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2,600-Ton 'Midget' Founders at Portsmouth Sunday

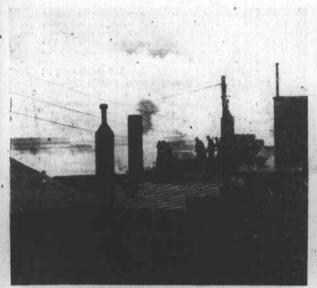
Beaufort Recovers from Devastating Blaze



Clouds of black smoke rolled seaward and skyward from three blazing stores in Beaufort Thursday forning. The blaze started when an explosion occurred in the rear of the Eastern Rulane agency on



Repeated monstrous puffs from the three burning buildings, Rulane, Downum's 5 and 10, and Dow num's department stort, blanketed Front street intermittently with yellow smoke that obstructed visibility and made breathing practically impossible



Battling firemen pour water from the roof of Eastman's Furniture store on top of flames in the Rulane and Downum buildings.



Steam, smoke, and fumes from downtown Beaufort could be seen

Farmers Will Go on Tour Through Florida Truck Areas

Farmers of this area and the en- | to Jacksonville, take a day-coach to tire state are being offered the opportunity to tour Florida to observe methods of producing, processing, and marketing vegetables.
The tour will also include visits to
the cattle producing areas of the

ment of agriculture in conjunction with the state college extension service and the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, the trip will cover six days, Feb. 17 through Feb. 23. Farmers, agricultural workers or

other persons interested in agriculture are eligible to take the trip. They will board a train at Rocky will cost each person an estimated ity.

Mount Feb. 17 and go by Pullman See FARMERS, Page 5

ate.

Sponsored by the state department of agriculture in conjunction muck section of Lake Okeechobee. observe a modern lettuce-packing plant, pre-packaging plants, and other packing houses from Home-stead north to Tampa where they will again board a train for the re-

Reservations for the trip, which



Beaufort firefighters train a hose upward from the sidewalk as heat subsided about noon, allowing them to get closer to the source of the blaze. This shows the front of Eastern Rulane. Today the store is boarded up to prevent the curious from wandering among ruips and being trapped by charred timbers or walls in danger of



From Beaufort's ladder truck, firemen clambered hour after hour to the rooftops, carrying with them hose through which tons of water

Rulane, Downum's to Reopen Businessmen whose places of Neighbors and other residents of

Photographer Shoots News Photos Thursday

day corrected a statement which appeared in Friday's NEWS-TIMES regarding the airport lo-cated in Beaufort.

According to information given THE NEWS-TIMES, a compromise was reached with Piedmont airlines last summer during a Civil Aeronauties board hearing to the effect that Beaufort would be satisfied with the designation "Morehead City-Beaufort" airport providing flights between New Bern and Wilmington were routed via the Carteret airport.

Walker stated that the Morehead City-Beaufort designation has been approved by Ferdinand Moran CAR examiner, but the Beaufort chamber of commerce is going to file a protest.

In a formal statement Friday, Walker said, "We see no reason why the Civil Aeronautics board or 4:02 a.m. Piedmont airlines cannot comply with the designation, Beaufort Wednesday, Feb. 6
Morehead City airport, which has 4:58 a.m. 11:37 a.m. been given the landing field by the 5:17 p.m. county commissioners and which designates also the committee in 5:50 a.m. control of the airport, the Beau-fort-Morehead City Airport authority. ity. Thereport, a protest will be 6:35 a.m. filed immediately." 6:54 p.m.

Dan Walker, manager of the City late in July, returning for a Beaufort chamber of commerce, to ny, his wife, arrived in Morehead (tureral at Swansboro when the City late in July, returning for a permanent "visit" six years after they first saw Morehad City from their yacht, "The Last Penny."

August found them opening a studio on the waterfront near the Morehead City hospital. A picturesque, folksy place, it is some.

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Morehead City hospital. A pic-turesque, folksy place, it is somewhat of a contrast from their studio in the Versaillaise hotel. Miami Beach, where they worked during the past five years.

Some of the more famous - from long list of headliners Jerry has photographed, are Arthur Godfrey, Ilona Massey, Hugh Her-bert, Fred Astaire, Lucille Ball, Gene Autry, and Martha Raye. See PHOTOGRAPHER, Page 5

Tide Table Tides at Beaufort Bar

10:41 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

House Burns

Chamber to File

City photographer noted for his studio work, proved Thursday that he can also shoot superlative newspictures. All pictures of Beaufort's Thursday fire appearing in this paper were taken by Schumacher. The Schumacher, and his wife, were at a funeral at Swansboro when the Dan Walker, manager of the City late in July, returning for a procedure of the City late in July, returning for a complete that the can also shoot superlative newspictures. All pictures of Beaufort's Thursday fire appearing in this paper were taken by Schumacher, and his wife, were at a funeral at Swansboro when the City late in July, returning for a funeral at Swansboro when the City late in July, returning for a funeral at Swansboro when the City late in July, returning for a funeral at Swansboro when the City late in July, returning for a funeral at Swansboro when the City late in July, returning for a function to be announced.

At Broad Creek, burned to the ground at 1:30. Thurs stored was sick in bed at the fidness started from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the wood-burning ecok stove in the kitchen. Her husband was sick in bed at the fidness tarted from the occupied by Bell's Dr

the cause of the blaze has been determined. The house was valued at \$8,000 and was insured Julius Duncan who directed that

Specialist to Conduct Meeting This Afternoon

Miss Martha Barnett, home agent, yesterday. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. Katherine Riggle, are urged to attend.

11:27 p.m. meetings for the week follow: Wednesday, Core Creek-Harlowe, 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. J. H. Davis. Receipts Total \$707 12:24 p.m. Mrs. Emma Oglesby hostess: Wed-Parking meter rec 12:24 p.m. Mrs. Emma Oglesby hostess: Wednesday, Russells' Creek, 7:30 p.m., 12:17 a.m. Mrs. Leslie Springle: Friday, Pelletion 1:06 p.m. tler, 2 p.m., Mrs. Allen Vinson.

Businessmen whose places of business were razed by fire Thursday announced plans today for con-tinuing business at other locations. Eastern Rulane will move to Craven street in the H. C. Jones store room which was recently oc-

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are living three of the pumpers use salt water. "They deserve a lot of Broad Creek." of the water used on the fire had to come from our system, we may not have been able to hold up un Meeting This Afternoon

A special interest meeting on normal in a short time after the fire was over."

Town officials stated they were

scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon in the home agent's office, announced deeply grateful for services of all out-of-town fire departments which sent trucks and men. Dan Walker, be given by Mrs. Katherine Riggle, extension specialist in housing and house furnishings. All club members and any interested and specialist in thousing and house furnishings. bers and any interested outsiders Coast Guard station, who offered services of firefighting equipment The Home Demonstration club aboard Coast Guard boats if it were needed.

Crew of 26 Saved as Flash, **Storm Hits Coast Sunday**

Minus all but the clothes they wore, 26 shipwrecked seamen arrived by bus in Norfolk early this morning from Washington, N. C., while their 2,600 ton, 235-foot Panamanian freighter S.S. Midget lay, a broken hulk spewing wheat from its holds, on Portsmouth Island beach.

Bound from Norfolk to Brazil with its cargo of grain, *skippered by Captain Ludoleh von Tanden and manned by a Greek

Federal Group Fails to Fulfill **Scheduled Visit**

Committee Studies State Ports Facilities at Wilmington Meeting

Members of the federal Inter-agency Committee on Port Utiliza tion, scheduled to visit Morehead City port the latter part of last month were unable to fulfill their schedule, due to limited time. They met Thursday at Wilmington and there were presented with facts, maps and other information relative to the possibility of using the Morehead City and Wilmington ports for overseas shipments of defense materials, Marshall plan and Point Four cargoes.

The committee, representing phases of federal government in business, industry, and transportabusiness, industry, and transporta-tion, failed also to make a ached-uled trip to the Charleston, S. C., port. The committee controls al-location of shipments and utiliza-tion of all United States ports for foderal cargoes.

Washington where they into your for Norfolk.

The off-season blow developed off the western tip of Cuba Sat-urday, plummeted across aouth-eastern. Florida, caught Miami-with its awnings down, stampeded

partment of Commerce and the Maritime administration; W. J. day, buried itself in the North Howard, representing the Department of Interior; Andrew F. Lane, representing the Defense Transportation administration; and A. L. Christiansen, representing the Interstate Commerce commission.

Colonel Gillette states that at present many North Carolina products, including textiles, tobacco and furniture, are being shipped overseas under the defense and Marshall Plan presents them. shall Plan programs through the port of New York.

"We believe these shipments may be made more efficiently through our own ports at Morehead City and Wilmington," Colonel Gillette said, "and we hope that the Interagency committee's study of our ports may result in a large scale use of our ports for this and other

Folks Assist

Carteret county have contributed clothing, cooking utensils and other household items to the Otis Culpepper family of Mill Creek whose home burned Wednesday after-

built on another site right nearby the old home. At present the family is living in a small frame build-

ing several hundred feet away. Persons who had been living there are now living at Newport. That building stands on land owned

by the Culpeppers.

In the family, in addition to Mr.
and Mrs. Culpepper, are Billy, 18,
Ben 16, Sadie 14, Jesse 12, Joe 10,
Charles 9, and Robert 6. Several other sons and daughters are mar-

Morehead City Rotarians Hear Talk by Marine Officer

An interesting talk on the lives of the Koreans was given Thurs-day night at the Morehead City Rotary club meeting by Capt. Daniel Somerville, USMC, Morehead City. The captain served as pilot in Korea for 12 months

The North Koreans are destitute, he reported, their chief occupation is fishing. In the southern part of Korea the people are poverty-stricken also and their only way of making a living is by farming.

selves alive.

crew, the Midget was due at More head City port at noon Sunday, to take on bunker fuel when it was struck by a double blow.

Line Clogs, Cyclone Hits Its fuel line clogged just as a madeap fropical storm of cyclonic force struck it off Hatteras.

At 1 p.m. Sunday Captain von Fandem radioed Norfolk Coast Guard and stated that while he had sufficient fuel to reach Morehead City, not enough could be coaxed through the lines to get up suffi-cient head of steam.

Coast Guard cutters Agassiz and Conifer, dispatched to her rescue, were unable to put tows aboard, tide and wind having combined to drive the Midget into shallows off Portsmouth.

Ship Abandoned

At 2.55 a.m. yesterday Captain von Tandem ordered abandon ship and the entire complement took to a lifeboat which eventually broke up in the surf. From that point the men waded ashore.

At 6:30 a.m. they were transferred to Ocracoke on an 83-foot Coast Guard vessel, and later to

for all United States ports for federal cargoes.

Members of the committee are Major General Frank A. Heileman, representing the Department of Defense; H. C. Adams and Howard J. Marsden, representing the Department of Commerce and the Georgia coast, gave Hatteras a partment of Commerce and the Maritime administration; W. J. Howard Expressions the Department of Maritime administration; W. J. Allantic.

switch on the A&EC line near Morehead City port Friday after-

noon. Two tank cars jack-knifed, one struck a freight car and the other jutted out over highway 70. Cars several feet down the line were lifted from the track by the crazy angle of the tank cars and traffic on the highway had to be diverted around the protruding tank car. The tank car, leaning at an angle of 45 degrees, lay that way until workmen lifted it off its

On Sunday the railroad wreck crew and heavy crane arrived and cleared the tracks, making movement of rail traffic possible after a two-day standstill. The wreck a two-day standstill. The voccurred at 3:15 p.m. Friday.

Cars themselves were not seri-ously damaged. The greatest expense was in moving the wreckage, railroad officials reported.

poard is seeking a director for a year-around recreation program and plans for this summer are awaiting the obtaining of a direc-

Members of the recreation committee in charge of finding pros-pects for the job are W. C. Carl-ton, Mrs. O. H. Johnson, and Mrs. A. B. Roberts.

Other towns with municipal recreation programs have also been contacted in regard to their bud-The commission is interested in learning how other municipalities handle finances in order to bet-ter draw up Morehead City's recrea-

Meeting with the recreation com mission recently were Grady Rich, contractor. John Herbin, roofer, and A. B. Roberts, in charge of the program for repairing the former USO. Delay in getting the roof on is holding up inside work. Herbin said bad weather hampered his workers.

Rich, head of the repair com mittee, is assisted by Bruce Good-win, Thomas Wade, and Dr. John

Morris, recreation board members. Miss Georgia Hughes, new wel-Without the knowledge of crop ro-tation and without the proper farm-ing equipment they have a fiard time growing enough to keep them-selves alive.

Miss Georgia Plughes, new wei-fare superintendent, has taken her place on the board. She replaces Mrs. James Allgood who was sub-stituting as a commission member until a new welfare official arrived,