

# Voters Put in New Beach Board

## Beach Property Owners Settle Issue On 'Seawall Strip'

A delegation of property owners appeared at the Atlantic Beach board meeting Saturday morning and received assurance from Mayor A. B. Cooper, president of Atlantic Beach Inc., that any property north of the seawall that is owned by his firm will be deeded to the property owner without cost.

Although the matter is a private affair between the property owners and Mr. Cooper, it has come before the board on several occasions.

The issue arose with the building of the seawall following the hurricanes. In some instances, property owners say the seawall lies south of their property line. If this is true, they contend that Atlantic Beach Inc. would own a strip of beach between the seawall and the south line of their beach lot.

Mr. Cooper assured the property owners that his company wants none of the land which may lie north of the seawall. He said if each property owner will have a deed drawn for the strip of land which may be north of the seawall and take the deed to him, the property transfer will be made as soon as Mr. Cooper's lawyer checks the deed.

Thomas Eure, contractor who built the seawall on the east, was present at the meeting. Property owners concerned about the "seawall strip" contended they would not pay him for building the wall until the matter is settled.

The board also authorized payment of \$66.85 to Mr. Eure as the town's share in building the side wall off the east-end seawall.

### Audit Authorized

Commissioner J. C. Lanier announced that the firm of George G. Scott and Co., certified public accountants, Charlotte, has been authorized to audit the town books. The auditor will receive \$30 a day plus travel and hotel expenses.

Mayor Cooper reported that Mart Bell Construction Co. is repairing the drain blockage on Terminal Boulevard at a cost of \$900.

Dr. M. E. Bizzell told the board that jetties are needed to fully protect the beach and said it would be desirable if Atlantic Beach Inc. would deed its land holdings along the ocean front to the town.

Dr. Bizzell said he understood that the only monetary return to Atlantic Beach Inc. was on fishing rights. Mayor Cooper, president of the firm, said that he thought the matter should be considered by the incoming board but he said he would "start the ball rolling" on the proposal.

### Concessions Permit

Jack Carter, concessions operator, was given permission to put up three "outdoor" concessions between the police station and the skating rink. He agreed to remove them if the structures did not meet with the approval of the board.

Chief of Police Bill Moore gave his report. He said that cottages were checked in February and postcard reports mailed to property owners. Signs have been erected at the trash pile directing where trash should be placed.

Road signs have been repaired and painted and lifeguard equipment readied for the summer season. He reported that the lifeguards who will be on duty this summer are taking first aid courses and are being trained in the use of the inhalator-resuscitator equipment bought last summer.

Dr. Bizzell said he thought every property owner should be made to clean up his property. He suggested that a standardized, anchorable garbage can be officially adopted to prevent the cans from blowing around after being emptied.

He further stated that an ordinance should be considered requiring property owners to provide on-premises parking facilities for their own cars and cars of friends.

### Atlantic Beach Summer Cottage Catches Fire

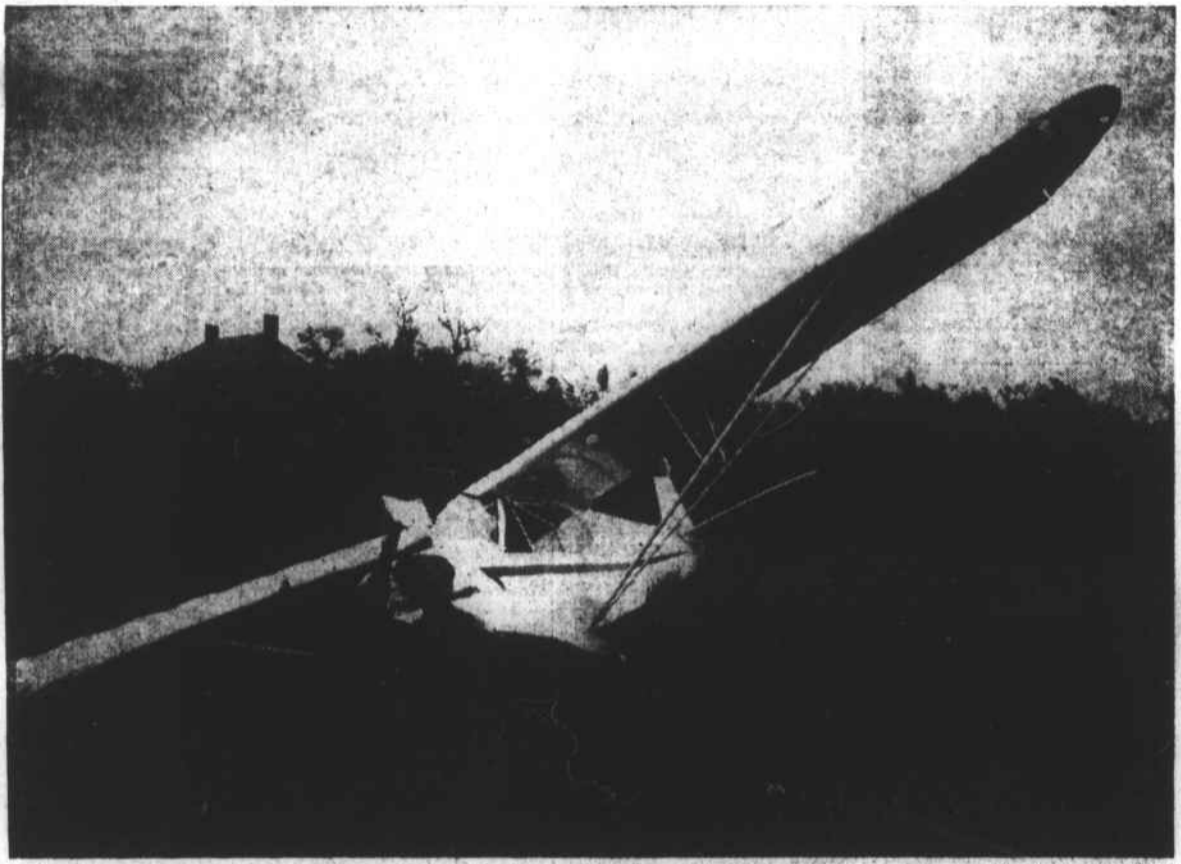
The Henry Walker cottage on Ocean Ridge Drive, Atlantic Beach, caught on fire Saturday night. The West End fire station answered the alarm at 10:30 p.m. and had the fire out before 11:30 p.m.

The ceiling over the fireplace burned, smoking the living room and damaging some furniture and the floor, firemen reported.

### Burned Men Improve

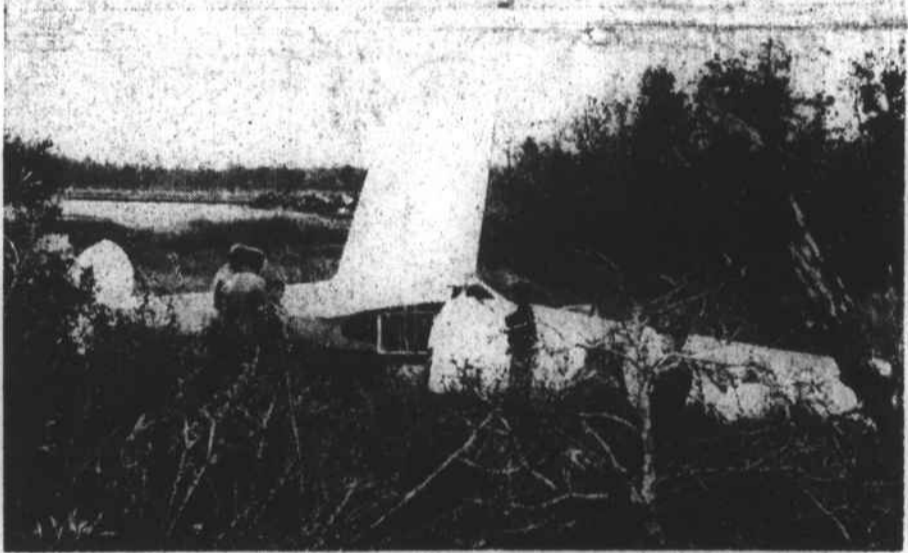
Dr. John Morris reports that both Leo Dixon and Jimmy Lewis are improving at the Morehead City Hospital. The two men were burned in an explosion at Broad Creek last Tuesday. "Their chances are much better than they were when they first entered the hospital," the doctor said.

# Piper Cub Crashes Near Beaufort; Two Flyers Escape Serious Injury



Photos by Bob Seymour

The right wing was ripped completely off this Piper J-3 when it crashed Saturday afternoon on the Gibbs Brothers farm near Beaufort.



Spectators look over the remains of the plane. In the background is the head of Gibbs Creek.

Two Marines, T/Sgt. Robert L. Woodruff and Cpl. Frank E. McCoy, Cherry Point, walked away from a plane crash Saturday afternoon east of Beaufort.

They were flying a Piper J-3 Cub when the motor failed and the plane crashed up on the Gibbs Brothers farm at 2:45 p.m.

The men walked to Highway 70 where they were picked up by a motorist and taken to the dispensary at Cherry Point.

According to T/Sgt. Paul Bray of the Morehead City Marine military police detachment, the plane was owned by several Marine flying enthusiasts, among whom are Sergeant Woodruff and Corporal McCoy.

The Marines told Sergeant Bray that as they were coming in for a landing at the Beaufort-Morehead airport, Beaufort, a wind caught the plane, causing them to overshoot the runway.

They gave the plane the gun to gain altitude and come in for another landing but the engine knocked out and the plane dropped. The plane spun completely around as it hit the ground.

Certain parts of it are believed salvagable.

### False Alarm

The Beaufort Fire Department answered a false alarm at the alarm box across from the Beaufort Junior School Friday night. The junior-senior banquet was in full swing at the time.

### Lions to Sponsor Morehead Boat Show for Contest

Jim Eubanks, Frank Moran and Jack Morgan were appointed to begin work on a boat show for Morehead City at the Morehead City Lions Club meeting at Hotel Fort Macon Thursday night. The boat show will be one of the town's finer Carolina contest projects.

The Lions also agreed to sponsor a boy's trip to Boys State at Chapel Hill this spring.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the May elections of the club. Members of the committee are A. N. Willis, Owens Frederick and O. J. Morrow.

Elmer Watson was appointed acting publicity chairman while Oscar Allred is in the hospital in Durham. The club sent Mr. Allred flowers and wished him a speedy recovery from his eye operation.



E. J. Willis, Beaufort, right, shows where T/Sgt. Robert L. Woodruff and Cpl. Frank P. McCoy, Cherry Point, crawled out of the plane. The men suffered cuts and bruises.

# Churches Are Observing Holy Week

Churches of Morehead City and Beaufort have scheduled special services this week, Holy Week.

Congregations of Morehead City will join in a three-hour service on Good Friday from noon to 3 p.m. in the First Methodist Church.

Because of the illness of the pastor, the Rev. J. F. Herbert, the Rev. A. G. Harris Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will serve as the presiding minister.

Ministers participating in the service will speak on the Seven Last Words on the Cross. They are the Rev. Alvis Daniel, pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Claude Barrett, pastor of the Camp Glenn Methodist

Church; the Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort.

Dr. John Bunn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, the Rev. S. S. Moore, pastor of Franklin Memorial Methodist Church, the Rev. Robert Poulk, pastor of Core Creek Methodist Church, and Mr. Harris.

The three-hour period will be separated into 25-minute services. Worshipers may enter the church for any of the seven services and leave when they choose.

The service is sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service and is in its 13th year this year.

The Rev. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, New Bern, will be the presiding pastor at the 8 p.m. communion service on Maundy Thursday in the First Methodist Church, Morehead City. There will also be special music.

Other Thursday night services will be as follows:

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Holy Communion at 8 p.m. (There will also be Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at 11 a.m. today and tomorrow.)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort, evening prayer and Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. (There will be Holy Communion tonight and tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.)

# Mayor A. B. Cooper Wins Re-Election by Big Vote

Atlantic Beach property owners have put in a completely new board of aldermen for the next four years and re-elected Mayor A. B. Cooper.

Ballots were counted at the beach board meeting Saturday morning at the Atlantic Beach Hotel.

The new aldermen are Dr. M. E. Bizzell, Goldsboro; A. F. Fleming and R. A. Barefoot, Atlantic Beach, and M. G. Coyle, Wilson.

Board members who served since 1953 were W. C. Whitehurst, Bethel, J. C. Lanier, Greenville, neither of whom ran for re-election, Shelby Freeman, Atlantic Beach, and L. T. White, Raleigh. Voters were also asked their opinion on changing the name of the beach and certain portions of the town charter.

Prefer Present Name

The majority voted to leave the beach name as is. Charter change preferred is a provision for five aldermen and a mayor to vote in case of a tie; and on the third point property owners prefer to vote by mail rather than go to the beach to vote.

Three hundred three votes were cast. Mayor Cooper, running unopposed, polled the highest number, 180. Write-in votes were cast for nine men for mayor. R. A. Barefoot, a new commissioner received 10 votes for mayor.

The following all received less than 10 write-in votes for mayor: A. F. Fleming, R. G. Montgomery, L. T. White, M. G. Coyle, J. D. Shelor, Shelby Freeman, John A. Baker, Sylvester Fleming.

Votes tallied

For board members: Dr. Bizzell 169 Mr. Coyle 138. Mr. Fleming 131, and Mr. Barefoot

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# Pony Owners May Present Views Thursday

## House C&D Committee Schedules Hearing For 11 A.M.

Owners of outer banks livestock will have the opportunity to express their views on taking cattle and ponies off the banks when the House conservation and development committee meets Thursday.

At 11 a.m. the committee will have a hearing on a bill requiring removal of the livestock. The committee will meet in the C&D room, education building, Raleigh.

The bill has already passed the Senate. It went to the floor of the House last week and at the request of Carteret Rep. D. G. Bell, was sent to the C&D committee where a public hearing could be given the pony owners.

Pony owners contend that the horses do not eat the sand-anchoring vegetation on the banks—the culprits are the cattle. Removal of the animals from North Caro-

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# People Jam Postoffices After Saturday Holiday

Postoffices were a madhouse yesterday morning.

People forgot that the postoffices were not opening until 8:30 because of the cutback ordered by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield.

The postoffices were also closed Saturday which meant that folks who would have picked up packages or mailed items Saturday had to do so yesterday.

Postmaster Harold Webb also said the income tax deadline, midnight last night, contributed to some of the rush. He said that there was an unusually large money order business.

Howard Jones of the Beaufort postoffice and Mr. Webb both expressed the opinion that postoffices would probably be back on normal schedule by the end of the week. This would mean that Congress has given the postmaster general the \$47 million he says he needs to operate the postal system

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# Taylor Brothers Take Option To Buy Bogue Sound Club

Formal negotiations on purchase of the Bogue Sound Club by the Taylor brothers were under way yesterday at Wilson.

The Bogue Sound Club, a hotel and apartment house west of Morehead City, at present is owned by a group of 18 men, including residents of Wilson, who operate as the Bogue Sound Club Inc.

The Taylor brothers, whose interests range from Havana, Cuba, to Norfolk, Va., are Dan, Alfred, William and Leslie, natives of Sea Level.

Purchase price is reportedly \$152,000 which includes a \$20,000 mortgage held by Bogue Sound Club Inc. According to reports here, the Taylor brothers took an

option on the property for \$10,000 yesterday afternoon.

Upon clearing of title, the remaining \$142,000 is to be paid. Occupants of apartments in the Bogue Sound Club were moving their furniture out over the weekend.

Should the negotiations be successfully completed, the Taylors plan to refurbish the building with a view to having it ready for hotel guests by June 1.

The Taylors, owners of the Palm Beach Biltmore, West Palm Beach, Fla., also operate the West India Fruit and Steamship Co., which operates car ferries between West Palm Beach and Havana.

The Taylor Foundation, organized by the four boys and their father, Maltby, built the Sea Level Community Hospital, to which a new wing is now being added.

The Bogue Sound Club was originally known as the Morehead Villa and was built in 1926 by Blades, a New Bern lumberman.

Those were the days when the country was riding the crest of prosperity. Real estate was booming in Florida and a duplicate boom was envisioned here.

Contractor for the hotel was John Beaman. Included in the contract was a penalty for failure to complete in a hundred days and also a bonus clause if finished by that time.

Beaman is reported to have used convict labor on the job, the laborers camping on the site of the present Paul Cleland home adjacent to the villa.

Beaman completed the job in a hundred days. Beaman got a \$50,000 bonus plus the quarter million dollars for cost of construction.

Blades and his partners were the first operators of the hotel. At that time the villa had a roof garden where topflight name bands played. Leonard Tufts, who built Pinehurst, was the first manager under Blades.

Several years after it was built, the Foor Robinson Hotel chain operated it, and then followed a succession of operators.

Sometime during that period the top story burned off and was never replaced.

"Coach" F. L. Simmons, well-known road contractor in this county about 25 years ago, was once prominent in the management of the villa.

The villa was acquired in recent years by the group at Wilson and was renamed the Bogue Sound Club.

The dream of a yacht basin on the waterfront side of the hotel and a bathing beach, similar to the fabulous hotels in Florida, has never been realized, but the hotel is so constructed for such an arrangement.

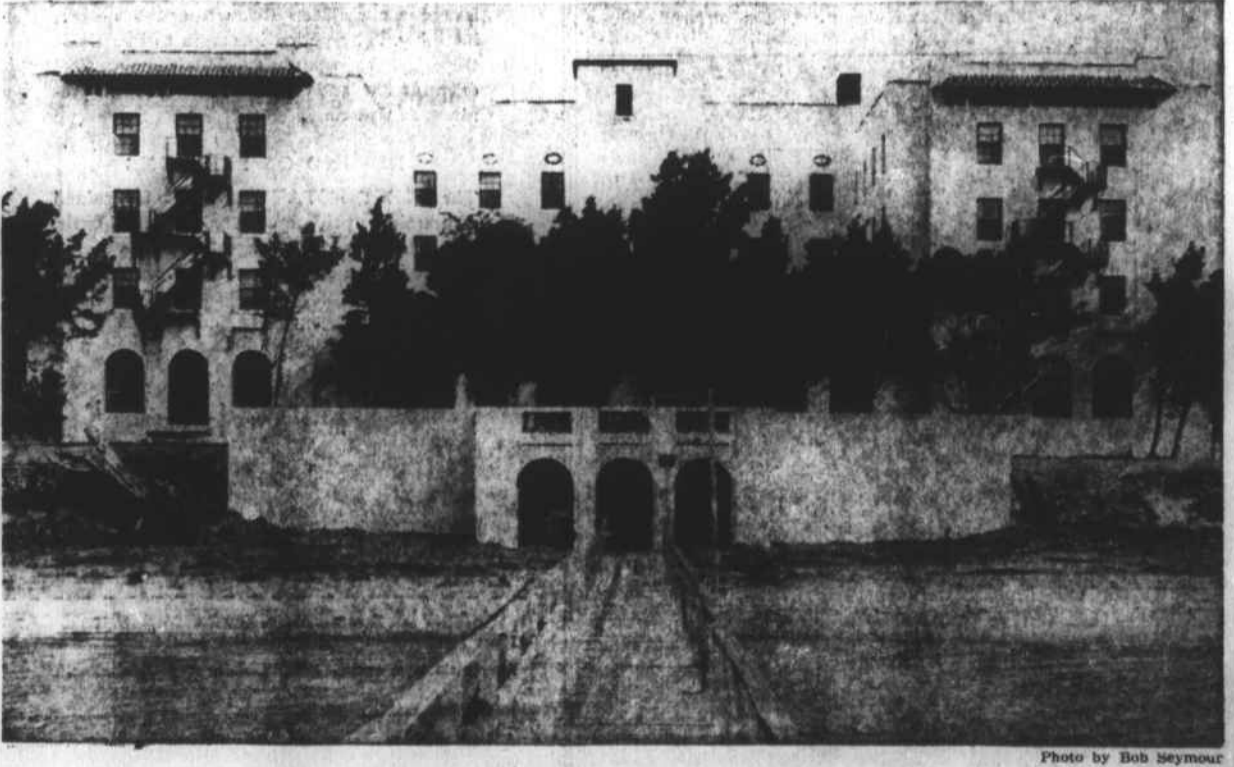


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The Bogue Sound Club as it appears from the dock extending into the sound.