

Fire Area Cleared; Plans Proceed for Use of Site

Operation "tear-down" was started Saturday on the fire-blackened walls of the Ocean King Hotel which was gutted by flames Thursday morning.

Mayor Alfred Cooper of Atlantic Beach, owner of the Ocean King Hotel, said, "It's utterly impossible to put a hotel back this summer. I doubt if I can ever put it back, but we expect to have some sort of business operating on the hotel site. I don't know what it will be, but it will be of value to vacationers coming here." There were reports that amusement rides would be placed there.

The front part of the hotel was severely damaged by Hazel and had just been repaired, at a cost of \$40,000.

Cleaning up operations and the building of the concrete boardwalk will follow tearing down of the hotel, Mayor Cooper said.

Concrete blocks used in the hotel walls have been offered to folks for the taking. The scene of the fire attracted hundreds of visitors over the weekend.

The fire broke out early Thursday morning in Duck's Burger Palace, owned by the Clarks of Elizabethtown. Before the flames were stopped, they destroyed the Burger Palace, Reggie's Bar, Clark's bath house, Atlantic Beach police headquarters, and the hotel.

Reginald Lewis, owner of Reggie's Bar told Mayor Cooper the day after the fire that he did not think he would rebuild.

Mayor Cooper also said that he had spoken to Dave Clark and that Mr. Clark had told him he didn't know what he's going to do. He gave Mr. Cooper the authority to hire men to clear off the debris in front of his burned out places of business so that the boardwalk could be worked on.

The site of the burned buildings and the hotel on Saturday was a mass of charred wood, burnt and twisted metal with many smoke-covered concrete blocks lying about.

Several souvenir hunters were out Saturday sifting through the ashes. One man had found about 80 cents in small coins, while another boy had found about \$2.50, all of it in half-dollars.

Early reports of the fire stated that Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen fought the flames from a fire boat. They had, instead, their pumper on the scene and from the ocean side of the hotel pumped water on the cottages to the east. Their work has been termed the major factor in preventing the cottages from going up.

The two cottages nearest the hotel, owned by K. W. Cobb, Greenville, and Mrs. C. H. Edwards, Goldsboro, were smoke-damaged.

Discovery of the fire has been accredited to both Joe Zajac, night clerk, and James Jones, hotel bell-boy. Mr. Zajac smelled smoke and called the Morehead City fire department and the bellboy helped rouse the 51 guests in the hotel.

Nick Moerings Speaks to Club

Nick Moerings, of Jacksonville, Fla., and a native of Holland, was the guest speaker for the second time within the past several weeks at the Morehead City Rotary Club meeting Thursday night. The program was under the direction of Bill Chalk who introduced Mr. Moerings.

Mr. Moerings continued his talk on communism and its effect and influence on the free countries of the world. He said that the free countries should keep themselves prepared and realize that there can be no union with the communists that will be honored unless the Kremlin receives all benefits. He said the communists will not respect agreements or treaties.

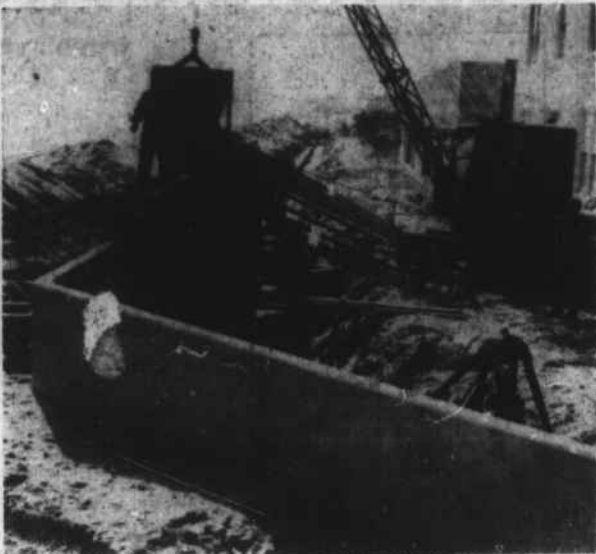
In his opinion the new war will be one of principles, freedom or slavery, and not a war for strategic land areas. He once more advised that the Kremlin cannot trust its own industry, army or people and that the political leaders must be ever watchful concerning internal security.

To the communists everything is material, stated Mr. Moerings, and nothing is spiritual. To them everything must come from the Kremlin and nothing from God.

The Rotarians voted to hold their next meeting April 14 in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting at the Recreation Center.

Guests included Jim Robinson, Raleigh; Captain A. A. Alexander, Master of the M/T Paludis and Chief Engineer J. H. Mortimer of the Paludis, both of whom are from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England; Allen Khott, Kinston, and Lt. Col. Henry A. McCartney, Cherry Point.

Visiting Rotarians were Lee Nance, Ayden, H. W. Abbott Jr., New Bern, and Howard R. McCartney, Montreal, Canada.



Damaged in Thursday morning's fire at Atlantic Beach was this concrete seawall being built to replace the concrete block wall destroyed in the October hurricane. When this picture was taken early last week contractors were working in front of the now-demolished Ocean King Hotel, and behind the crane is the new front which had been built on the Clark properties which were also destroyed by the fire.

W. H. Potter Speaks At Fishermen's Meeting

'Explosion' Report Heard in Beaufort

Persons in the Beaufort area reported an "explosion" yesterday about 20 minutes after noon, but nothing could be learned by THE NEWS-TIMES about anything blowing up.

There were varied reports about the "explosion." Some people said it sounded like it came from Fort Macon, others claim they saw smoke.

It was also suggested that there was no explosion, but that a plane, diving rapidly toward the earth created shock waves which hit the earth, causing windows to rattle and walls to shake. That has occurred in the past at Cherry Point Air Base and people living near the base thought then that an "explosion" had occurred.

Church Erects Easter Tableau

Members of the North River Methodist Church have again this year depicted in the church yard the Eastern Morning Tableau.

The scene shows the women at the tomb on the morning of Christ's resurrection. The scene is lighted at night and church music is played over an amplifying system.

The tableau attracted hundreds of visitors last Easter when the congregation put it up for the first time. The church is located on Highway 70, about 10 minutes' ride from Beaufort.

Figures are life-size and the tomb is made of field stone. The setting is in a garden planted by the Methodist Youth Fellowship several years ago.

All members of the congregation assisted in making the tableau. Mrs. Ray West supervised the work. The church invites everyone to visit the scene this week.

Sea Level Fisherman Files Suit for \$15,000

Leonard A. Goodwin, Sea Level, has filed at New Bern a suit against the United States government for damages suffered when a Marine airplane bombed and sank his 37-foot fishing boat.

Mr. Goodwin, named as plaintiff in the action, asks \$15,000 payment for his boat and pain, shock and reduced earning capacity which he alleges resulted from

Tide Table		
Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, April 5		
7:01 a.m.		12:51 a.m.
7:23 p.m.		1:09 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6		
7:42 a.m.		1:36 a.m.
8:02 p.m.		1:50 p.m.
Thursday, April 7		
8:22 a.m.		2:20 a.m.
8:40 p.m.		2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 8		
9:01 a.m.		3:01 a.m.
9:16 p.m.		3:07 p.m.

Health Division Prepares to Give Polio Vaccine

Report on Whether Salk Vaccine Will be Licensed Is Due Next Tuesday

The county health department, in cooperation with local doctors and the Carteret County Infantile Paralysis Chapter, is proceeding with plans for the inoculation of first and second graders to protect them from polio.

It will not be known until Tuesday, April 12 whether tests last spring were effective in preventing the disease, but if the vaccine is effective, the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis is ready to provide vaccine for inoculation of all first and second graders in the nation.

In March parents were sent blanks to be filled out and returned if they wanted their child to be inoculated. Of the 1,380 first and second graders in the county, 1,175 returned the blanks indicating that their parents wanted them to have the inoculations.

Three Shots
The vaccine dose is 1 cc., followed by another dose in one week, with the third shot given four weeks after the second. It is important that each child who starts the series gets all three injections. They will be given in the upper part of the child's arm.

Extensive preparation has been made for administering the vaccine, for if it is approved, there can be no delay in getting the children inoculated before school ends and before polio outbreaks usually occur.

County health department nurses will pick up Carteret County's supply at Wilmington and clinics at the various schools will be scheduled immediately. Dr. Luther Fulcher, health officer, said county doctors will assist in giving the shots.

Furnished Free
The polio vaccine will be furnished from a supply being purchased by the National Foundation with March of Dimes funds. It will be made available by the National Foundation without charge.

The National Foundation has financed the development and production of the Salk vaccine. Contracts were made with manufacturers for a supply of vaccine costing \$9,000,000 in March of Dimes funds. This enabled manufacturers to keep their production facilities in operation during the waiting period and be ready to go into full production as soon as the vaccine is licensed.

If the vaccine is licensed, it will be available from doctors also. Children who do not get the free shots at school, may be taken to their family doctor.

C&D Board Convenes Today

The Board of Conservation and Development will meet at the Sheraton Hotel, High Point, today, tomorrow and Thursday, with Gov. Luther Hodges addressing the group at the opening session.

The governor will speak again at a luncheon today when the board will be guests at a joint meeting of the Civitan, Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs, directors of the High Point Chamber of Commerce, and city officials.

Director Ben E. Douglas will make his report to the board this morning as will Charles Parker, advertising; Dallas T. Daily, commerce and industry; C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries; F. H. Claridge, forestry; Jasper L. Stuckey, mineral resources; Thomas W. Morse, parks; B. C. Snow, water resources; Michael L. Taft, tourist bureau; and W. Ray Bishop, auditor.

Three committees will meet tomorrow morning: commercial fisheries, Cecil Morris of Atlantic, chairman; mineral resources, Seroop W. Enlow Jr., of Spruce Pines, chairman; and forestry, W. J. Damstoff of Canton, chairman.

Toastmasters Will Meet Tomorrow

Carteret Toastmasters will meet at the Fort Macon Hotel at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

Appearing on the program will be Hap Hansen, topicmaster; Ted Davis, topic critic, and Walton Hamilton, toastmaster.

At last week's meeting speakers were Toastmasters Gerald Hill on "Highways Improvement and Safety," J. P. Harris, "Effects of Segregation," Dr. Russell Outlaw, "The Toll on the Blue Ridge Parkway," and Ted Davis, "Stepping Stones to Better Speech."

Toastmaster of the morning was Dr. W. L. Woodard. Individual critics were E. G. Phillips, Jasper Bell, Dr. Russell Outlaw and P. H. Geer Jr., was master critic.

Chamber, JC's Set Dates For May Vacation Festival

Col. Charles Knaub Will Visit Army Unit Tomorrow

Red Cross Drive Nets \$1,873 to Date

With parts of Morehead City and Beaufort, as well as all of Newport, Straits, Harker Islands, Davis, Gloucester, Bogue and Marshallberg still to be heard from, the Red Cross drive has netted \$1,873.13 of \$3,480 quota.

Mrs. D. F. Merrill, chairman, said that she believes the county will hit its quota since the majority of the smaller communities haven't as yet submitted their collections and many chairmen in Morehead City and Beaufort have yet to report.

State to Widen Intersection

Resurfacing of the Salter Path road has gotten underway and the State Highway and Public Works Commission, to relieve a bottleneck at the Fort Macon-Salter Path and Atlantic Beach Road, will widen that intersection.

D. G. Bell, Carteret legislator, said that highway officials have told him they will widen the intersection approaches to three lanes. This will allow cars making turns to do so without holding up other traffic, according to Mr. Bell.

The highway commission is also considering plans for installing lights at the intersection of 24th and Arendell Streets to prevent the usual summer blocking of traffic there. Twenty-fourth street leads to the bridge. If lights are installed, the cost must be borne by the town, the legislator said.

With the Armed Forces

Sgt. Bert C. Willis Serves at German Post

Mannheim, Germany — Sgt. Bert C. Willis, whose mother lives on Harkers Island, was recently assigned to the 53d Ordnance Group located at Spinelli Barracks, Mannheim, Germany. The 53d Ordnance Group controls all Army Ordnance depots in Germany.

Sergeant Willis is learning the duties of the section NCO in the property division in Group headquarters. This section has charge of the inventory and disposition of all property in the depot at Mannheim and all other ordnance depots under its supervision in Germany. Upon completion of training Sergeant Willis will become the section NCO.

After working in the Post Ordnance Division at Fort Benning, Ga., for four months, Sergeant Willis received orders to report to the 53d Group. He arrived in Germany March 14.

Prior to entry into the Army, Sergeant Willis was employed as a supervisor of inspection and property control at Stallings Air Base.

Fort Jackson, S. C.—Pvt. Ernest N. Hill, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses C. Hill, Marshallberg, has been assigned to Svc. Battery, 518th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Jackson for eight weeks of advanced infantry training.

Private Hill, who entered the Army Dec. 2, 1954, has just returned from 14 days' leave following eight weeks of basic infantry training.

During the next eight weeks he will be concerned with more detailed instruction of training covered in the initial eight weeks. He will also learn to operate the heavier infantry weapons such as the machine gun, mortar, and recoilless rifle. Following the advanced training he will be assigned to an Army unit either in the United States or overseas.

Cape Romain, S. C.—Participating here in Operation "Lantimex" aboard the light minelayer USS Shannon is Paul W. Mattils, engineer first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mattils of 506 Fisher St., Morehead City, and husband of the former Miss Dorothy Boney of Wallace.

Lantimex, an abbreviation for Atlantic Fleet Mine Warfare Exercise, is the largest post-war operation of its kind since the end of World War II.

The operation, designed to improve the mine warfare readiness of the fleet, began March 7 and will run through April 4.

Battery A, 906th Field Artillery, commanded by Capt. Thomas H. McQuaid, will be visited tomorrow by Col. Charles U. Knaub, Senior Army Advisor for North Carolina. Battery A, 906th Field Artillery Battalion has been commanded by Captain McQuaid since its activation on the first of October, 1954.

Captain McQuaid teaches at Beaufort High School and coached its basketball team to North Carolina State Championship for 1955. He lives on Circle Drive, Beaufort. Battery A, like all other Army Reserve Units, is composed mainly of two groups.

The first group are young veterans who have a military obligation to complete and at the same time are serving themselves, their families and their country.

The second group consists of "old-timers" who want to remain in contact with the Army so that in the event of a national emergency their services will be readily available to their country. Both of these groups are also working toward a very secure Army Reserve Retirement Plan for themselves and their families.

Battery A conducts its assemblies at 433 Front St., Beaufort, at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Anyone wanting to join the unit or wanting information is cordially invited to contact Captain McQuaid or attend the assemblies at the training center.

Colonel Knaub, a veteran with 26 years' service, recently returned from Korea and has been appointed to head Army Reserve activities throughout North Carolina. Colonel Knaub will be accompanied by Maj. A. C. Marcereau, Capt. K. D. Knapp, M/Sgt. W. J. Nunnery who are Army Reserve Unit Advisors for this area with their office in Greenville.

A one-week Morehead City Vacation Festival will be sponsored May 24-30 by the Morehead City Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce.

Plans for the event, made at a luncheon meeting Thursday, include a boat show, golf tournament, fish rodeo, amateur photography contest, the Miss Morehead City pageant, and a Miss Sweetie Pie Contest.

Competition in the last event will be limited to 3 to 5-year-old girls. Jaycee co-chairmen of the festival are Jerry Willis and James Macy.

The two contests will take place at the Morehead City dog track. Ted Davis, manager of the chamber, said that Paul Cleland, owner, has offered the race track facilities free of charge.

Mr. Willis announced that Morehead City businessmen will sponsor Miss Morehead City contestants. Each will pay \$10 to enter a girl in the contest and she will be known as Miss "Name of Store" until announcement of the winner is made.

Attending the planning meeting, besides Mr. Davis, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Macy, were Jasper Bell, Jaycee president; P. H. Geer Jr., and Carl Southerland, chairman of the Morehead City chamber retail merchants committee.

Fishermen Spot Live Bomb At Swansboro

A live bomb, spotted by fishermen in shallow water about 200 yards from the town hall in Swansboro Wednesday, was carted away by men from the Ninth Naval District Thursday morning.

As soon as the bomb was spotted, the Coast Guard was called in to watch over it, and they in turn called the Fifth Naval District. Naval men from the Fifth made the trip to Swansboro and then in turn called the Ninth Naval District at Charleston, S. C., to come and get the bomb.

The bomb, believed to have weighed approximately 1,300 pounds, was examined by men from the Ninth Naval District. It took them Wednesday night and on into Thursday morning to remove the detonator.

How the bomb got to Swansboro is a mystery. According to Mayor M. N. Lisk, the Navy refused to make any comment whatever.

Two Rural Fires Occur Thursday

While forest fires rage throughout eastern Carolina, Carteret has escaped with only two fires during the past week.

E. M. Foreman, forest ranger, recruited men to help put out a fire on the edge of the Open Grounds at Stacy Thursday. Thirty acres of open land burned when a trash fire got out of control.

Twenty acres of woods burned Thursday at Sea Level. The fire burned itself out, having been blocked by Highway 70.

Mr. Foreman said that the Saturday night and early Sunday morning rain helped considerably in reducing the fire danger here. The state ruling, however, on burning, is still in effect. Nothing within 500 feet of a wooded area may be burned.

Two Cars Collide On Arendell Street

Morehead City police investigated an accident on Arendell Street Sunday at 2:50 p.m. Drivers of two vehicles each claimed that the other had slammed into the side of his car. Both cars were traveling east on Arendell Street.

William Duryard Aman, Jacksonville, driving a 1954 Buick, had \$100 damage to the left front fender and front bumper of his car.

Jennis Gordon Bynum, Morehead City, driving a 1949 Chevrolet, had \$150 damage to his right front fender, right door and grill. No charges were filed by the investigating officer, Sgt. Carl Bunch.

Firemen Make \$279 On Sale of Movie Tickets

As of yesterday morning, Morehead City firemen had made \$279 from their sale of tickets for the showing of "Black Dakotas" Wednesday night at the Ocean Park Drive-In Theatre.

The final figure was announced last night at the firemen's meeting. The money will be used to erect the new sub-station on Arendell Street between 33rd and 34th Streets.

Beach Board Meets Sunday

Commissioners Make Plans to Ready Beach For Summer Opening

The Atlantic Beach Town Board, at a meeting Sunday at Mayor Alfred Cooper's office, announced plans to push up sand dunes at the beach, to clean up the remaining debris from Hurricane Hazel, and repair streets damaged by the hurricane.

Of the \$83,399 granted by the federal government to help rebuild the beach, \$32,000 has been allocated by the board for the construction of the boardwalk, with the businessmen of Atlantic Beach pledged to put up the difference for the concrete construction.

It was announced at the meeting that anyone who has a cottage or business place and has not cleared the debris away, will be sent a letter by the clerk of the board and given two weeks in which to either rebuild or clear the ground. If the job isn't done by the owner, the board will do the job and send the owner a bill.

As regards the firefighting program, the mayor announced that due to Thursday's fire, the valuation of property at the beach has been lowered. This means that the tax to finance a fire-fighting system will be higher than was anticipated. Mayor Cooper said that residents and businessmen at the beach will be notified of the amount of the tax raise.

The board also sent a request to the State Highway Department to widen the intersection where Morehead Avenue meets the Salter Path and Fort Macon Roads, so as to eliminate traffic jams in the summertime.

Purchase of new life-saving equipment was authorized. The equipment the town had was destroyed in the fire at the Clark Brothers Bathhouse. Some of the equipment to be obtained includes a new set of life-lines.

Shelby Freeman, owner of the Frontier Village Tourist Court and president of the Atlantic Beach Businessmen's Association, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of W. H. (Hob) Anderson of Wilson, who resigned as commissioner after selling his cottage at the beach.

Mr. Freeman was also appointed building inspector and all new builders must have a permit from him, and follow the beach restrictions on building.

The mayor was instructed to see that all carnival rides at the beach meet regulations before they are allowed to go into operation.

Commissioner J. C. Lanier did not attend the meeting because of illness.

Car Damaged In Sunday Wreck

A 1949 Ford was damaged to the extent of \$500 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday when it overturned on Highway 70 near the intersection of the Harkers Island Road. The driver, Franklin Pittman, Merriam, was treated at the Morehead City Hospital for a minor shoulder injury and a cut and bruised knee.

Pittman told State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, the investigating officer, that his car skid and he lost control of it.

It went over to the left of the highway, turned over and landed on its wheels in a canal, headed west. The car had been traveling east. No charges against the driver were filed.

County Official Highway Deaths Total Six for '54

Carteret County had six fatalities in 1954 and the State Department of Motor Vehicles reports that fatalities were fewer last year than any previous year since 1950.

In a final accounting of traffic deaths, injuries and accidents for 1954, the state reports 901 fatalities and 15,000 injuries. In all there were 40,440 motor mishaps, 880 of them classed as fatal. Included in the death toll were 215 pedestrians, about half of them children.