

Downum, Potter Sue Rulane For Damage Caused by Fire

Two damage suits arising from the fire which destroyed part of the Beaufort business district Jan. 31, 1952 will be heard in the March term of superior court which begins March 9.

The suits, filed against the Eastern Rulane Sales corporation, ask for a total of \$59,850.35. The suits have been filed by E. W. Downum and by E. H. Potter, the Aetna Fire Underwriters Insurance company and the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company.

Downum's complaint alleges that the fire was caused by negligence on the part of employees of the gas company and asks for \$35,000 to cover damages to two stores, a department store and a 5 and 10, which he operated in the building.

Potter, owner of the building which housed Downum's stores, asks for \$24,650.35 for damages to the building. The insurance companies which held the policies on the building are parties to the suit.

Downum's two stores and a building owned by Rose Chadwick and occupied by the gas company were destroyed in the fire which was believed to have been caused when escaping gas came in contact with the flame from a heater.

The complaints say that two employees of the gas company were filling gas cylinders without observing the precautions required by North Carolina law. The complaints further say that the negligence of these employees was responsible for the fire.

The gas company, in its answers to the two suits, denies that the fire was caused by negligence on the part of its employees.

The fire, which began on the morning of Jan. 31, was not brought under control until mid-afternoon. Firemen from Beaufort, Morehead City, Newport, Cherry Point and New Bern were required to extinguish the blaze.

Lester McLawhorn, administrator of the estate of Annie Carol McLawhorn, has filed suit against See COURT, Page 2

Driver Appeals Judge's Decision

Clarence W. Stamper filed notice of an appeal to the March term of superior court after Judge George McNeil ordered him to pay court costs Monday in Morehead City recorder's court.

Stamper was found guilty of failing to yield the right of way and causing an accident. He was released on \$50 bond, pending the outcome of the appeal.

Walter Earl Turner was ordered to pay costs after he entered a guilty plea to a charge of failing to yield the right of way and causing an accident.

Ace Howell was sentenced to 30 days on the roads for public drunkenness. The sentence was suspended on condition that Howell pay court costs.

Darl Gray Roberts paid costs for failing to stop at a stop sign. Cases were continued against James Rose, Clarence Carter, George H. Wilkinson, Howard Wesley Cain, James Harvey Jones, Mima Koonce Morton and Dalton Earl Whaley.

Bettie Man Ordered Held For March Court Term

Judge Lambert Morris in county recorder's court Tuesday ordered Marvin Britt of Bettie held for the March term of superior court on a manslaughter charge.

After a preliminary hearing on the case, Judge Morris said that he would prefer to have a jury settle the question of whether or not Britt was guilty of manslaughter in the death of a three-year-old North River Negro boy.

The boy, Earl E. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Johnson, died Jan. 25 from injuries received when he was struck by a car operated by Britt. Britt was arrested Feb. 16 on a warrant obtained by the boy's father.

Elbert Murray, Negro, of North River, said that he was standing beside the Merrimon road at the time of the accident. He said that he had just finished working on his brother's truck and happened to look up and see the Johnson boy beside the road about 100 yards from him.

Murray testified that he saw Britt's car about 75 yards beyond the boy just as the boy started to cross the road. He said that he watched while the boy walked across the road. He said that just before the car reached the boy it began to cross the white line in the center of the road. Murray said that the car was about two feet over the line when it struck the boy.

Under cross examination by Attorney Harvey Hamilton, jr., Murray said that he had known Marshall Johnson all his life and that they were very good friends. He said that he just happened to be looking in the direction of the accident.

State Ports Authority Reorganization Asked

Governor William B. Umstead this week set his sights on the State Ports Authority.

Already successful in getting the General Assembly to authorize reorganization of the Paroles Commission, Highway Commission and the Conservation and Development Board, the Governor asked for the power to reorganize the ports authority.

Senator R. Grady Rankin of Gaston, chairman of the Senate Conservation and Development committee, introduced a bill which would abolish the present nine-member body and give the Governor the power to name a new seven-member authority on June 1, 1953.

The measure was introduced to promote "efficiency of operation" of the state ports, Senator Rankin said.

The chairman of the present committee, A. G. Myers of Gastonia, is a resident of the senator's home county.

One provision of the new legislation would implement the Gov-

ernor's expressed interest in the development of inland ports on the coast. The law now says that the main purpose of the authority is to develop ports at Wilmington, Morehead City, Southport, and "such other places as may be deemed feasible." The "such other places," states the proposal, should include "inland ports and facilities."

An additional change under the proposed legislation would make the appointment of the authority's director subject to gubernatorial approval. The present ports director is George Gillette of Wilmington.

The director of the Department of Conservation and Development, now an ex officio member of the ports authority, would not be included in the membership of the authority under the reorganization proposal. The ports authority would also be brought under the budgetary control of the Budget Bureau in the new bill. It is at present operating under a more flexible arrangement which the authority insisted was necessary in the operation of its ports.

Symphony Society Maps Plans For Intensive April Campaign

Mrs. Eugene Roelofs was named chairman of a committee to plan a house-to-house drive in Morehead City for memberships in the North Carolina State Symphony society at a meeting of the directors of the Beaufort-Morehead City chapter of the society Tuesday night. Miss Mary Arrington is chairman of a similar Beaufort committee.

C. R. Davant is president of the chapter. It was announced at the meeting that a total of \$452 in memberships was sold last year.

Due to the small number of memberships sold, the local chapter was unable to sponsor a concert for school children. The chapter is planning an extensive drive in April to guarantee a school concert in addition to the regular concert at night for adult members of the society this year.

The state symphony is supported by the members of the society and an appropriation from the state legislature. Regular adult membership are \$2, active memberships are \$5, and group memberships are \$25.

The Beaufort-Morehead City chapter is planning to stress the \$5 active membership in its drive this year. Such a membership purchase a ticket for the member and one school child. The active membership also entitles the holder to vote and take office in the society. Memberships for school children through high school are 50 cents.

It was pointed out that two children's concerts could be arranged if the chapter succeeds in raising \$300 more than its goal.

Conducted by Benjamin Swalin, the state symphony is almost unique in the musical life of America. Last year Collier's magazine featured the symphony in a long article with many colorful illustrations. The symphony travels many thousands of miles each year taking the finest in music to North Carolina towns, colleges and schools.

Added to the board of directors at the meeting were Mrs. Rosalie Dowdy, Mrs. K. W. Prest, Ralph Wade, and Dr. and Mrs. Walter Chipman.

Former Pastor Dies Tuesday

The Rev. Winfrey W. Davis, former pastor of the First Baptist church in Beaufort, died Tuesday in Wilmington, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Elwood Orr, with whom he and Mrs. Davis were making their home.

Mr. Davis came to the Beaufort church Dec. 1, 1947 and held the pastorate until October of 1952. Before coming to Beaufort, Mr. Davis had served in Tabor City, Arvenia, Va., and Lamar, S. C. He was a graduate of Bethel college, Russellville, Ky., and Mercer university, Macon, Ga., and received his ministerial training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He was a member of Tabor City Lodge 563 AF&M and had served as lodge master. He was a past worthy patron of the Order of Eastern Star and held a life membership in both organizations. He was also a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, his daughter, a son, Kenneth E. Davis of Charlottesville, Va., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Park Baptist church, Wilmington, with the Rev. Orr, the Rev. R. T. Willis, jr., of Morehead City and the Rev. Gant of Tabor City officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Charlottesville, Va., Thursday.

N. C. Fisheries Association Studies Legislation Proposing New Licenses and Taxes Schedule

Red Cross Drive To Start Sunday In Beaufort Area

Meeting Tonight to Map Chapter's Final Plans For Fund Campaign

The annual fund drive of the Beaufort chapter of the American Red Cross will begin Sunday and will continue through March 16. The chapter's goal in the drive which will cover Beaufort and the eastern part of the county is \$2,700.

Final plans for the drive will be made at a kickoff meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Beaufort town hall. Braxton Adair, chapter chairman, has asked all campaign workers to attend the meeting at which they will receive instructions for the drive.

Mr. Adair said that the drive will be conducted through personal contacts with residents of the county. The county will be divided into sections with a chairman appointed to head the drive in each section. Workers will then visit each home in the section to ask for contributions.

The drive in the residential district of Beaufort will be headed by Mrs. Alma Howard, and Charles Harris will head the drive in the county.

Section chairmen in Beaufort are Mrs. C. L. Beam, Mrs. Albert Chappell, Mrs. H. B. Daniels, Mrs. Dave Hill, Mrs. R. N. Hudnell, Mrs. Frank King, Mrs. Eric Moore, Mrs. Leslie Moore, Mrs. E. A. Rush, Mrs. Hugh Salter, Mrs. Gene Smith, Mrs. R. H. Stephens and Mrs. Mary B. Williams.

Section chairmen for the outlying areas of the county have not yet been selected but are expected to be named at tonight's meeting. The chairmen will then organize the groups of workers who will canvass the various sections.

The Morehead City chapter which usually covers the western part of the county has as yet made no plans for a fund drive. Officers of the chapter say that they may hold a drive later in the month.

Agassiz Aids Disabled Ship

The Coast Guard cutter Agassiz left Morehead City yesterday afternoon with diesel oil for a crippled tanker anchored off Cape Lookout.

The T-2 tanker Archers Hope, owned by the Cities Service oil company, anchored one mile off Cape Lookout when its steam plant became disabled. An auxiliary diesel engine provided power for the ship's lighting system while the steam plant was out of service.

When the captain of the tanker discovered that fuel for the auxiliary engine was running low, he contacted the Morehead City office of Esso Standard Oil and requested assistance.

Robert Hicks, manager of the Morehead City office, called the Coast Guard and the Agassiz was ordered to take fuel to the crippled ship. The cutter was loaded at the port terminal and sailed in mid-afternoon.

"Down East" Clam Bake Will Be Held Tonight

The Morehead City Chamber of Commerce will hold an "old fashioned, down east" clam bake tonight at the recreation center beginning at 7 o'clock.

Although there will be no formal business meeting, a brief progress report will be made to the group. Door prizes will be awarded and members are invited to bring their wives.

B&PW Donates School Lunches

The Carteret county Business and Professional Woman's club voted to give \$15 to the lunchroom funds of seven county schools at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

The money will be used to provide hot lunches for underprivileged children at the Newport, Camp Glenn, Atlantic, Smyrna, Morehead City, Beaufort and W. S. King schools.

Mrs. C. Gehrmann Holland, county chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, thanked the members of the club for their work in conducting the successful county March of Dimes campaign. It was reported at the meeting that \$6,321.38 had been collected with more money as yet unreported.

Mrs. Alice Taylor was in charge of the program. Mrs. Julia Holt was a guest of the club at the meeting.

After a dinner at Holden's restaurant, the club went to the home of Mrs. Nozelle Clark in Beaufort for the business meeting and program.

Duke University Names Local Men To Loyalty Fund

Skinner A. Chalk, jr., R. W. Safrit, jr., Head Campaign Here

R. W. Safrit, jr., of Beaufort and Skinner A. Chalk, jr., of Morehead City have been named area chairmen for the Duke university loyalty fund, it was announced by Duke alumni officials this week.

They will head the personal solicitation phase of the current alumni giving campaign in this area. Mr. Safrit will take the area from Beaufort east; and Mr. Chalk from Morehead City, west. The loyalty fund, now in its sixth year of operation, provides funds to be applied toward the university's operating expenses.

The campaign in this area is one of 150 now being organized over the United States. More than 2,000 alumni, working under the direction of area chairmen, will form solicitation groups for areas from Miami, Fla., to northern Maine and west to San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.

"Like most privately endowed institutions, Duke university is now faced with the necessity of obtaining financial support from alumni," Duke officials report.

At the half-way point of the current loyalty fund campaign last month, contributions from more than 5,200 donors totalled \$146,615. Leaders of the fund reported that this is the largest mid-campaign total since the fund was established in 1947.

Census Bureau Publishes Facts On Carteret County's Growth

Although 1950 census figures have been available for the past year, they are at last being put in bound volumes.

Because those volumes are not within easy reach of Carteret counties the facts in them pertaining to this county are summarized below. School children, farmers, businessmen, school and government officials frequently need these figures.

So it might be a good idea to clip this story out and put it where it can be found easily.

From 1940 to 1950 Carteret county's population increased 26.1 per cent. From 1930 to 1940 its population increased only 8.2 per cent. The figures follow: 1930 — 16,900 people, 1940 — 18,284 people, and 1950 — 23,059.

Carteret county covers a land area of 532 square miles and the average number of people living in each square mile is 43.3. Of the county's total population 12.6 per cent are Negro.

As for education, men in Carteret county, for the most part, have had eight years of school and women 8.6 years. Some people have had less schooling and some have had more, but the largest group in the county fall in the eighth grade classification.

In Beaufort most people have had at least nine years of schooling and in Morehead City 9.6 years. Beaufort's Negro population to See CENSUS, Page 2

Jaycees Hear Meeting Reports

The Morehead City Jaycees, at their meeting Monday night, heard reports on the state quarterly board meeting held last week in Durham.

Jimmy Wallace reported that the shrimp party to promote the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant was very successful and that it appears that about 30 clubs will have entrants in the contest.

President Walter Morris reported that the state has been re-districted and a new district added. The Morehead City club, formerly in the eighth district, is now in the ninth district.

Ken Wagner said that the meeting passed a plan to work for the rehabilitation of released prisoners. He asked for volunteers to serve as committee chairmen for the program.

Russell Outlaw was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for the district quarterly board meeting to be held in Morehead City this spring. He was asked to select his own committee.

The committee in charge of plans for a local beauty contest in connection with the Miss North Carolina contest announced that there are already 12 entrants for the contest.

Jimmy Wallace, Jasper Bell and H. S. Gibbs, jr., were named to a committee to nominate a slate of officers for the April elections.

Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, asked that a member of the Jaycees be appointed to each committee working on the finer Carolina contest.

Letters of thanks were sent to all those who had contributed to the success of the shrimp party at Durham.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Feb. 27	
7:27 a.m.	1:20 a.m.
7:46 p.m.	1:49 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28	
8:01 a.m.	1:59 a.m.
8:21 p.m.	2:22 p.m.
Sunday, March 1	
8:36 a.m.	2:36 a.m.
8:55 p.m.	2:53 p.m.
Monday, March 2	
9:09 a.m.	3:10 a.m.
9:27 p.m.	3:23 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3	
9:40 a.m.	3:45 a.m.
10:01 p.m.	3:53 p.m.

Members' Objections Center On "Confusing Multiple Tax"

Members of the North Carolina Fisheries association are still studying a bill proposed by Representative Russell Swindell relating to license fees and tax laws on the fisheries.

A meeting of the association was held Monday night in Washington, and it was recommended at that time that the district in the association have separate meetings and report at a second association meeting next Monday in Washington. The Morehead district met on Tuesday with the Pamlico district.

Clayton Fulcher, jr., of Atlantic, who is a director of the association, has described the meetings as "study groups." "The purpose," he said, "is to get the reaction of the fisheries people to the new tax bill proposed. The fishermen are not in favor of the whole bill as presented."

Schools Praised By Publisher

The growth and development of North Carolina public education was the theme of an address by Roy E. Larsen at the annual meeting of the American Association of School Administrators, H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of the Carteret county schools, reported this week.

Mr. Joslyn attended the convention which was held in Atlantic City, N. J., recently. Mr. Larsen is president of TIME, incorporated, publisher of "Time" magazine, and is chairman of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools.

In his address, Mr. Larsen said that he selected North Carolina to prove his theory that "our system of universal education has been an indispensable factor in the astounding development of this country."

"To relatively few people," he said, "comes the keen realization that our schools as a national institution, are a veritable cornerstone of our way of life."

North Carolina at the "turn of the century was a poor state," Mr. Larsen said, "and today it ranks as one of the leaders, not only of the south, but of the nation, in statecraft, in industry and in education."

In 1900, the population of North Carolina was close to two million, but there were only 75,000 residents employed in industry at an average annual salary of \$215 which was about half the national average. Mr. Larsen pointed out. At that time there were 20 white illiterates for every 100 of white population over 10 years of age, and this illiteracy figure would be much higher if the number of Negro illiterates were averaged into the figure.

"There were exactly nine public libraries to serve North Carolina's reading public in 1900, and although there were 27 daily newspapers, the circulation of the most popular one, the Raleigh News and Observer, was only 5,800," Mr. Larsen continued.

There were 30 school districts in the state, all urban, which considered education of sufficient importance to levy a school tax, and the average salary paid to school teachers was \$91.25 for the term. There were only 30 public high schools in North Carolina in 1900, and only 2,000 youngsters out of a total school age population of 658,000 were enrolled in them. Only 200 North Carolinians graduated from public schools in 1900, Mr. Larsen pointed out.

"The change in the educational picture, and hence in the illiteracy rate, in the next generation and a half was, as you know, staggering," he continued. "By 1924, 64 per cent instead of 30 per cent of the North Carolina population was See SCHOOLS, Page 2

Hearing Continued

A hearing before the Commercial Fisheries committee of the House of Representatives with Representative Swindell, chairman, has been continued until next week at which time the association will present its recommendations.

The new tax and license bill replaces that of the 1951 legislature by which, in an error of omission, only the state tax on oysters has been in effect during the last two years. The new bill was presented to the Conservation and Development board by Mrs. Roland McClamroch of Chapel Hill, chairman of the board's fisheries committee, supported by Dr. Sylvester Green of Chapel Hill.

The principal objection which fisheries men have voiced is that the bill proposed is confusing in its multiple tax character. The bill proposes a tax on oysters, crab oysters, scallops, clams, soft crabs, hard crabs, shrimp (cooked or green), and fish. The fishermen objected to the tax on fin fish, pointing out that no other state now taxes the taking of fish except South Carolina.

Fisheries representatives also See FISHERIES, Page 2

Driver Arrested After Chase

Victor Hill of Dover was arrested by Beaufort police yesterday morning after a short chase along the Lennoxville road. He will be tried Tuesday in Beaufort recorder's court on charges of careless and reckless driving, failing to yield the right of way and failing to stop at the sound of a siren. He was released on his own recognizance.

Chief Carlton Garner said that he began to chase Hill when he drove through a service station at high speed instead of stopping for a red light at Live Oak and Mulberry streets.

Chief Garner said that he pursued Hill along the Lennoxville road but was unable to stop him. He said that Hill held his car in the middle of the road and refused to let him pass him. The chief said that Hill finally stopped and pulled to the side of the road.

James Taylor of Sea Level will be tried Tuesday for public drunkenness, resisting arrest and striking an officer. He was arrested Tuesday by Chief Garner and Lt. Otis Willis and is being held in the county jail under \$100 bond.

Horace (Honeybee) Jones was arrested Tuesday for public drunkenness. He is being held in the county jail and will be tried Tuesday in Beaufort recorder's court.

Jaycees Advertise Beauty Pageant



Members of the Morehead City Jaycees advertise the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant as they arrive at the state quarterly board meeting held last week in Durham. The banner held by club members was used to call attention to the beauty contest which will be held in Morehead City in July. The club's shrimp party to promote the pageant was a big feature of the meeting.

Finer Carolina Contest Opened To Residents of Rural Areas

The Carolina Power and Light company has announced the extension of its Finer Carolina contest to include residents of the rural areas served by the company. Last year's contest was limited to civic improvements in the various towns in North and South Carolina.

The new part of the contest is open to farmers in all counties served by the company. Prizes will be awarded to individual farmers and to counties on the basis of soil and water conservation.

Prizes to farmers doing the best conservation jobs will be awarded in three classifications based on the size of farms. Three prizes will be given in each acreage classification. The classifications are farms of 50 acres or less, 50-100 acres and more than 100 acres.

On the county level, prizes will be awarded to the county with the greatest number of acres participating and to the county with the greatest percentage of total acres entered. Prizes awarded to counties will be turned over to local units of the soil conservation district to be used to encourage further soil and water conservation.

Entry blanks for the contest may be obtained from soil conservation

district supervisors. Carteret county's members on the board of supervisors of the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation district are L. W. Howard of Newport, Floyd W. Garner of Newport and Neal Campen of Wire Grass. Entry blanks must be returned to the supervisors by April 1.

Each contestant must list the conservation projects on which he will work during 1953 including at least one new project. In the case of farmers employing all accepted conservation practices, expansion of a project will be considered a new project.

Individual results will be judged by district soil conservation supervisors. One farm in each acreage classification will be selected as the best farm in its county and will compete with leading farms in other participating counties.

Soil conservation supervisors and agents of the soil conservation service will work with contestants to help in the development of conservation programs best suited to their needs.

Roy Beck, soil conservation service representative in Carteret county, said that one farmer, W. R. Roberts of Newport, has already entered the contest.