

80-Acre Forest Fire at North River Endangers Church, Dwellings Sunday

The church, a service station, and several homes at North River were endangered by a forest fire Sunday afternoon. Approximately 80 acres of merchantable timber burned and flames threatened to destroy the home of Willie Dail, Hernan Merrill, and Dan Hill, as well as Claude Martin's Pure Oil Service station and the North River church.

The Beaufort fire department, called at 4:30 in the afternoon, went down the back of the church, to prevent heat and flames from doing any damage. The buildings were saved by "back-firing," burning off the land adjacent to the buildings before forest flames came near.

E. M. Foreman, county fire warden, said the flames were brought under control when they met natural barriers which prevented them from spreading. The fire broke out at 1 o'clock and at the same time another fire occurred in Craven corners.

Sterling Godette, Harlowe colored man, has been turned over to Craven county authorities by Mr. Foreman. He will be charged with deliberately setting a fire.

Mr. Foreman said Godette was walking along the road throwing a match into the woods every few feet.

The colored man did not know that the fire warden was riding in a car a short distance behind him observing his actions. Thirty-five acres of young growth were destroyed by that fire.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning 20 acres of timberland on the Lake Ellis road, belonging to the International Paper Co., were burned. Croatan National foresters assisted in bringing that fire under control.

Marketable timber and young growth were destroyed late Sunday night in a fire near Atlantic on property owned by the North Carolina Pulp Co. The fire covered 50 acres and was not brought under control until 2 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. Foreman investigated by helicopter another fire on Open Grounds yesterday morning. Further reports on that fire will appear in Friday's paper.

Two Cars Collide On Highway 24

Ernest B. Miller, Marine stationed at Cherry Point, has been charged with drunken driving as the result of an accident at 7:40 Saturday night on highway 24.

Miller, driving a '47 Hudson, plowed into the rear of a '49 Plymouth convertible being driven by Charles Walker Phillips of Swansboro, according to the report made by W. J. Smith, investigating highway patrolman.

Patrolman Smith said Phillips reported he was proceeding east on highway 24 at about 35 miles an hour when the Hudson ran into the rear of his car. No one was injured.

Riding with Phillips were Charles and Erlene Dunn of Hubert and Jo Etta and Bennie Lamm of Swansboro. Damage to the Hudson is estimated at 200 to the Plymouth \$150.

David F. Merrill Sells Beaufort Hardware Co.

David F. Merrill, Beaufort, has sold Beaufort Hardware Co. to Leonard Gair, O. S. (Tobe) Clawson, and J. Elbert Dudley, all of Beaufort. The transaction was completed yesterday.

Mr. Safritz is a member of the firm of Scarborough, Safritz Lumber Co., Beaufort. Mr. Clawson is affiliated with Carteret Hardware Co., Beaufort and Mr. Dudley is with Beaufort Hardware.

Two Marine Jet Pilots Die in Crashes Wednesday

Two jet pilots, stationed at Cherry Point, were killed Wednesday when their planes crashed. The pilots, both captains, and both with Marine fighter squadron 224, were Captain A. J. Kugler and Capt. A. T. Lavers. These are the first fatalities at the station since jets came into use in November 1947.

Captain Kugler's plane failed to pull out of a dive and he crashed 10 miles north of Kinston. Capt. Lavers' plane crashed and exploded on runway 19 just as he was landing.

Each pilot is survived by a wife and young daughter.

Cancer Discovered

Through work of the Lenoir county cancer center, eight cancers were discovered during January, February and March of this year.

Morehead City Endures Hour of Drought Saturday

Fresh water bathers from midnight Friday until 1 a.m. Saturday morning were out of luck in Morehead City. There was no water.

To make a periodic inspection of the tall water tank at Tide Water Power company, all the water was drained out. The bottom was cleaned and everything found to be OK, then the water was put in again.

George Stovall, manager of Tide Water Power company said the public was not notified of the cut-off due to the danger of a "prankster" starting a fire. This decision was made after conferring with town officials and the fire department.

Committeeman Clarifies Cotton Acreage Rules

New cotton legislation recently passed by Congress provides for minimum 1950 acreage allotments based on one of three provisions, Sam D. Edwards, chairman of the county PMA committee, said today.

The revised allotments are based on the larger of (1) 65 per cent of the average acreage planted to cotton (or devoted to war crops in place of cotton) in 1946, 1947, and 1948; (2) 45 per cent of the highest acreage planted to cotton (or devoted to war crops in place of cotton) on the farm during any one of the three years; but (3) not more than 40 per cent of the 1949 acreage which was tilled on the farm or in regular rotation.

Any owner or operator of a cotton farm in Carteret county who believes he is entitled to an acreage increase and wants to be considered by the county committee for possible allotment adjustment under the legislation must file an application not later than Friday, April 21, 1950.

"We urge owners or operators who want their farms considered for revised allotments to file applications by this date," Mr. Edwards said. "Farmers who are satisfied with their present allotments need not file applications. However, those desiring increases will be considered by the county committee after applications for such increases are filed in the county office."

Each operator of a farm, for which an application is filed, will receive a notice from the county committee of the revised 1950 cotton acreage allotment. When the new allotment notice is mailed, it will replace any previous 1950 allotment notice already received by the farm operator.

Dr. N. M. Baxter to Keep Office for J. O. Baxter

Due to the serious illness of Dr. J. O. Baxter, Beaufort optometrist, his brother, Dr. N. M. Baxter, New Bern optometrist, will be in the Beaufort office Thursday and Friday of every week until Dr. Baxter is able to resume his practice.

The Beaufort optometrist was taken ill the latter part of last week. His offices are located in the Merrill Professional building, Beaufort.

Dr. S. W. Hatcher to Talk To YMYW Club Members

Dr. S. W. Hatcher, Morehead City, will discuss socialized medicine at the meeting of Young Men and Young Women's club at 7:30 tonight at Taylor community hall.

The recreational part of the program will be conducted by L. B. Dixon, assistant state 4-H leader from Raleigh. Serving on committees are: Al Stinson, program; R. M. Williams, recreation; and Mrs. Sue Russell and Miss Jean Springler, refreshments.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, April 18	
8:51 a.m.	2:56 a.m.
9:07 p.m.	2:31 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19	
9:25 a.m.	3:30 a.m.
9:41 p.m.	3:23 p.m.
Thursday, April 20	
9:38 a.m.	4:09 a.m.
10:15 p.m.	3:55 p.m.
Friday, April 21	
10:33 a.m.	4:42 a.m.
10:52 p.m.	4:30 p.m.

Camp Glenn PTA To Stage Show Thursday Night

"The Coonville 'Ristorat Club," a comedy in three acts, will be presented at 8 o'clock Thursday night at the Camp Glenn school. The minstrel is being staged by the Parent-Teacher association for the purpose of raising money to complete work on the new school room.

Prior to the show, members of the Morehead City Lions club will be served supper in the present lunch room and they will hold their weekly meeting.

Music for "The Coonville 'Ristorat Club" will be provided by Joe Rose and his accordion. There will also be solos by Al McElmon and George Washington.

Members of the cast are as follows: Eleanor Adams, Iona Salter, Mrs. Julius Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Smith, Charles Price, Eugene Lockhart, Leslie Brinson.

George Lillis, Hamlin Salter, Mrs. John Danielson, Mrs. Coleen Wilson, Mrs. Julius Lewis, Mrs. Rachel Fulcher, Mrs. Eunice Willis, Florence Lewis, Geneyne Willis, Alberta Dixon, and Sally Morley.

Countians Attend Farm Meeting

S. D. Edwards of Newport, county farm bureau director, and R. M. Williams, county farm agent, attended the recent state farm bureau directors' meeting at Raleigh.

Agriculture is being challenged with innumerable problems as never before, officials of the state organization declared. R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president, commented, "Lots of different people are trying to pass laws for agriculture. They are advocating things that the farmer cannot do. Socialism is a creeping form of communism and when it gets into high gear is communism."

Competition Keen

The speaker further stated that farmers are going to compete in the market as never before. "Things are so different in North Carolina in the way of farm problems, that we need to study our situation in order to determine the direction that we are going to take," pointed out Mr. Shaw.

"It will be the farmers who observe all approved phases of crop and livestock production, with superior quality as their goal, who will be in a position to compete with production in other areas," the speaker related.

It was voted at the meeting that the state organization go on the air with programs, informing the people of things that Farm Bureau stands for. It was also decided to hold a June Workshop for the men, similar to the program sponsored for the Associated Women's organization, for the past two years.

This program is designed to train county officials with factual information and helpful suggestions to be passed on to other Farm Bureau members.

Recommendation Made

B. C. Mangum of Henderson was recommended for next year's state membership chairman.

The Pitt County Farm Bureau presented a resolution, requesting that State Directors set up a committee to clear the state of confusion which exists, regarding the agricultural program.

J. V. Whitfield, state fruit and vegetable chairman, of Burgaw, warned of the danger of using converted control acreage to plant in truck crops. "There is a danger of jeopardizing the whole support program, if we don't hold the control program on a sound basis," Mr. Whitfield said.

He sent the following telegram recently to Congressman Harold D. Cooley, chairman of house committee on agriculture:

"Fruit and vegetable growers are in constant danger from diverted acreage of controlled crops. They feel that their livelihood should be protected from this acreage being planted into their crops just as much as controlled crops are protected from the fruit and vegetable grower. The growing of fruits and vegetables represents a two and half-billion dollar industry and the Congress will be derelict in its duty if it fails to enact legislation that will reasonably protect fruit and vegetable growers from the diverted acreage of the controlled crops."

29 Democrats Will Run in May Primary

Smyrna Pupils Study Safety



The seventh grade pupils of Smyrna school are pictured above with the model of Smyrna school and adjacent highways. The model was built in conjunction with their safety project which is an outgrowth of a discussion of accidents in their community during the Christmas holidays. Pictured above are the following: left foreground, Jeannette Whitehurst; left to right, Edward Davis, Nancy Willis, Crawford Pigott, Hazel Gilgo, and Thomas Earl Willis. Their instructor is C. H. Davis.

Legislature Candidate Issues Statement of Opinion, Policy

(To familiarize voters with candidates who are seeking election in the Democratic primary, THE NEWS-TIMES will run statements of their policy and a brief biographical sketch of each candidate who is interested in supplying this information to the voting public. THE NEWS-TIMES reserves the right to limit the amount of space given each nominee. The first of this political series follows.—The Editor.)

Wiley H. Taylor, jr., Beaufort attorney, is seeking election to the state legislature. If elected, this will be his first political office.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley H. Taylor. His father recently retired from service as Beaufort's postmaster.

Wake Forest Graduate

Young Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Wake Forest college, class of '48, a member of the First Baptist church, and has served on numerous municipal committees. He is attorney for the town of Beaufort and was elected Jaycee man-of-the-year for 1950.

A full statement of Mr. Taylor's opinions and his policies, if elected, appears below:

"It is known positively that Carteret county has been completely out of tune with the state government since the last gubernatorial campaign. As a result, Carteret county very definitely must consider its position with the powers that be. I shall at all times work toward close cooperation between the state and local governments.

"The public school being the foundation of our great country, it will always be my policy to support any reasonable measure to continue improvement of the school system.

Capt. Alfred Pittman Snags Anchor of Blockade Runner

A Confederate blockade runner which ran out of fuel and attempted to burn bacon, part of her cargo, in the boilers to keep up steam sailed into the surf of Bogue Banks between Salter Path and what is today the resort town of Atlantic Beach during the Civil War.

The beached vessel could not be refloated and she settled in the sand as a derelict. Her name is not recalled here but during the 88 years that she has been in the surf, "just beyond the off break of Bogue Banks most everyone has referred to the wreckage as "The Old Iron Steamer."

Wreckage Tears Nets The wreckage has torn up the nets of many fishermen and thus her location has been avoided by trawlers and other craft fishing in the area. Anglers who enjoy their surf casting and sheepshead fishing, on the other hand, have sought the "Iron Steamer" as one of the best places to catch fish along the Bogue Banks.

The vessel's wreckage has been avoided by fishermen but last week Alfred Pittman of Morehead City got too close with his trawler net which was soon snagged. In efforts to unroll the net he and his crew hauled a massive anchor aboard.

The anchor, encrusted with shells and marine growth of nearly one century, measured about 10 feet from its arms and flukes to the hawser ring at the top of the shank. The stock of the anchor was missing and one of the flukes broke off as it was being unrolled.

Captain Pittman brought the old anchor into port and gave it to Otis Purdy owner of the fish house where he sells his catches.

PTA Makes \$275 On Stunt Night

Grades 2 and 4 Win; New Officers Elected for School Year 1950-51

A profit of \$275.53 was realized by Morehead City Parent-Teacher association from Stunt Night which was presented at the school Friday night.

Winning stunts were given by grade 2 in the elementary department and grade 4 in the secondary department. Each grade received a \$5 cash prize.

Judges were W. C. Matthews, Elizabeth Lambeth, and Mrs. George Ball. In charge of the program were Mrs. D. J. Eure and Walter Morris. Mr. Morris acted as master of ceremonies and reviewed the work the PTA completed at the school this year.

With PTA funds playground equipment has been replaced and repaired, school halls and cafeteria painted, asphalt tiling laid on the auditorium floor, one end of the driveway paved, raincoats purchased for the safety patrol, and salary of a rest room maid paid.

Stunts presented by the children were as follows: grade 1, The Easter Parade; grade 2, When We Group Up; grade 3, Hail, the Months Are All Here; grade 4, Reddy's MaMuth Show; grade 5, The Clock and Toy Shop; grade 6, We Hold These Truths; and grade 7, The Chicken Shack or Why Did I Leave Home?

Pianists for the program were Mrs. Ralph Wade and Miss Ann Darden Webb. New officers for the PTA were elected during a brief business session Friday night. They are S. A. Chalk, jr., president; Mrs. Ethel Davis, vice-president; Miss Charlotte Guthrie, secretary; and Mrs. H. F. Lindsay, treasurer.

"Carteret county, and Morehead City in particular, having a potentially great future as one of the outstanding ports on the Atlantic coast, will be constantly brought to the attention of the proper authorities to assure a fair share of any appropriation made for port development.

"The farming potential in Carteret county having been sorely neglected, I shall support any reasonable legislation which will tend to develop that potential. Since telephones are necessary to develop our farming to the fullest, rural telephones will be among the proposals which I shall support vigorously.

"If elected I shall at all times endeavor to see that equal advantages will be guaranteed to all sections of Carteret county without favor to any individual or group of individuals.

"The continued support of many friends throughout Carteret county will be appreciated."

Cancer Drive to Receive Proceeds from 'Hayride'

The Cancer drive, spearheaded in Beaufort by the Junior Woman's club, will receive all proceeds from Carolina Hayride, a show which will be given at the school auditorium in Morehead City Wednesday evening and in the Beaufort school Thursday evening.

Featured on the Hayride will be Winstead and Uncle Ray and Mr. Lindsay and the girls.

L. Hamilton Administers Oath to Son, Luther, Jr.

Luther Hamilton, jr., was sworn into law practice Thursday morning in New Bern superior court by his father, Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City.

Young Hamilton received his bachelor of arts degree and his law degree at the University of North Carolina. He has opened offices in the Royal building, Morehead City.

Morehead School Bands To Give Concert Friday

Ralph Wade, public school music instructor, Morehead City, has announced that the Morehead City graded school and high school bands will give their annual spring concert at 8 o'clock Friday night in the school auditorium.

Mr. Wade stated that the school's choral groups will present their concert May 12. There will be no admission charge to Friday night's concert.

Twenty-nine names will appear on the ballot in the Democratic primary May 27. None of those will be Republican candidates because office-seekers from that party are unopposed.

The office of F. R. Seeley, chairman of the board of elections looked like a "sitting-up" at a funeral Saturday as the 6 p.m. filing deadline neared.

The last candidate to be sworn in as political leaders sat waiting was Wiley H. Taylor, jr., Beaufort who is running for the state legislature.

Board Meets

The county board of elections met yesterday morning and declared unopposed candidates as nominees for the November election. They are as follows: Democrats, Edward R. Willis, Marshallberg, for state senator; Alfonso H. James, Morehead City, for clerk of superior court; Lambert R. Morris, Atlantic, for judge of recorder's court; M. Leslie Davis, Beaufort, for solicitor; Pritchard Lewis, Beaufort, for coroner.

Republicans: James H. Davis, Beaufort, for sheriff; C. G. Gas-kill, Beaufort, F. J. Mason, Newport RFD, Elmer D. Willis, Davis, Delmas Lewis, Marshallberg, and John Edwin Lewis, Morehead City for county commissioners; A. L. Wilson, Newport, for magistrate of Newport township; Roy T. Garner, Newport, constable for Newport township; and George F. (Gerald) Woshard, Beaufort, constable for Beaufort township.

Candidates Listed

To be voted on in the Democratic primary next month are the following: George W. Dill, jr., Morehead City, and Wiley H. Taylor, jr., Beaufort, for state legislature; Irvin W. Davis, Davis and Hugh C. Willis, Smyrna, for register of deeds;

C. K. Howe, Beaufort and Philip K. Ball, Morehead City, for county surveyor; C. Gehrmann Holland, Beaufort, Vivian C. Chadwick, Smyrna, Leo F. Simpson, Morehead City and Ray Highsmith, Morehead City, for sheriff; Charlie Krouse, Morehead City and H. B. Turner, Morehead City, for constable of Morehead City township.

For county commissioner (five to be chosen): K. P. B. Bonner, Victor H. Wickizer, Morehead City, Moses C. Howard, Newport; John W. Smith, Atlantic, Hugh Salter, Beaufort; Allen J. Vinson, Pelletier; Tilton Davis, Earl C. Davis, W. M. Yeomans, all of Harkers Island; Julian Brown, Marshallberg; Clarence H. Guthrie, Beaufort and Wallace G. Styrton, Sea Level.

Go Forward

Mayor Lawrence Hassell of Beaufort, announced yesterday that his candidates are running on the "Go Forward" ticket. No candidates have been named on that ticket for judge of recorder's court or for solicitor.

The others are Vinson, Wickizer, Guthrie, Davis, and Smith for county commissioner. Guthrie is running in place of Gerald Hill, Beaufort, who was originally announced as the "Go Forward" candidate from Beaufort.

Also running is Chadwick, sheriff, Willis register of deeds; Howe county surveyor; Taylor, state legislature.

James R. Sanders Assumes State Office in 40 and 8

James R. Sanders, finance officer of Carteret county, Vulture 1139 of the 40 and 8, was elected Grande Cheminot of the First Division, North Carolina 40 and 8 at a meeting of the group Saturday and Sunday in Jacksonville.

Election to the office is the highest honor in the division that can be awarded to a member. The Grande Cheminot of each division sits on the board of directors of the state organization.

The 40 and 8 is the honor and fun society of the American Legion. Membership in the group is by invitation only. In addition to his Legion and 40 and 8 work Sanders is retiring president of the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce and received the Man of the Year award in Morehead City this year.

Beaufort Fishermen Bring In 470 Pounds Sunday

Alonza Willis, owner of the menhaden boat, Evelyn L. Willis, was host to a party of men on a deep sea fishing trip aboard the Evelyn L. Sunday.

The men, all residents of Beaufort with 470 pounds of black fish, sailor's choice, and flounder. Captain of the vessel was David Beveridge; Eddie Culppeper was mate, Charles Clifton, cook and Charles Moore, engineer.

Guests were J. P. Harris, Joe Pickett, John Jones, William Way, George Brooks, W. L. Woodard, D. F. Merrill, John Haynes, F. W. Headly, Charles Harrell, Earl Mason, Calvin Jones and Dan Walker.

Cold Severely Damages County's Beans, Potatoes

Snap Beans Total Loss, Potato Yield Cut 50 Per Cent

Carteret county crops were severely damaged by the weekend cold wave, R. M. Williams, county farm agent, reported yesterday.

Farmers suffered a total loss on the snap bean crop. The Irish potato yield has been cut about 50 per cent and periodic cold spells during the past month have greatly reduced the cabbage crop tonnage.

Mr. Williams says that some farmers expect to re-plant snap beans, but the second crop will come in late and farmers will, of course, lose seed cost and labor on the first crop.

Low Potato Yield

Even favorable weather from now on will not make the potato yield any higher than 50 per cent of normal. Previous cold spells also took a toll of potatoes. The harvest will be delayed from 10 days to two weeks to about June 10.

Potato digging started early last year, about May 17. Normally, harvesting starts May 25.

Cabbage farmers have started cutting, but cutting is usually at its peak at this time, the farm agent said. Many of the plants have not matured and those which have did not produce full-sized heads.

Mr. Williams remarked that he didn't have any report on the weather's effect on tobacco, but he doubts if tobacco plants were damaged. Probably the first tobacco to be set out in the county was planted last Wednesday, he said, by Gus and Willie Godwin, two farmers on the edge of the Outer Land in the western part of the county.

They set out five acres. E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer, said the lowest temperature recorded this month was 33 degrees Friday night. The thermometer dropped from a high of 62 Thursday to the Friday night low and rose again to a maximum of 63 Sunday. Temperatures throughout other parts of the county dropped to freezing and below.

Instructor Schedules Tuesday Sewing Class

Mrs. Davis Beveridge, home economics instructor at Beaufort high school, has announced that there will be a special adult sewing class Tuesday nights at Beaufort school. The class will start promptly at 7:30 beginning tonight, and will be for those who would like to do extra work or those who have special problems.

The other classes will be held Wednesday nights at 7:30. T. C. Hyman of Morehead City will demonstrate sewing machine attachments.

Assisting Mrs. Beveridge with instructions is Mrs. L. J. Klein of Beaufort RFD. No charge is made to enrollees.

PTA to Meet Tonight At Newport School

The Newport Parent-Teacher association will hold its last meeting of the year tonight at 7:30 tonight in the Newport school auditorium. The 10th grade will present a play, "The Younger Generation."

An operetta, "The Wedding of the Flowers" will be presented Friday night at the school by pupils in the primary grades.

WSCS Members to Attend Training School Friday

A training school for members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Harlowe church.

Mrs. James L. Smith, Carteret county zone leader, will be in charge, assisted by several member officers. The North River Core Creek, and Oak Grove societies will attend the school.

Crab Point 4-H Boy Sells Two Steers at Kinston

Two steers, one weighing 810 pounds and the other 900 pounds, were sold by Tommy Oglesby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Oglesby, Crab Point, at the fat stock sale at Kinston recently.

At Stinson, assistant county Farm agent, attended the show and R. M. Williams, county agent, attended the sale. Tommy is a 4-H club member.