with pride, have been able to get out a paper today—late and small though it may be.

NEWS BRIEFS

New doors on Ann Street Methodist church, the gift of W. H. Potter, were put in place last week. They replace doors badly in need of repair.

County delegates to the state farm bureau convention last week at Asheville returned home Thursday night. Detailed reports on the convention will appear in subsequent issues of THE NEWS-TIMES.

Prices on Dixie Dairy Products, Morehead City have been dropped one cent. H. T. Scripps, president of the company, has announced.

The new 1949 Dodge will be shown Friday for the first time in Carteret county at Paul Motor company, Front street, Beaufort. Walsey Paul, owner of Paul Motor company, returned recently from Columbia, S. S., where he attended a dealer preview of the completely new-styled Dodge cars.

The state board of governors, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will meet in Morehead City Friday and Saturday for their mid-winter session. Delegates are expected to number 100.

The Carteret District committee, Boy Scouts of America, will meet at 7:30 tonight at the civic center, Morehead City. W. C. Wall, field Scout executive, will be present.

Home demonstration club meetings this week are as follows: Russell's Creek, 7:30 tonight (Tuesday) with Miss Jessie Powell; Camp Glenn, 2:30 tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Will Glancy; Williston, 7:30 tomorrow night with Mrs. Junie Lynch; Wildwood, 2:30 Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Barnes; Cedar Island, 1 o'clock Friday afternoon with Mrs. Lydia Lupton; Atlantic, 3 o'clock Friday afternoon with Mrs. Claude Davis.

Power line poles on the causeway between Beaufort and Morehead City are being replaced. This is in connection with the stringing of a 33,000 volt line from Cherry Point to Beaufort. The causeway work will continue the loop to Morehead City.

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Tide Table

Table with 2 columns: HIGH and LOW. Rows for Tuesday, Feb. 22, Wednesday, Feb. 23, Thursday, Feb. 24, and Friday, Feb. 25.

Teen-Agers Have Birthday Party

The Lions club of Morehead City presented the Teen-Agers with a large birthday cake in celebration of the Teen-Age club's first birthday Saturday night at the recreation center, Shepard street, Morehead City.

Group Presents Mrs. Harold Sampson with Fountain Pen; 300 Attend Party

The Lions club of Morehead City presented Mrs. Harold Sampson with a large fountain pen in appreciation of her work as adviser of the club, the Teen-Agers presented her with a fountain pen. The presentation was made by Miss Lois Webb, club president.

List of Deceased In Burial Ground

Appearing below are the last of the 201 names taken from the gravestones of Ann Street cemetery. Compilation of these names was undertaken by the Cemetery Restoration association which has cleaned the tombstones, restored graves, and which now plans to plant flowering bushes in the burial grounds.

Power Company to Place Cable Over Newport River

Tide Water Power Company, Wilmington, has made application for a permit to construct an overhead power cable across Newport river, Col. H. R. Cole, district engineer, announced today.

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The cable will run 31 feet south of and parallel to the highway bridge between Morehead City and Beaufort. The overhead portion of the proposed line will have a vertical clearance of 28 feet above mean low water.

The Little Theatre's first production, Joan of Lorraine, will be given at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the recreation center auditorium, Shepard street, Morehead City.

The original date, Feb. 18, had to be changed because the recreation center was not available on that night.

This play, in two acts, by the well-known playwright, Maxwell Anderson, is the same in which Ingrid Bergman appeared on Broadway and which was later made into a movie.

It tells the story of Joan, the peasant girl, who through sheer faith and fortitude, led the 15th century armies of France victoriously against the Burgundians, only to be sentenced to death at the stake.

Appearing in the drama Saturday night will be actors from Beaufort and Morehead City. Seven of the men in the cast are students at Morehead City Technical institute where the director of the production, Miss Doris Leach, is an instructor in English. Another MCTI student, Toby Moss, is in charge of lighting.

The seven students in the cast are Ralph Musser, Harold Ketterer, Charles Dunman, Larry Benedict, William O'Brien, William Martin, and Roger Evans.

The complete cast follows: (in some cases a character plays a dual role): Masters, the director and Inquisitor, D. G. Bell; Al, the stage manager, Bob Davis; Tessie, assistant stage manager and Aurore, Ella Margaret Morris; Marie, the costumer, Charlotte Guthrie; Pouljengy and the electrician, Ralph Musser; Cauchon, the bishop, Eugene Roelofs; Durand Laxart, Harold Ketterer.

Joan, Lois Chapin; Pierre d'Arc, Charles Dunman; Jean d'Arc, Larry Benedict; St. Michael, William O'Brien; St. Catherine, Thelma Branch; Jean de Metz and the Executioner, William Martin; La Hire, Eugene Roelofs; Alain Chartier, poet, Ansil Chapin; the Dauphin, Carter Broad; George Dretremolle, Charles Markey; Archbishop of Rheims, Thomas Respass; Dunois, Roger Evans; Father Massieu, Charles Markey.

Committees for the play are as follows: Bob Davis, stage manager; scenery, Bob Davis, chairman; Thomas Respass, Charlotte Guthrie, Carter Broad, Ansil Chapin, William Martin, Toby Moss, and D. G. Bell.

Properties, Ruth Bailey, chairman, Virginia Purifoy, and William O'Brien; costumes, Mrs. Giles Willis, chairman, Charlotte Guthrie, and Mrs. Eugene Roelofs; lighting, Toby Moss, chairman, Larry Benedict; programs, D. G. Bell; publicity, Charles Markey, Ruth Peeling; makeup, Miss Leach.

Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Little Theatre or at the door Saturday night.

X-Ray Unit Schedule

Tuesday (today)—Davis and junction of Nine-Foot and Mason-town roads.

Wednesday—Williston Methodist church and A. R. Hartfield's station, Ocean.

Thursday—E. H. Davis store, Marshallberg, and Roger Jones's store, Broad Creek.

After inspection by insurance adjusters yesterday and today, fire damage to the Lipman department store building and to stock within, was estimated between \$20,000 and \$30,000. This damage is covered only partially by insurance, according to the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lipman, Beaufort.

The building was seriously damaged by fire which was discovered shortly after 4 a. m. Saturday morning by night police officer Carlton Garner who saw smoke pouring from the building as he pulled up in the patrol wagon at the Front street police station.

Fire departments were summoned from Morehead City, Cherry Point and New Bern by Beaufort Police Chief Gilbert Glancy who feared that the whole Beaufort business section would be endangered if the Lipman fire continued to gain headway.

Origin of the fire has not been determined. It is believed, however that it probably began from a dropped cigarette. Belief that the flames originated in the elevator shaft was later discarded when adjusters placed probable origin between a floor and ceiling of one of the upper floors.

Because floorboards are not tightly put together, owners said, a cigarette may have dropped through one of the cracks.

Above the store itself are rooms where the VFW holds meetings and also a storeroom where groceries are kept by F. I. Simmons of Simmons grocery, Turner street. Mr. Simmons estimated damage to his property at \$1,000. This loss is covered by insurance.

Adjusters discovered yesterday that the roof had not caved in, but walls have not yet been tapped. It is believed that they were not damaged. Work of the adjusters will not be complete until the latter part of this week.

If possible, business in the department store may be carried on at one side of it. No inventory has been taken as yet of the stock and no plans have been made in regard to repair or remodeling of the store. Mr. and Mrs. Lipman said.

The major part of the damage was due to smoke and water in the store itself. Flames did the most damage to upper floors.

It was 6:30 Saturday morning before the fire, which could be seen for many miles, was finally brought under control. Trucks from surrounding stations returned home at 8 o'clock. To Chief Glancy's thanks for their assistance, Mr. and Mrs. Lipman added their sincere thanks and appreciation.

Although the City barber shop and the exchange building of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company are adjacent to the store, no damage was sustained there.

Scores of people were attracted to the fire in darkness of the morning, but the Lipmans did not realize that their place of business was burning and were summoned about three-quarters of an hour after the fire was discovered by Chief of Police Louis B. Willis.

Others reported too that they did not hear the fire alarm in the Front street extended section where the Lipmans live.

This was the second large fire in Beaufort this year. The first occurred last month when the kiln at Safrit's lumber mill caught fire.

Robert G. Lowe Wins Jaycee 1949 Man-of-Year Award



MAN-OF-THE-YEAR Robert G. Lowe

Robert G. Lowe, better known as Bob, Morehead City's executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, last night was presented with the Junior Chamber of Commerce "man-of-the-year" award for distinguished and outstanding service to Morehead City during the past year.

The presentation was made by George W. Dill, Jr., mayor of Morehead City, who cited qualities characteristic of the person in whom the gold Junior Chamber of Commerce key is annually awarded, enthusiasm, service beyond the call of duty, and a continual worker for the betterment of Morehead City.

The gold key was given to Mr. Lowe following dinner at the Fort Macon hotel, regular weekly meeting place of Morehead City Jaycees.

President Bruce Goodwin gave the address of welcome and introduced guests, Dr. John Morris, president of Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, Grover Munden, president of WMBL, Lockwood Phillips, president of the Carteret Publishing company, James Wallace, Ansil Chapin, Charles Markey, and Ray Cummings of WMBL, and Ruth Peeling of the NEWS-TIMES.

Last night was also Bosses' Night. Floyd Chadwick, Jr., introduced his boss, Floyd Chadwick, Sr., Ethan Davis introduced Gordon C. Willis, and Charles Willis introduced his employer, Bernard Leary.

Mr. Lowe, who was speechless immediately after receiving the award, later told the Jaycees that an honor such as that made him more determined to continue with renewed effort in his work.

Winner of the gold key was determined by vote of the various civic organizations in Morehead City.

Farmers Start Work on Canal

Dragline Will Move 6,000 Cubic Feet of Dirt To Make Cannady Ditch

Work is under way now on clearing the right-of-way for the community canal, Cannady branch in the Nine-Foot road section, Newport. Cost of clearing is estimated at \$300.

Farmers of that section asked the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation district for assistance in surveying the area and it was discovered that 6,000 cubic feet of dirt will have to be moved. The dragline is expected to arrive to begin actual construction of the canal today. The same Durham contractor who did work on the Rams Horn canal, Newport, will build the Cannady drainage ditch.

The government this year, through the Agriculture Adjustment administration pays 10 cents per cubic yard of the total cost of 21 cents per cubic yard to remove the dirt. Last year the government paid only 8 cents per cubic yard, according to Roy Beck, soil conservationist in this county.

Farmers participating in the drainage project are C. T. Cannon, Clyde Garner, Carlyle Garner, Artis Garner, Roy Garner, Lem Gible, Charles T. Pringle, L. Lewis, Junius Bell, Quickman Cannon, Daniel Simmons, Carl Cannon, and Mr. Radford.

Construction of the canal will require about two weeks.

Mayor Hears Two Cases in Court

Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., mayor of Morehead City, in court Monday afternoon told Tom Lewis and S. Kermit Hedgecock, both of Morehead City, that they could bring a civil suit against each other but that the police court had no jurisdiction in regard to the accident in which both were involved Saturday night.

Tom Lewis, driving a Chevrolet pickup truck, testified that he signaled to make a left turn from Arendell on to 9th when Hedgecock in attempting to pass him ran into his car, damaging his left front fender.

Hedgecock testified that he failed to see the hand signal. Officer Hubert Fulcher, who investigated, stated that the night was misty and visibility poor.

Also appearing before the mayor was Kib Guthrie, charged with creating a public nuisance. The mayor told Mr. Guthrie that his trash heaps about his store on Evans street, in addition to burning piles of trash were a "fire hazard, health menace, and unsight."

Polio Fund Goes \$1,000 Over Goal

Carteret county's March of Dimes campaign has gone \$1,000 over the \$7,200 quota. A. H. James, chairman, announced yesterday as final figures were compiled.

Collections have been tabulated as follows: commerce and industry, \$799.91; collections from schools, \$1,551.82; through radio, \$2,351.94; coin collectors, \$327.40; sports and special events, \$1,037; President's Ball, \$420.92; movie collections, \$327.40; and donations through mail, \$1,383.05.

Mr. James again thanked everyone who participated in the campaign and those who contributed. He and the Carteret county chapter for Infantile Paralysis are extremely pleased with the results.

Pupils to Present Stunts Friday

Every grade in Beaufort school will participate in stunt night at 8 o'clock Friday night in the Beaufort school auditorium. Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association, the program is being presented to raise money for purchase of books.

Mrs. Robert Safrit and Mrs. James Potter III, co-chairmen of the PTA ways and means committee, are in charge of stunt night. Teachers, however, are supervising the skits to be put on by the pupils.

Last year stunt night was so entertaining it had to be given a second time by popular demand. The auditorium was packed to overflowing.

Doors will open at 7:30. Admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

Farm Bureau Sponsors Control Program on Rats

Applications for Poison, Plus \$1, Due Saturday, Farm Agent Announces

To kill destructive rats, which not only devour farm crops but endanger health, the Carteret County farm bureau is sponsoring again next month the annual rural rat campaign.

Costs to the farmers who participate in the campaign is \$1. On Friday, March 4, fortified Red Squill, which is harmless to people and domestic animals, but poison to rats, will be distributed to each participating farmer.

Applications for the red squill and the dollar must be in the hands of the various community chairman by Saturday. R. M. Williams, county agent, has announced.

In beginning this year's campaign, Mr. Williams said, "We feel that the rat campaign last year was a great success. We want to continue these rat control campaigns as long as there is sufficient participation to justify the effort. In order to realize the greatest benefit from a project of this kind, we must have full cooperation of a great majority of the farmers throughout the county."

A movie on rats, entitled "Vandays in the Night" is being shown this week. Cleve Gillikin's store, Bettie, will be the site of the showing at 7:30 tonight (Tuesday). It will be shown at 7:30 tomorrow night in the Unitarian church, Pelletier, and 7:30 Thursday night in Newport high school auditorium.

Farmers should make application for the rat poison to the farm bureau community campaign chairman in their respective communities, who are as follows: Clyde Garner, Lawrence Garner, Roy Garner, Albert Murdock, Thomas Oglesby, Leslie Springle Neal Campen, I. N. Conner, Herman Merrill, Guy Carraway, Oscar Salter, Guion Lewis, Walter Stewart, Gilbert Whitehurst, Harry Chadwick, Mrs. Daisy Koonce, Allen Vinson, and Jason Morris.

Men Oppose Tax On Oysters

Oystermen from coastal counties at a recent hearing in Raleigh supported the bill to abolish the 50 cent state tax on each bushel of oysters in the shell shipped out of the state.

In the hearing before the House committee on commercial fisheries and oyster industry oystermen said that the tax has ruined out of state oyster shipments. The present 50 cent tax law was passed by the 1947 general assembly in hope that oyster shells would remain in this state because, under present law, oystermen are required to return to the state one-half of the shells from oysters they take and sell.

These shells are then planted by the state to rehabilitate oyster beds, the shells forming places of attachment for young oysters. The hearing, which began last Tuesday, will be resumed some time this week, according to Representative LeRoy Scott, of Beaufort, chairman of the House fisheries committee.

The bill to repeal the tax law was introduced by Representatives T. J. Collier of Pamlico and C. L. Bell of Hyde county.