

## Fire Razes Food Store, Barber Shop

Beaufort's downtown business section was hit by another disastrous fire Sunday morning as flames consumed the Colonial Store, Imperial Barber Shop and slightly damaged the outside wall of The Beaufort Bar on Turner Street.

The early morning blaze recalled the devastating fire which ate the heart out of the town's business section Jan. 31, 1952, destroying three stores.

Beaufort Fire Chief Charles Harrell said Sunday's fire apparently started from a defective electrical unit.

Damage to the Colonial Store, a wood and brick-veneer structure, was estimated at a minimum of \$100,000 and barber shop damage was estimated at \$7,000. Both were insured.

Owner of the Colonial Store building is J. W. York, Raleigh, who leased it to the food chain. The barber shop, next to it, was operated by Willard Willis and Guion Gaskill.

**Alarm Turned In**  
The blaze was discovered about 5 o'clock by Reuben Whitehurst and Ticky Willis, who turned in the alarm from Box 16. Elmond Rhue, engineer, said that when he arrived, the glass at the front of the store was so hot that no one could stand near it.

Firemen believe that the fire must have been smoldering as early as Saturday afternoon, with smoke finally breaking out only after 10 or 12 hours. Beaufort's LaFrance thousand gallon pumper pumped sea water on the blaze and the other truck pumped city water.

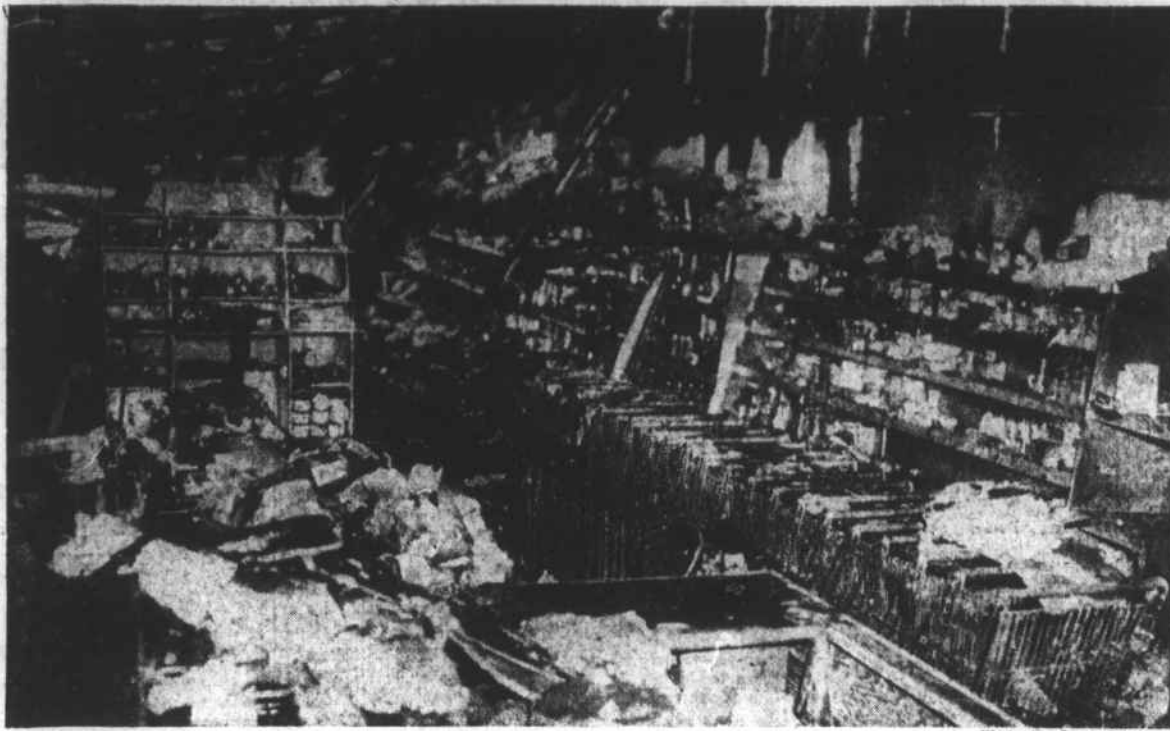
Morehead City sent one truck which stood by. Water was poured on the Beaufort Bar, owned and operated by Vic Bellamah. His smoke and water damage, he said, was covered by insurance.

**Debris Smolders**  
The fire was brought under control at 7:30 a.m. but debris was still smoldering by 10. Flames broke out again at 6 p.m. Sunday and another alarm was sent in, but firemen had left a hose at the scene and it was necessary only to turn the water on again.

John Steed, manager of the Colonial Store, said Sunday, "It is not likely that Colonial will stay in this location unless parking facilities can be arranged." Colonial has been trying, unsuccessfully, to purchase the lot on the west of the store now used as a display spot for Paul Motor Co. cars.

Mr. Steed said that Mr. York would probably try to keep Colonial at its present location but landowners outside of Beaufort would like to see it locate outside the town limits. "But nothing will be known about Colonial's plans until men from the head office come here this week," Mr. Steed added. "Colonial will take care of their employees by placing them temporarily at other stores."

The insurance adjuster and inspectors from the federal pure foods division were expected yesterday afternoon.



Apparently the only thing in order in the Colonial Store after the flames died down, was the row of wire baskets, right. In the upper left of the picture the roof can be seen falling in.



Charred wood and ashes and a wet dismal odor were all that greeted a visitor to the storage area at the rear of the store. (See other pictures page 8 this section).

### Woodmen Honor E. B. Thompson

Sovereign E. B. Thompson was presented the Mr. Woodman Medallion at the annual Family Night, Woodmen of the World Camp 188, Friday night at the Camp Glenn School cafeteria.

The Mr. Woodman Medallion is presented to the member of the organization who has contributed most to the organization and the community during the previous year.

A manure set was presented to Mrs. Thompson as a token of her loyal devotion and assistance to Mr. Thompson in his activities.

Making the presentation was Sovereign Hiram A. Melvin, assistant state manager. Mr. Melvin also presented school bus driver lapel pins to six drivers.

Sovereign Robert E. Simmons, district manager, Kingston, presented Soil Conservation plaques to George and Tyson Creech, Wildwood. These plaques went to those contributing the most to the proper preservation of our natural resources such as wildlife, water, minerals, soil and forests.

McElmon sang several solos, accompanied by Mrs. A. L. Brinson, at the piano.

The Rev. Noah Brown, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, gave the invocation and the benediction.

The ladies of the Woodmen Circle prepared and served a ham dinner.

**Serves as President**  
Capt. A. D. Willis, formerly of Morehead City, is serving as president of Local M-101, United Marine Workers, Division of District 50, United Mine Workers of America, Norfolk.

### Choral Club Will Produce Spectacular Show June 6, 7

#### Atlantic Considers Incorporation

Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, was the guest speaker at a public meeting at Atlantic School last night.

The mayor, who is a member of the board of directors of the League of Municipalities, answered questions on incorporation of a community. Atlantic, which was incorporated in 1905, and then let its charter lag, is again considering incorporation.

Mayor Dill obtained a copy of the 1905 charter prior to his visit to Atlantic last night. A town incorporates through legislative act.

Tide Table		Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
		HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, May 15			
6:00 a.m.	6:18 p.m.		
Wednesday, May 16			
12:35 a.m.	6:53 a.m.		
1:10 p.m.	7:25 p.m.		
Thursday, May 17			
1:40 a.m.	7:58 a.m.		
2:18 p.m.	8:38 p.m.		
Friday, May 18			
2:46 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		
3:23 p.m.	9:45 p.m.		

The first Beaufort Choral Club production in two years will be staged Wednesday and Thursday nights, June 6 and 7, at Beaufort School. The show, predicted to be the biggest and most spectacular the club has ever produced, will be a Salute to Carteret County and Atlantic Beach — Summer Play-ground.

The first act will be a beach scene and will feature models displaying newest beach wear from four of Beaufort and Morehead City's leading women's stores.

The second act will be a scene from George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, featuring Mrs. Herbert Waldrop Jr., Newport, and David Small, Morehead City, in the title roles.

Mrs. Charles Hassell, director of the production, says, "This act alone would be a satisfying evening's entertainment. We are indeed fortunate to have two such great voices in our county. This will be the last opportunity we will have to hear Mrs. Waldrop, since her husband has accepted a pastorate at High Point."

David Small, who is a student at Carolina, she continued, "will leave immediately after the last performance to sing in the pageant at Cherokee this summer."

The third act is a number in classic Greek style, featuring three soloists with woman's choral background. It also features a modern ballet.

Act IV will be a condensed version of the complete musical score of Romberg's Student Prince.

Sponsoring the show is Beaufort School. Proceeds will go to the school general fund. Curtain time for each performance will be 8 p.m.

Mrs. Hassell says, "This is the best show the Choral Club has ever done. It has more color, more variety and more elaborate settings than we have ever attempted."

The last appearance of the Choral Club was on Good Friday in April 1954 when the group presented the Lenten cantata, Seven Last Words of Christ, in the First Baptist Church, Beaufort.

The club reorganized in October and new members were added. The coming show has been in rehearsal all winter.

**Mayor Reports Weekend Opening Most Successful**  
Atlantic Beach's weekend opening to launch the summer season, was most successful, Mayor A. B. Cooper reported yesterday.

He said he was especially pleased to see a lot of local folks at the beach. The businessmen, he said, enjoyed a good weekend.

Many folks from upstate, including school children on tours, visited the county's coastal playground.

### Rotarians Hear Talk on Driving

Robert Ellett Jr., director of driver education promotion for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., spoke on Driver Education in High Schools at the meeting of the Morehead City Rotary Club Thursday night at Fleming's Restaurant.

Mr. Ellett said that students who have had driver education in high school have better safety records and fewer motor vehicle violations than those who don't have the training.

He said that program started in 1935 and that there are currently 8,000 schools throughout the nation where the program is in operation.

The cost for the education, he estimated, was \$33 per student and the ideal course included 30 hours of text work and six hours of practice driving.

Guests at the meeting were Principals Lenwood Lee, Morehead City School; Bruce Tarkington, Beaufort School; E. B. Comer, Newport School; Ramey Davis, Camp Glenn School; Stanley Dail, Smyrna School and Jack Johnson, Atlantic School. The principals were introduced by H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.

Moses Howard and Nathan Garner, Newport, and Lee Nance, Ayden, were guest Rotarians.

Other guests included Allen Knott, Kingston, and Charles Wade, Morehead City.

### Democrats Deplore Disinterest



Irvin W. Davis, right, chairman of the County Deground James D. Potter, county auditor, and Luther Democratic Committee, addresses Democrats at the Hamilton Jr., D. G. Bell, general assemblyman, May county convention Saturday. Shown in the picture, or George Dill, former assemblyman, and A. H. left to right, are C. G. Holland, former sheriff and James, secretary of the Democratic committee.

Speakers at the County Democratic Convention Saturday morning warned a handful of the party faithful that Democrats must guard against apathy in the ranks.

Entering the courtroom a short time after the convention opened, Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, noting the 45 persons present, asked, "Is this all the Democrats there in Carteret County?"

Small attendance was attributed to the fact that there is no county contest in the coming primary.

Two telegrams were read by Irvin Davis, chairman of the County

### Beach Board Will Set Tax Rate at June 9 Meeting

#### Stolen Car Found in S. C.

Palmetto State Police Hold Robert Glazier On Two Counts

Robert E. Glazier, 201 N. 7th St., Morehead City, was picked up yesterday by Myrtle Beach, S. C., state police after Morehead City police sent out a call for officers to be on the lookout for a stolen car.

The South Carolina officers notified Chief Herbert Griffin, Morehead City, at 10:10 yesterday morning that the car, owned by C. P. Piner, Havelock, and Glazier, were at Myrtle Beach. The car was stolen from in front of Captain Bill's Waterfront Restaurant at 9 p.m. Saturday.

Chief Griffin said that the South Carolina police were holding Glazier on a charge of petty larceny and damage to property and would notify him when Glazier could be brought back here to answer to the car theft count.

The car was recovered in running condition. Glazier has taken care in Morehead City on several occasions previously. Chief Griffin said, "He can't pass a car with keys in it without taking it!"

#### Hearing on Shrimp Set for Saturday

Shrimp fishermen will meet at the commercial fisheries office, Camp Glenn, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning to discuss two proposals on operation of the shrimp fishery.

The proposals are as follows: 1. To close shrimp waters at night from July 10 to Sept. 1.

2. To close certain creeks and bays until the shrimp reach marketable size.

To stop shrimping at night between the dates proposed would not affect the taking of spotted shrimp, C. G. Holland, fisheries commissioner, points out.

The spotted shrimp run is usually over by July.

#### Attend Fisheries Meeting

Dr. D. P. Costello, Dr. M. R. Carriker and Dr. Rex Winslow, all of Chapel Hill, Dr. Harden Taylor, New York City, Eric Rodgers, Scotland Neck, and Cecil Morris, Atlantic, attended an executive committee meeting at the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, Friday.

The Atlantic Beach Town Board will set a tax rate for 1956 at its meeting June 9. This decision was made at the May meeting of the board Saturday morning at the Frontier Village Motel.

Commissioner J. C. Lanier was authorized to contact Gen. Edward Griffin in Raleigh this week in respect to getting Civil Defense funds for the town.

J. M. Carter, Morehead City, was given permission by the board to erect his basketball toss concession in the beach business section.

Ward Ballou was given temporary permission to sell beer on the patio of the Pavilion, with the proviso that all other establishments that have outdoor areas on their property will be given the same right and privilege. The commissioners made a tour of the Pavilion before granting permission.

The proviso issued by the board was to the effect that proper policing of the area must be made by the proprietor of these establishments so that beer is sold and drunk on the property. None is allowed on the street or on the boardwalk.

Mayor Cooper stated that the town police, and the private police hired by the establishments will be authorized to enforce the beer ordinances of the town. He said that strict control is the only manner in which they can keep the drunks and borderline cases from annoying other beach patrons.

Alderman Shelby Freeman was the only member of the board who was in favor of banning the sale of beer entirely at the beach. He stated that the sale of beer doesn't bring many people to the resort.

Privilege licenses will be sold at the beach between May 15 and 20.

Attending, in addition to those mentioned, were Commissioner L. T. White and Police Chief Murphy Jenkins.

### School Chorus to Give Spring Concert Friday

The Spring Choral Concert Friday night at Morehead City High School will be climaxed with a 30-minute version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, The Mikado.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. No admission will be charged.

Nine numbers will be presented by the Boys Glee Club, the Girls Glee Club and the chorus, under the direction of Ralph T. Wade. Accompanists will be Anna Merle Lockey and Watson Morris.

Robert Hesse, Morehead City, guest pianist, will present four numbers and after intermission the group will present The Mikado. Assisting the director in presentation of the operetta is Mrs. Tressa Vickers.

Characters are the Mikado, ruler of his clan, Earle Wade; Nanki-Poo, his son, disguised as a wandering minstrel and in love with Yum-Yum; Francis Swanson; Ko-Ko, Lord High Executioner of Titipu, Billy Rich.

Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else; Llewellyn Phillips; Yum-Yum; Pitti Sing and Peep-Bo, wards of Ko-Ko; Helen Carlton, Betty Lou Morton and Deanna Ballou; Katisha, an elderly lady in love with Nanki-Poo; Jeanne Barnes.

There will also be a chorus of Nobles and Umbrella Bearer and a chorus of school girls. The scene is laid in Ko-Ko's Garden in Titipu, Japan.

### Coroner's Jury Rules Accident 'Unavoidable'

Coroner Leslie Springle Conducts Smith Inquest Thursday at Courthouse

A six-man coroner's jury ruled "unavoidable accident" in the case of Johnnie A. Teel, Beaufort, driver of the car which struck and killed David W. Smith, 7, in Morehead City Wednesday morning.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner Leslie D. Springle in the courthouse, Beaufort, Thursday night.

The testimony of four witnesses, that they would have been unable to stop had they been driving Teel's car, was a deciding factor in the jury's verdict. The six men deliberated for eight minutes.

Paul Jones reported their decision to the coroner, saying that the jury found no reason for holding Teel for criminal negligence. Teel had been released Wednesday under \$1,000 bond.

The first witness to take the stand was Miss Polly Ann Steed, 2003 Bridges St., Morehead City, who said she was driving the car which was directly behind Teel when the accident occurred.

She said that right before the accident, a black Plymouth passed Teel's car, which was a 1954 Mercury. "I saw a little boy run from the side of the street right out in front of his car. The car hit him. I put on the brakes and got out to see how the boy was."

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### Persons Under 20 May Have Shots

Polio shots will be given, at clinics this afternoon, to pregnant women and persons under 20 years of age. Both first and second shots will be administered.

Dr. Luther Fulcher, health officer, said yesterday that the state advisory committee on polio vaccine, has announced that the third dose coming due for the first and second graders who received shots last spring, will be deferred until fall.

First and second graders whose parents want them to have the shots prior to then may take them to private physicians, Dr. Fulcher said.

The clinics this afternoon will start at 1 p.m. in the health office, courthouse annex, Beaufort, and the hospital annex, Morehead City.

### Town Clerk Comments On Paving Schedule

Once the laying of new asphalt gets underway in Beaufort, which is expected to be this week, the work will stop on Friday noons to avoid interference with week-end shopping traffic.

Dan Walker, town clerk, said traffic would be maintained at all times until the operation is completed.

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