

# Combat Reports on Its Work, Survives Explosion of Mine

During one of the Combat's drags in 50 fathoms of water, the trawl snagged a mine and as the boat moved along, the mine exploded. The explosion violently shook the Combat. Not knowing what had happened, the crew stopped the boat and put it in reverse. That neatly wrapped chains and line around the propeller.

The Combat radioed to G. B. Talbot, Fish and Wildlife official at Pivers Island, to locate diving equipment for them. Meanwhile, it limped back to port after discovering that it had snagged a World War II mine.

The Combat ran at about a third of its speed, taking seven hours to make about a two and a half-hour run.

In port it was discovered that the boat suffered no damage from the explosion. Hand pump diving equipment was borrowed from Duke Marine lab and the fouled propeller was cleared, then the Combat went back to sea.

Weather throughout its two-week exploratory work was ideal.

## Guardsman Feels No Ill Effects From Lightning

Pvt. Harry K. Conway, of Morehead City, who was struck by lightning while on maneuvers with the Morehead City National Guard unit at Fort Bragg last month, says that he feels "just the same as before."

Private Conway, 17, says that he was operating a switchboard in a foxhole when the lightning struck (6:30 p.m. June 19). Sgt. Dennis Goodwin, unit administrator, said the lightning hit the wiring leading to the switchboard and ran up the wires to Conway's position.

Private Conway was out cold for an hour and a half before aid men from headquarters arrived on the scene. First aid measures had failed to bring him back to consciousness.

He was taken to an aid station and then to the main post hospital. Private Conway says that he received no burns or surface injuries. He returned to his unit the following morning.

"The switchboard was grounded properly and every precaution had been taken to make it a safe place to work," Sergeant Goodwin commented.

He is the son of Mrs. Lela Conway, 399 Macon Court. He will be a senior at Morehead City High School next year.

## No Trace Found Of Alonzo Bell

Mrs. Rachel Bell, 1508 Bay St., Morehead City, mother of Alonzo Bell, who has been missing since Audrey hit Cameron, said yesterday that her son has not been found.

Bell, who was 44, was employed on a boat fishing for the Louisiana Menhaden Co. and was one of many persons from this area who migrate to the Gulf each summer for the fishing season.

Mrs. Bell says four other members of her family, still in Cameron, have searched everywhere for Alonzo, in hospitals and places of refuge, but he has not been located.

The four men who have been trying to locate him are his brother, John; a brother-in-law, Alex Dudley; John Bell Jr., and Alfonso Dudley, nephews. All are fishermen.

The missing man is a widower.

## Beaufort Stores Declare War on Current Prices

Beaufort businessmen will open their doors Monday on the biggest bevy of bargains ever offered.

Store owners have declared war on current prices and for six days next week, Monday through Saturday, customers will be able to enjoy the low prices resulting from the battle!

The big campaign favoring the folks who like to stretch their dollars has been planned by the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce.

Odell Merrill, chairman of the merchants committee, vows that even the person with the slimmest pocketbook will find his money goes far if he shops in Beaufort next week. The excellent values are there and the prices are way down.

It's a grand-scale summer clearance sale, Mr. Merrill declares. Businessmen want to get clear of summer merchandise so they can stock autumn items. This is a lucky

## First Cargo To Leave Here For Irish Port

Leaving Morehead City Monday, Aug. 5, will be the first tobacco cargo from this port destined for Belfast, Ireland and Liverpool, England.

J. D. Holt, port manager, reported Wednesday that 1264 hogsheads of tobacco will be put aboard the *Toothead of the Head Line* and *Lord Line*, an Irish firm. The exporter is Gallagher Ltd.

Mr. Holt also announced the August through November schedule for the *Holland-American* line at Morehead City. The *Schiedyk* will pick up 1,200 hogsheads of tobacco Aug. 9; due Sept. 21 is the *Sloterdijk*; Oct. 18, the *Kloosterdyk*; and Nov. 15, the *Schiedyk*.

The *Iran Victory* sailed Wednesday after coming from the Gulf and topping off its cargo with a cheese shipment which could not be put aboard the *Rock Springs Victory* last month. The cheese will go to Yugoslavia as did the June shipment.

The *City of Madras* is due today. It will pick up 1,500 tons of dried milk to be unloaded at Karachi and Chittagong in West and East Pakistan.

## Farm Interviewer Moves to Richlands

Frank L. Nance, supervisory farm placement interviewer, announced this week that farm placement interviewer Douglas Amerson has been transferred from Beaufort to the Onslow County office in Richlands.

Mr. Amerson is working with tobacco growers who are using migrant laborers in harvesting their crops.

Farm placement interviewer Hugh Gordon is still working in the county, Mr. Nance says. He is helping place migrant laborers in the tobacco fields around Newport.

## Tatum Rites Will be Held At Home at 3 P.M. Today

The funeral service for Ernest Clarence Tatum, 56, of 305 Orange St., Beaufort, will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home. Mr. Tatum died Wednesday morning at a hospital in Washington, N. C., from injuries received in an auto accident Tuesday night near Washington.

Two other men in the car were slightly injured. They were Stewart Onless of Wilmington, driver of the car, and a man identified as Leland Fulcher.

Coming from Norfolk  
Mr. Tatum was returning to Beaufort from Norfolk where he went for a final physical examination prior to retirement from work with a dredging firm.

The car was owned by Mr. Tatum. Highway Patrolman Fred Patton said that the car was going very fast. The driver apparently ran off the road and overturned when he tried to get it back on the pavement. Charges are being filed against Onless.

Masonic Rites  
Officiating at the funeral will be the Rev. W. T. Roberson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Beaufort. Interment will be in Ocean View Cemetery. Members of the Masonic Lodge will conduct services at the graveside.

Survivors are Mr. Tatum's wife, Violet; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Tatum, Elizabethtown; three brothers, Homer and Gladwin, Elizabethtown; and Lenson of Louisiana; five sisters, Mrs. Mildred Post, Tallman, N. Y.; Mrs. Ina Venters, Greenville; Mrs. Virginia Yarkin, Colonial Heights, Va.; Miss Frankie Tatum, Elizabethtown, and Mrs. Eva Tatum, Elizabethtown.

break for the customer, Mr. Merrill points out, because there are still warm days ahead.

Even though some of the businesses sponsoring the big sale, such as the bank, don't have items for sale, they are joining the chamber in the biggest cooperative sales program planned by Beaufort in recent years.

On the merchants committee in addition to the chairman, are Clarence Stamper and Tobe Clawson.

Items being offered at new low-tide prices by businessmen are listed in ads throughout today's paper.

Morehead City Jaycee Gerald Murdock has won the boat given away by the Havelock Jaycees. The boat was built in the county and the Havelock Jaycees sold chances to the Morehead City club members "so they could keep it here."

## Dredge Spoilage Hinders Trawlers In Beaufort Inlet

Capt. Ottis Purifoy Says Spoils to be Put East Of Bar in Future

Capt. Ottis Purifoy, Morehead City, a director of the North Carolina Fisheries Association, reported yesterday that arrangements have been made with Army engineers to have spoilage, from dredges in Beaufort Inlet, dumped eastward of the bar.

Captain Purifoy said that shrimp trawlers had been having trouble because the dredge Hyde, which has now left here, was dumping spoilage all over the inlet. The shrimpers declared it was ruining shrimping.

One shrimper said that the arrangement to put the spoilage in one place wasn't made until after the Hyde left. Captain Purifoy maintains that in the future the spoilage will go in one place as had been done in the past.

Shrimpers are taking a few spotted shrimp and are now picking up some summer shrimp. "A good sign," Captain Purifoy remarked.

Summer shrimp run larger than the spotted, averaging about 21-26 to the pound.

Shrimp catches this summer have been the best in many seasons and the shrimp are bringing a good price to the fisherman, ranging from \$40 to \$55 a box.

A total of 74 drags were made, using 40-foot flat shrimp trawls. Twenty-eight drags were made in depths of 170-225 fathoms, 14 in 150-100 fathoms, and 32 in 25-49 fathoms.

Deep-water dragging yielded up to three pounds of 25-40 count per drag catches of Royal Red shrimp at eight of the 28 points where drags were made. The best drag contained about 40 pounds, heads-on, from a depth of 200 fathoms.

The report said many drags were interrupted due to signs of bad bottom on the depth recorder. Six trawls were lost or badly damaged.

Thirty-six drags were made in the area between Capes Lookout and Hatteras, with small quantities of less than one pound of pink shrimp caught in 25 and 40 fathoms of water. Varying numbers of rock shrimp, were caught in most of the drags inside of 50 fathoms. The largest catch contained about 40 pounds with heads on.

## Fire Destroys Leo's Place Early Wednesday

Leo's Place, a roadhouse on the Harkers Island Road about three miles from Highway 70, burned early Wednesday morning.

The loss has been estimated between eight and ten thousand dollars. Leo Lawrence, owner, said that he didn't know how the blaze started. The building had been empty for a month and Mr. Lawrence had been painting and repairing it, preparatory to renting or selling.

Beaufort firemen were called at 11:45 p.m. and arrived at five past midnight. Mr. Lawrence was at home at the time and was called by a passing motorist.

The building consisted of a bar, oyster bar, dining room, lavatories and a small living area at the rear. Mr. Lawrence went in business about 11 years ago with a small building to which he made additions from time to time.

He operated the place on occasion and at other times it was rented.

Allen Conway, Beaufort engineer, said the building was ablaze when he arrived with the Beaufort pump truck. The rural truck arrived a few minutes later.

Since the building could not be saved, firemen played water around the area to keep the fire from spreading. The Marshallberg truck and firemen were present and assisted in keeping the fire from reaching the woods behind the building.

## Excursion Boat Starts Cruises

A new tourist attraction comes to Morehead City today with the operation of the excursion boat, *Islander*.

The boat will take persons on a two-hour cruise on the inland waters between Morehead City and Beaufort. The first voyage will begin at 1:30 p.m. today. The *Islander* docks at Captain Bill's Waterfront Restaurant.

A 60-foot vessel, it is Coast Guard inspected and will carry a total of 60 persons.

The *Islander* makes no stops, but sails from Morehead City around the port, past Radio Island to Beaufort, past Fort Macon to Atlantic Beach and returns to Captain Bill's.

Captain and owner of the *Islander* is Jerry Murphy with Bill Simpson as mate.

## Railroad Bridge Catches Fire Wednesday Morning

Crossies on the railroad bridge across the Newport River broke into flame at 3 a.m. Wednesday. Morehead City firemen passed a hose from the highway bridge to men who walked across the railroad bridge to the fire.

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### Beauty Presents Invitation

The Louisiana Menhaden Co., an affiliate of Wallace Fisheries, Morehead City, and the Gulf Menhaden Co., owned by the Smith menhaden enterprises, expect to be back in operation the first of August.

Both plants, located at Cameron, La., were seriously damaged by hurricane Audrey June 26 and 27.

George Roberts Wallace of Wallace Fisheries returned to Morehead City July 4 after making a four-day survey of his Louisiana plant. He was appalled by the damage the storm caused.

A native of Morehead City, Mr. Wallace says that after seeing the Cameron debris he is going to try to miss every hurricane he can. Mr. Wallace, like most other people here, have usually "stayed put" during hurricanes.

Catches Pick Up  
The Gulf fishing season was very poor up to the time Audrey hit. Now reports from that area say that the menhaden have struck inland. The Port Arthur Menhaden Co. boats are reported to have taken a million fish Monday.

Mr. Wallace said that many of the firms with which the Louisiana Menhaden Co. does business, as well as friends of the company, have inquired how the plant fared.

In reply, a letter was mailed from the New Orleans office Saturday, giving the following information:

The company suffered considerable damage, however, the machinery and principal production area are intact. In the plant itself all the running gear (engines, wheels, conveyors, etc.), were covered with 8 feet of saltwater and mud.

23 Missing  
Twenty-three of the company's employees were missing as of Saturday. With the exception of Alonzo Bell Jr., 44, Morehead City, all the missing employees were residents of Cameron.

Of the 23 believed dead, 14 were boat crewmen who were ashore at the time of the storm and nine were plant personnel.

Several storage tanks were lost or moved from their foundations, and frame buildings, including dormitories, were damaged by the wind and water. All of the boats were sent to Lake Charles with the exception of four whose captains refused to move them.

Two of those boats were tugged high and dry, one emerged in a leaking condition and the fourth survived with no damage.

At present the plant personnel on the job at Cameron are living at Lake Charles and commuting to Cameron, 59 miles away.

Operations at the plant are expected to be resumed on a limited basis early in August.

Mr. Wallace left here by commercial airline Saturday, June 29. There was still water in the plant then. By Sunday the water had gone down but there was mud and muck over everything.

Permit Required  
Before Mr. Wallace could go to his plant, he had to obtain a permit from the state police. Two new homes, built by the company for pilots who spot fish for the boats, were swept away. Mr. Wallace reported. His firm had furnished the houses too—but not a splinter from them could be found. Only the battered foundations remained.

Other homes, built by menhaden plants for their employees, were destroyed.

Mr. Wallace said that many of the people who hoped to ride out the storm would not have left there "even if the National Guard had ordered them out."

While surveying the damage, Mr. Wallace met up with Harvey Smith, Beaufort., of the Gulf Menhaden Co., who was also looking over his property.

Referring to the sudden appearance of menhaden following the storm, Mr. Wallace declared, "That's adding insult to injury!"

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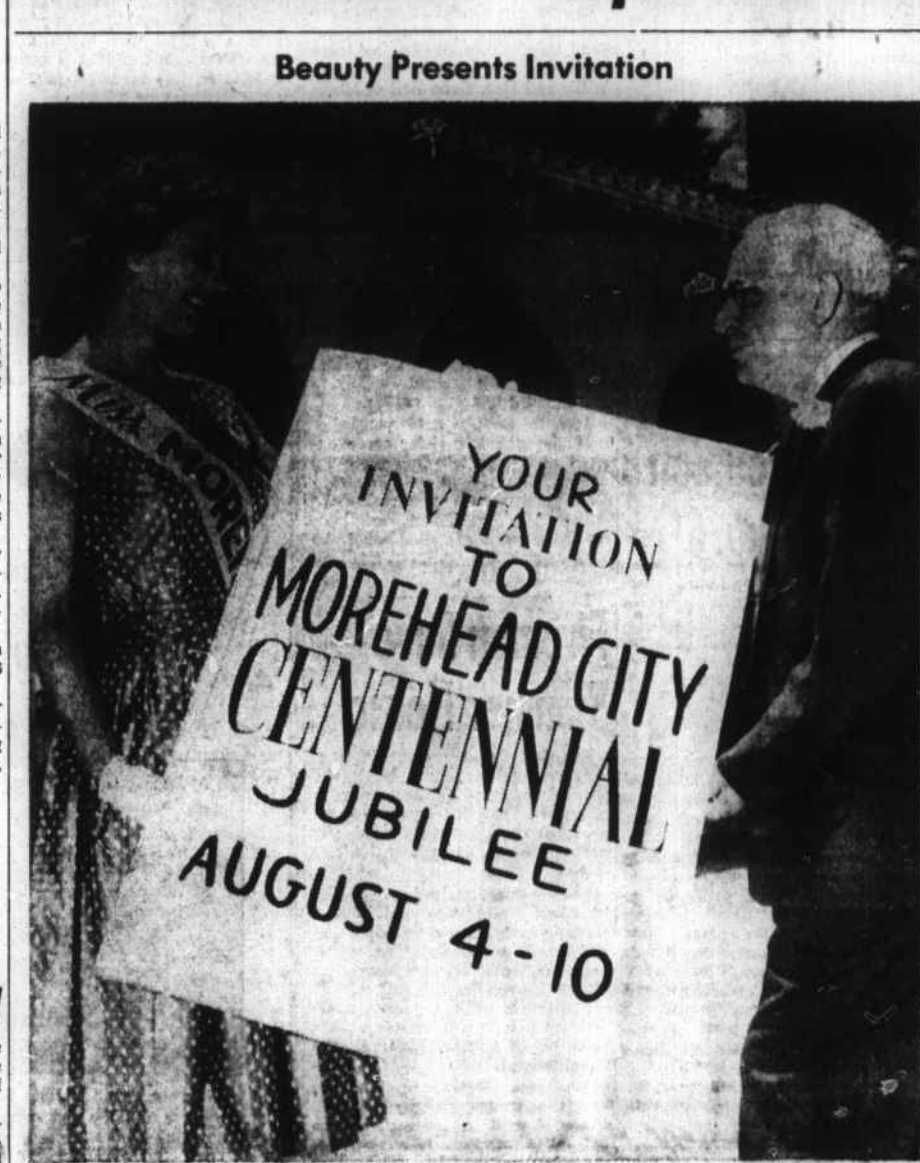
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## Colored Fisherman Cut After Argument Monday

A colored fisherman, James Brown, 29, of New Orleans, is recovering in the Morehead City Hospital from a stab wound in the chest. He said that he was stabbed at 9:30 p.m. Monday by a man called Douglas.

Both men work for Wallace Fisheries. The stabbing took place at the Edgewater Hotel, Morehead City, according to Brown.

He said that he "had been around with Alice Marie Gibbs" and Douglas didn't like it. They had argued Monday afternoon, and Brown said that he had left the hotel. When he returned that night, he said that Douglas walked up to

him and hit him in the chest. Brown said that he thought he had used his fist until he looked down and saw the blood pouring out of his chest. Brown started running down the street with Douglas and "two or three others" behind him.

He said that he was getting weak from loss of blood before two strangers stopped and picked him up in a car. He was treated at the emergency room at the hospital and put to bed.

Brown did not ask for the police until yesterday. Chief Herbert Griffin then talked to him yesterday afternoon.

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