

Blast Damages 22-Foot Sailboat At Shackleford

Miss Maxine McLohon Gets Cut on Head; Five Others Escape Injury

A 22-foot sailboat owned by Sammy Hughes, 707 Fisher St., Morehead City, was damaged in a freak explosion Sunday afternoon and Miss Maxine McLohon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McLohon, Morehead City, was slightly injured. Five others in the boat escaped injury.

Miss McLohon had a cut behind her right ear and three fingers on her left hand are severely bruised. She was still unable to hear out of her right ear yesterday.

The accident happened about 3:15 p.m. when the boat evidently hit a detonator or explosive of some sort about three-quarters of a mile north-northeast of the dock at Shackleford Banks. The Coast Guard was investigating the accident yesterday. It is believed that the explosive may have been blown into inside waters during the recent storms.

A 16-inch piece of plank was blown out on the starboard side near the stern and it is believed that a splinter probably cut Miss McLohon. Others in the boat besides the owner and Miss McLohon were Miss Betsy Fulford of Beaufort, Gilbert Arthur, and Paul and Carlos Cordova.

A passing motorboat was hailed and Miss McLohon was put aboard to be taken to Fort Macon Coast Guard Station. Mr. and Mrs. George Stovall, in their boat the Miss Fritz, were nearby and they radioed the Coast Guard Station to have an ambulance come and pick up Miss McLohon.

Mr. Stovall said he had to get the message to the Coast Guard Station by relaying it to the Rita C, which in turn called the station. The Dill ambulance carried the injured girl to Morehead City Hospital.

Mr. Stovall lay by the damaged sailboat until Mr. Hughes could unship his mast, furl the sails and right the boat. Miss Fulford was taken aboard another sailboat skippered by Buddy Bailey and the boys stayed in the Hughes boat while Mr. Stovall towed it back to Morehead City. Yesterday it was tied up at the foot of 4th Street.

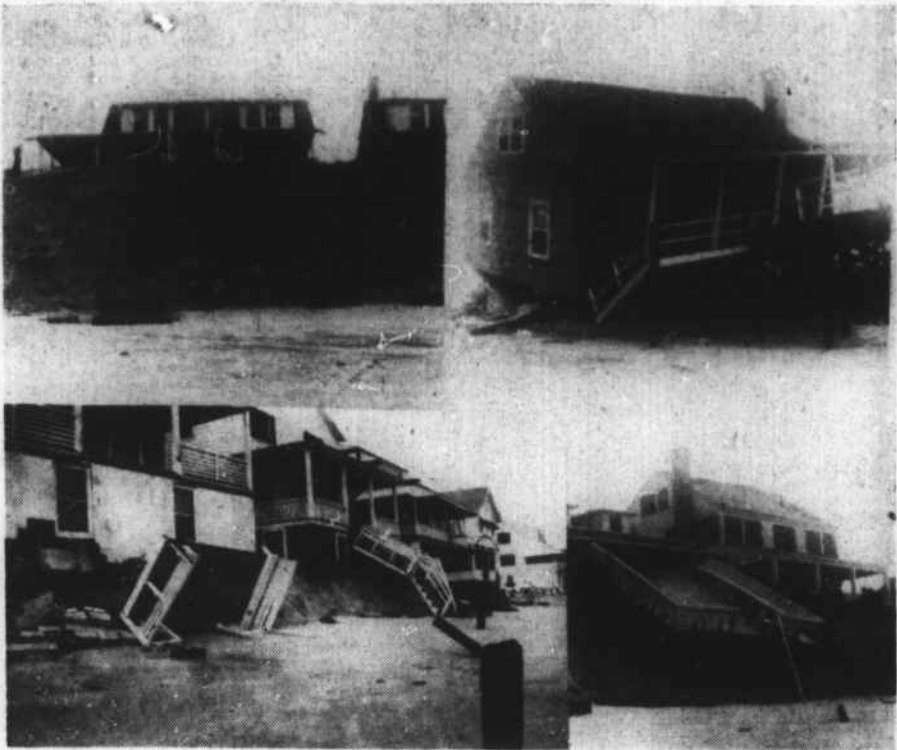
Mr. Hughes said the explosion sounded to him like "a muffled report from a 12 gauge shotgun." Miss McLohon was sitting nearest the spot where the hole was ripped in the deck.

Mr. Stovall said he was "about a city block" away from the Hughes boat when he saw it suddenly keel over. He said he couldn't understand why because there was no wind. Neither did he hear an explosion.

He said the boat was right in the tide line which was quite pronounced Sunday afternoon.

Miss Fulford said no one was panicky but they were all frightened for Miss McLohon who was bleeding. None of the personal belongings in the boat were lost.

Diane Was Here



The K. W. Cobb cottage at Atlantic Beach, upper left, was left high on a "cliff" after Diane. The bank rises about 12 feet from the beach and it is estimated the dune was cut back about 15 feet from the high water mark.

Water washed through under the house and continued across two roads, running back 900 feet from the ocean front.

In the picture at lower left are several homes. The first two to the left are those of Louis G. Cooper and a Mr. Hooker. At the Cooper home the porch fell off and

the lower wall was washed away, exposing a bed. The bed spread and the curtains at the window were left flapping in the wind.

At the Hooker home the sun deck collapsed and the steps toppled forward.

At the low right the sunporch on the Higgs and Goodson cottage fell forward, but it was intact.

Photos by Charles Tolson

FHA Supervisor Will Be Here Soon; Farmers Report Losses

Farmers needing loans as the result of damage they sustained in Connie and Diane should contact J. M. Robbins, FHA supervisor, at the postoffice in Beaufort Thursday. Mr. Robbins keeps office on the second floor of the building and will be there all day, beginning at about 9 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Robbins regularly visits the county every second and fourth Thursday.

Horace J. Isenhour, state FHA director, has announced that 28 eastern Carolina counties have been designated "disaster areas" in which production emergency loans are available to stricken farmers.

Applicants, Mr. Isenhour said, must be unable to obtain adequate credit elsewhere. He stressed that each application would be considered "on its individual merits." The loans bear an interest rate of three per cent.

Both Rep. Herbert Bonner and Rep. Graham A. Barden of New Bern urged FHA officials to "cut red tape," be "generous" in making loans, and speed up processing of applications as much as possible.

Truck Backs Over Two Youngsters

Two Beaufort children were injured at about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon when they were run over by a truck driven by Gray Hassell, Beaufort. The children were Roscoe Conway, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conway, and Chester Ray Conway, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Conway.

The accident occurred as Mr. Hassell was backing an unloaded dump truck on property north of the Lennoxville Road. Mr. Hassell was travelling the property all day getting loads of dirt and said he had repeatedly chased the youngsters off the truck. They insisted on hitching rides.

Right before the accident happened, he chased them off the side of the truck where he could see and then they apparently went around and hid on the other side. The accident happened in front of the Conway home which is located back of the Standard Net Co.

Chester Ray has a broken leg and his cousin, Roscoe, was suffering from bruises and shock. Mr. Hassell took them to the Morehead City Hospital.

According to the youngsters' tale later, they were behind the cab and tried to jump off and got caught under the truck. The truck was privately owned.

The fathers of the two injured children work for the town of Beaufort.

No officers investigated the accident because it occurred on private property.

Driver Pays \$35 Following Wreck

Jimmy Hoots Willis, Williston, who was involved in an accident Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the intersection of 24th and Evans Streets, was fined \$35 and costs yesterday by Judge Herbert Phillips in Morehead City Recorder's Court.

Willis pleaded guilty to having no operator's license and running a stop sign.

Walter Thomas, police officer who investigated the wreck, stated that Mrs. Margaret Bostic Hodges of Farmville was travelling north on 24th Street, headed towards Arendell Street, when her car was struck by Willis' truck headed west on Evans Street. Willis ran the stop sign and rammed into the right side of Mrs. Hodges' 1955 Oldsmobile doing \$350 damage, Patrolman Thomas said.

The truck, a 1954 Ford owned by Ward Ballou, had \$150 damage.

The Carteret B&PW Club will meet at 7 tonight at Fleming's Restaurant, Atlantic Beach Causeway.

County farmers, contacted over the weekend, reported that their tobacco, soybeans, corn, and sweet potatoes had been seriously damaged, if not ruined, by the recent hurricanes.

N. A. Avery, Beaufort: "I lost five barns of tobacco still in the field—worth \$4,000 to \$5,000. And my soybeans are one-third gone, if not half."

Earl G. Campen, Beaufort: "Well, I'm on the shelf, not doing any farming to speak of. My son Neal's taking care of all that, but our section was hit about like the others. Hadn't gotten all the tobacco out, about 25 per cent was still in the field and that was a total loss."

"Our sixty acres of soybeans were in the blossom stage and they were mighty nice, but if the blossoms washed off there'll be nothing there. Corn loss is about 50 per cent. Saltwater got on some pastureland and did a bit of damage and there was a little bit of fresh water standing in the fields. But it wasn't nearly as bad as Hazel and Hazel wasn't anywhere like the storm of 1933."

"1933 was the worst storm I ever saw. That blew the windows out of my home."

(Mr. Avery and Mr. Campen have farms on Highway 101 north of Beaufort.)

Dr. C. S. Maxwell, North River: "The roof blew off one of my barns. Connie started to take it and Diane finished it. Our vegetable garden is ruined, like everybody else's and the pastures had saltwater over them."

H. T. Carraway, Beaufort RFD: "I fared pretty bad. Lost approximately three barns of tobacco and there was quite a bit of damage to the tobacco stored in the pack house. Water beat in the pack house and ran under the tobacco."

"I believe 90 per cent of my soybean hay is gone; had in 50 acres of soybeans, some peanuts and quite a bit of corn. I don't know how much of my corn is gone. It wasn't too well matured and it was partly under water, damaged by both salt spray and heavy rain. All my vegetable crops were in."

L. D. Springle, Russells Creek: "Lost all my 15 acres corn and 35 acres of soybeans and my three acres of sweet potatoes had water all over them. They would have been ready to dig in October. I didn't have any saltwater damage this time."

J. T. Oglesby, Crab Point: "I had See FARMS, Page 2"

Tide Table		Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Aug. 23			
12:26 p.m.	6:48 a.m.		
Wednesday, Aug. 24			
12:42 a.m.	6:36 a.m.		
1:12 p.m.	7:36 p.m.		
Thursday, Aug. 25			
1:29 a.m.	7:38 a.m.		
2:02 p.m.	8:42 p.m.		
Friday, Aug. 26			
2:25 a.m.	8:47 a.m.		
2:54 p.m.	9:42 p.m.		

State Sends Plane to Spread Mosquito Spray Down East

Luther Hamilton Jr. Will Serve as Assistant Judge

Luther Hamilton Jr. was appointed assistant judge of Morehead City Recorder's Court by the town board Thursday night. He will preside when Judge Herbert Phillips cannot be present.

Also appointed Thursday night during the board meeting at the Morehead City Municipal Building was Jerry Willis, who will serve on the board of adjustment. Mr. Willis was appointed in place of Sam Adler, who has resigned.

George McNeill, town attorney, said that he thought the board would also have to appoint someone to replace Mr. Hamilton on the board of adjustment since Mr. Hamilton had been made assistant judge. No additional appointments were made that night, however.

Plans Approved

The board gave approval to plans submitted by Roper Van Horn who plans to put a bulk oil plant at the south end of 4th Street. Mr. Van Horn also suggested that the town ask for bids on gas and oil used by the town mobile equipment.

The town attorney expressed the opinion that during the recent legislative session a law was passed which allowed towns to buy gas and oil under state contract.

Referred to Fire Commissioner D. J. Hall was a letter from Carolina Water Co. relative to supplying the new Morehead City Fire sub-station with a water line. The water company said a 2-inch line is adequate but a 4-inch line had been requested by the fire chief.

The water company said it would be glad to put in the 4-inch line if the town would pay the difference between the cost of a 2-inch and 4-inch line, a total of \$454.

New Chassis Needed

Street Superintendent J. V. Waters appeared before the board and said it had been discovered that the chassis ordered for the town's new garbage paker was not heavy enough to take the packer. Commissioner Gibbie Sanderson was appointed to confer with Sound Chevrolet Co., from which the chassis was bought, with a view to obtaining the proper chassis.

For more than an hour the board discussed a system of getting sewer lines down without losing money and at the same time making the cost as low as possible to the home owner.

It was pointed out that the town is losing money on laying sewer lines, regardless what property owners pay.

Street Commissioner Sanderson said that whatever amount of money was paid the town for streets and sewers, he wanted it to be paid to the street department account and not to the general fund as in previous years. The board agreed.

Mayor George Dill presided.

Dr. David Farrior Speaks to Rotary

Dr. David Farrior of the Beaufort Rotary Club was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting Thursday night of the Morehead City Rotary Club as part of the exchange program recently instituted between the two clubs.

Dr. Farrior spoke of the depression of 1929 and the trying times that went with it. He compared the depression days with conditions as they exist today, and commented on things the government has done to make certain there won't be a recurrence of the dark days.

Dr. Farrior cited the GI Bill of Rights as an example, stating that the veterans in college have been better students than non-veterans, and have come out of college prepared to work for a better economy.

Visiting Rotarians included Jim Mason, Gastonia; C. M. Wade, Charlottesville, Va.; Jim Fleming, Greenville; Wilbur Ormand and Lee Nance, Ayden; B. W. Elliott, Durham, and Edgar Hibbs, Newport.

Port Calendar

USNS Teconic—Due in at Aviation Fuel Terminals, docked instead at Norfolk and unloaded its cargo of aviation gas. The change was necessitated because of the hurricanes.

SS Saerstein—Due at the state port Thursday to pick up tobacco for Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bremen and Hamburg.

Shrimpers Hope For Good Catches

If their nets don't get fouled in storm debris, shrimpers believe they'll do fairly well now.

Good catches were reported in the Neuse River the end of last week and some fishermen, judging from the turn of events after Hazel, believe fishing might get better. It did after Hazel.

In this area, hardly any commercial boats were damaged by the storms but in the Hatteras section, fishermen lost a lot of their gear.

Two Storms Cost State \$100,000 In Carteret Alone

In this county alone Connie and Diane topped the State Highway Commissioner's pocketbook to the tune of \$100,000. "That's a conservative estimate," said J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent.

Connie with her heavy rains caused \$60,000 damage and Diane, sweeping in with high tides, added \$40,000 to the bill.

Mr. Humphrey said the state hoped to have all roads open by yesterday. On Friday the West Beaufort Road was still closed, as was the Big Deep Creek Road. The Mundine Road was open to light traffic.

The Stella Road, washed out in two places was opened Thursday and the roads to Harkers Island and Atlantic were passable, although the Harkers Island Bridge approaches were one-way only and Highway 70 to Atlantic was open only to one-way traffic in some spots. The same was true of Highway 24 to Swansboro.

Mr. Humphrey said, however, that no one was stranded. On the state system wherever there was a blockade because of a washout, there was another way open over which the motorist could get to where he was going.

The main motor on the Atlantic Beach Bridge quit Tuesday when it got wet, but it was back in operation, mechanically, Thursday. In the meantime, the bridge was opened and closed by manpower, prisoners from the Newport Prison Camp.

In addition to working on roads, the State Highway Commission was pushing up sand dunes at Atlantic Beach to save property there from future storms and it also put a line across the Salter Path Road to the sound to drain low areas at the beach filled with water as the result of the storms.

To battle mosquitoes in eastern Carteret County the State Mosquito Control Commission sent a plane to Sea Level over the weekend to put in 20 hours of spraying time.

J. A. DuBois, manager of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce, said that the plane sprayed a 25 per cent solution of DDT Saturday, Sunday and finished up two hours of the time yesterday morning.

Two hours was allotted to Ocracoke and a portion of that time to Portsmouth Island. Also covered were the marshes to North River, Harkers Island and all down east communities.

"We doubt that many of the mosquitoes now flying were killed, but the insecticide has been spread on the water and will kill the larvae," Mr. DuBois commented.

He commented that the Mosquito Control Commission is probably giving help first to those communities which offered cooperation and who have thus far been trying to help themselves. According to information supplied him, the coastal towns which have already been designated for help in mosquito control are Jacksonville, Richlands and Belhaven. Richlands has agreed to supply the spray for their town, Mr. DuBois said.

"All communities can get in on it," he added. The Mosquito Control Commission recently sent a letter to coastal communities asking whether they would be able to match state appropriations for spraying in their area. Sea Level Chamber of Commerce replied in the affirmative and reported that \$1,500 had already been spent by them to fight mosquitoes.

It was reported that Onslow County has appropriated \$5,000 for mosquito control.

"If this county would just go along on this project, we can get rid of the mosquitoes," Mr. DuBois said. "The state commission needs the cooperation of the people and the people should express their appreciation for the help," he added.

The plane came from a Richlands flying service and was piloted by Martin Hodges who has done mosquito control work in Florida. It flew from the airport at Atlantic. In Dare County the plane will be used to spray the marshes and the state will supply the chemicals.

Mr. DuBois said that towns down east are continuing to use fog trucks.

He added that anyone wanting help, especially Atlantic Beach and Newport, which have started their own control programs, should contact him.

Mosquitoes have been thick in the county ever since Diane. Yesterday drug stores in both Beaufort and Morehead City had sold out of the popular mosquito sticks. People spent all weekend swatting mosquitoes, rubbing on repellent, spraying and scratching.

Four Teachers Needed To Fill County Vacancies

Four teachers are still being sought to fill vacancies on faculties in the county.

Needed at Morehead City School are a librarian and sixth grade teacher, at Camp Glenn a fifth grade teacher and at Smyrna a home economics teacher.

William Bell Appeals Decision To Higher Court

William Bell noted an appeal to Superior Court and his bond was set at \$400 by Judge Lambert Morris in County Recorder's Court Thursday. Bell was found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property belonging to C. T. Cannon, Newport.

Bell was given a three-month suspended sentence and ordered to pay Mr. Cannon \$335 within 60 days. He was also assessed costs.

Dudley Lee Cragg was fined \$10 and costs when he was found guilty of speeding 70 miles per hour.

Costs were assessed in the following cases: Guy Benjamin Guthrie, failing to stop for a stop sign; Jean Harles Warren, improper license; John Sapio, speeding, and Charles E. King, improper lights.

Bonds Forfeited

The following forfeited bonds: Everett Donald Merrill, improper muffler; Robert J. Smith and Mary K. Garner, no operator's license; Thomas Marion Garner, allowing unlicensed person to operate vehicle; Van Dyke Hatch and Paul L. Laundry, speeding.

Leonard Collins Jr., blocking traffic and improper exhaust; Thomas C. Morris, two counts of public drunkenness; Charles Timothy Bosely, failure to yield the right of way, and James Carroll, resisting arrest. A warrant was also issued for the apprehension of Carroll.

The charge of having an improper muffler, against Oscar William Overfield, was left open for future prosecution, and the charge of issuing a bad check against Anthony J. Alfieri was dropped.

Cases Continued

Cases against the following were continued: Ervan E. Hanissey, Roy Eugene Mills, James F. Southernland, Jack Gillikin, Charles Jeffery Imber, James Edward Lawrence, Jack Marion Green, William Harold Lamareaux, Duncan Warren, Isaiah Reels, Gurnie Thomas Murray.

William Jerry Willis, James Smith, James Taylor, Earl McIntosh Noe Jr., Robert Primros, Gooding, William Henry Lee, Vester McInvale, Alton Dickinson, Richard L. Bower, Irene Frazier, Solomon Garnwell, Wesley Gordon Fulcher, Manley Garner, Kennard Andrew Taylor.

Delsie Cheek Bailey, Lasalle Hankins, Ralph H. Perry, Walter T. Hewitt, William Rodney Lawrence, Dennis John Hodisak, William Roger Hardy, Gerald J. Klesch, and Clarence H. Wiggins.

Homemaking Aids Are Now Available at Schools

The county's three vocational home economics teachers went on duty last Monday.

Until school begins Tuesday, Sept. 6, these teachers at Atlantic, Beaufort and Morehead City will be in their respective departments from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m.

At that time adults and students may use the sewing machines, ovens or other facilities in the home economics departments and they may obtain assistance from the vocational economics teacher.

Girls wanting to make clothes for school, or their mothers, are welcome to use the sewing aids in the home economics departments. After school opens, adults may continue to get this type of assistance on Thursday afternoons.

Teachers are Mrs. Mary Aret Gibson, Atlantic; Mrs. David Beveridge, Beaufort, and Mrs. Delidido Cordova, Morehead City.

"So many people don't know that our homemaking facilities are available to them," Mrs. Cordova said, "and we are anxious to be of assistance. Especially should mothers of teenage girls acquaint themselves with what our departments have to offer."

Toastmasters Offer Services as Speakers

County Toastmasters have offered their services as speakers to groups throughout the county.

The speaker will be supplied free of charge. Anyone wishing to book one of the Toastmasters should contact Theodore Phillips, Box 332, Morehead City, phone 6-4200.

Wreck Damages Cars at Newport

Three cars were involved in a wreck at Newport at 11:30 Saturday night. Policeman Dan Bell, Newport, said the driver of one of the cars, a 1949 Chevrolet, will be charged with driving drunk and careless and reckless driving.

According to Officer Bell, a 1951 Hudson, driven by Harold A. Horter, USMC, Camp Lejeune, was struck from the rear by the Chevrolet. The accident occurred on Highway 70 about 200 feet east of the railroad track. Both cars were headed west.

Driver of the Chevrolet was Douglas R. Waldron, USMC, Cherry Point. The car was owned by Paul Carson, also a Cherry Point Marine. A buddy riding with Waldron had a few scratches.

After the Chevrolet hit the Hudson, it bounded off and ran into G. D. Henderson's yard where it hit Mr. Henderson's 1942 Ford and knocked it 4 feet ahead into a tree.

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard took Waldron and his friend to the county jail in Beaufort.

No estimate on damage to the Hudson and Chevrolet was made, "was considerable," Officer Bell said damage to the Henderson car said. He added that the crash never even woke Mr. Henderson up.

County Polio Chapter Helps Meet Nationwide Emergency

At the request of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, half of the funds in the county chapter were mailed yesterday to national headquarters.

All chapters in the nation which have funds available have been requested to do this to meet emergency needs in areas hard hit by polio this summer.

The amount sent by Carteret County was \$2,300.72, announced Mrs. C. L. Beam, chapter treasurer. An equal amount has been retained in the treasury here.

In previous years when Carteret funds were insufficient to meet local needs, money was advanced to this county by the National Foundation.

George P. Voss, national director of chapters, said that requests for advances now total \$400,000. In a letter to Miss Ruth Peeling, county chapter chairman, he said, "Each mail brings new requests. I know September will bring a deluge of requests from chapters in high incidence areas such as Massachusetts, which is threatened with the biggest epidemic in its history. We must take care of those advances we are holding and be able immediately to help chapters meet the heavy demands now being made upon them."

Miss Peeling said that she was glad there was sufficient money in the local treasury to help out in the emergency. "Other chapters throughout the nation made money

available to us when we needed it, and now we have an opportunity to return the favor."

Miss Peeling has also called a chapter meeting for Friday night, Sept. 2, at 7:30 in the civic center, 9th and Evans Streets, Morehead City. At that time, Jack McGee, eastern representative of the National Foundation in this state, will be present.

"Anyone interested in polio prevention and treatment and in the work of the local chapter is invited," Miss Peeling said. A financial report, as well as other reports from officers, will be given.

Jasper Bell to Preside At Meeting Tomorrow

Jasper Bell will be toastmaster at the meeting of the Toastmasters tomorrow morning at 7 at the Hotel Fort Macon.

P. H. Geer Jr. will be topic master and Ted Davis will be topic critic.

Prepared speakers will be Dr. David Farrior, Walton Hamilton, Dr. W. L. Woodard and Charles Summerlin. Alternate speakers will be Frank Cassiano and W. C. Matthews Jr.

Critics will be Ted Davis, J. P. Harris, Dan Walker and Ronald Earl Mason. Dr. Russell Outlaw will be master critic and Gerald Hill will give the educational speech.

Sprinkler Foils Firebug Attempt

A sprinkling system put out a fire in the Woolard Metal Finishing Co. at the east end of Broad Street Saturday night. Chief of Police Guy Springle said the fire had been set.

A window on the northeast side of the building had been knocked out and "something thrown" in two different places inside the shop to start the fire.

The firebug attempt was discovered Sunday morning at 8 o'clock when Gerald Woolard, owner and operator of the shop, went in. The inside of the building was smoky, but Mr. Woolard said that damage was not extensive.

Chief Springle said that police are continuing their investigation.

Manager Complimented

Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, this week received a letter from the Noble T. Praig Advertising Agency, High Point, commending him on completion of the chamber booklet "Year Round Vacationland." Mr. Praig said he has seen hundreds of such booklets but none superior to Morehead City's.