

Fire Destroys Storage Barn At Kart Track

● Racers, Equipment Destroyed by Flames

● Immediate Reopening Planned by Owner

A fire of undetermined origin swept through a storage room and workshop at the Atlantic Beach Go-Kart track late Sunday night completely destroying the building, 11 go-kart racers, 20-25 motors and various other equipment stored there.

Track owner Robert Freeman said yesterday that the building and its contents were covered by insurance and estimated the loss at between \$5,000-\$6,000. The track was closed at the time the fire broke out.

The blaze spread so rapidly that it was almost completely burned by the time firemen could be summoned. Two trucks from the Atlantic Beach fire department and one from the west end station in Morehead City answered the alarm.

Although all of the go-karts lost were rental karts, Freeman stated yesterday that the track would not close. Arrangements were being made yesterday to obtain new karts and the track should be back in operation in a day or two. It is hoped that weekly races held at the track can be resumed within the next two weeks.

The storehouse was located on the south side of the speedway. In addition to that done to the building, minor damage was reported to a light pole and public address speaker near the storehouse.

Methodists Meet In Morehead

The district secretaries of evangelism for the nine districts of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church met Thursday and Friday at First Methodist church in Morehead City.

The Rev. Freeman Heath, conference director of evangelism, presided over the meetings.

During the sessions, a conference-wide religious survey was planned. Plans were also made and discussed for an extensive visitation evangelism program for the more than 800 Methodist churches in the North Carolina conference.

The Rev. Barney L. Davidson, minister of First Methodist church and district secretary of evangelism for the New Bern district, was host to the group.

Auto and Trailer Sink Saturday

A 1955 Oldsmobile took a long roll off a short launching ramp Saturday morning and ended up completely submerged in Taylor's creek, Beaufort.

Fred C. Mason Sr. of Beaufort owned the car. His brother, Charles Mason of Durham, had a trailer attached to the car and was loading Fred's boat when the winch jammed. Charles, who was standing between the car and the trailer, heard a snapping sound and looked up just in time to jump from behind the car, which was rolling backward.

The wrecker from Paul Motor Co., pulled the Oldsmobile out, but a skindiver, Billy Loftin, had to locate the trailer and get it out of the mud.

The accident happened at the town's launching ramp on Front street. Mason said his car, a total loss, was covered by insurance.

Clarence Styron Jr. Wins \$700 Scholarship

Clarence E. Styron Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Styron, Morehead City, was recently awarded a Dana scholarship in the amount of \$700 for the 1961-62 academic year.

Clarence is studying this summer at the marine biological laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass. He will resume his studies at Davidson college in the fall, where the scholarship will be used.

Dana scholars are selected on the basis of academic proficiency, character and good citizenship, evidence of leadership potential, effective participation in the activities of the college community and financial need.

Firemen Called
Morehead City firemen were called Saturday night at 8:45 to extinguish a fire in an out-building behind Chalk and Gibbs real estate office on Arendell Street. The building is used as a storage barn. Fire chief Lindsay Guthrie reported only minor damage.

Bus Collision Demolishes Car

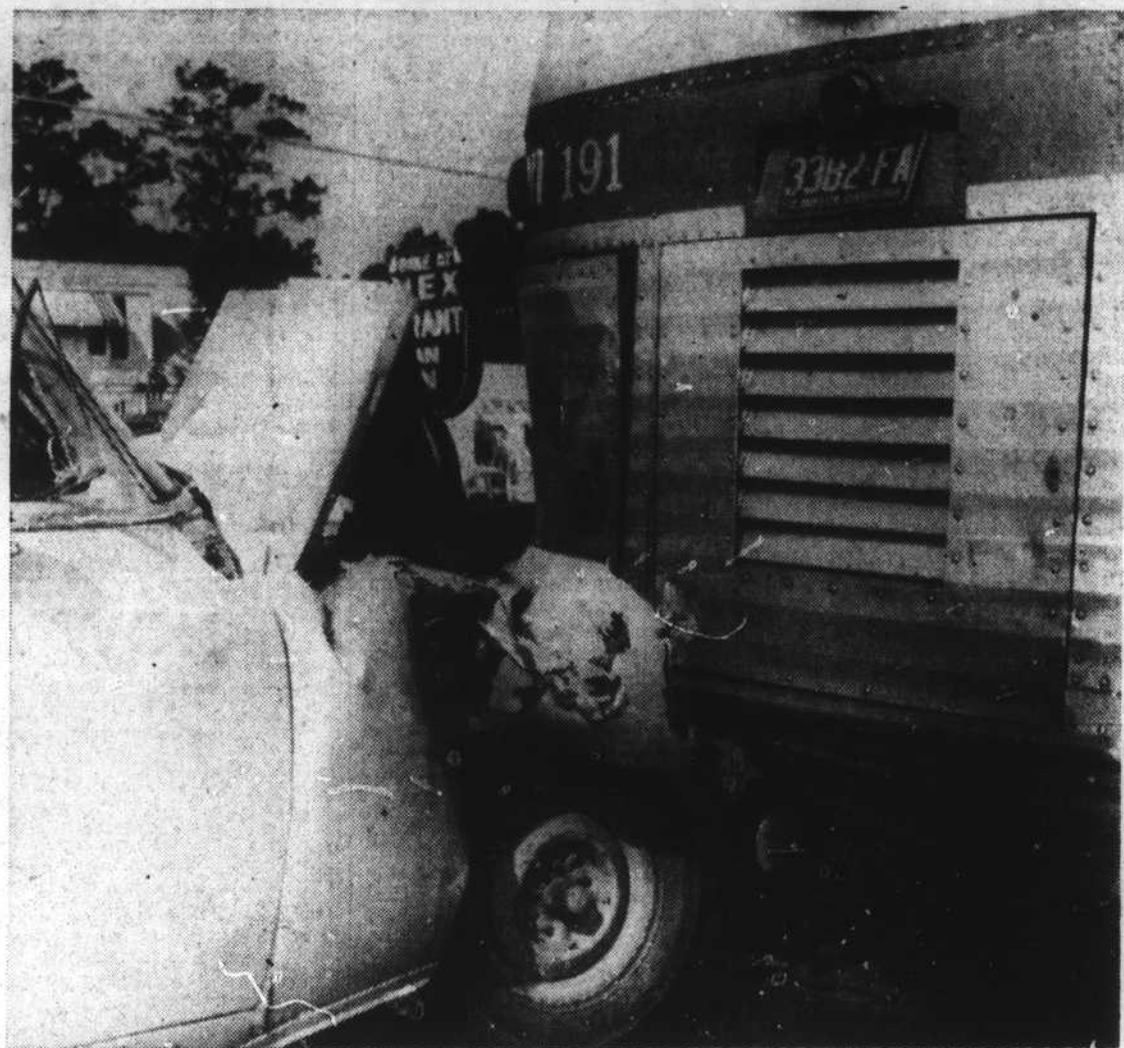


Photo by J. W. Sykes

This 1951 Chevrolet was a total loss after a collision with the rear end of a stopped bus last week. The car, driven by Jesse Clay Norris, Newport, slammed into the bus which had stopped in front of the Rex restaurant to discharge a passenger.

Motel Swells Building Record

New buildings and alterations in Morehead City during the second quarter of the year were covered by eight permits, according to A. B. Roberts, building inspector for the city. The total cost of all buildings for the quarter is the largest for the year.

Erection of the Buccaneer Motel at a cost of \$304,000 is the largest amount paid for any single structure in the city since the building of a warehouse at the port terminal in 1958 at a cost of \$400,000.

Other commercial structures, consisting of a recreation hall in connection with the W. S. King school, \$10,495; a small office building by Andrew Davis in connection with his motel, \$900; and one by Leston Gillikin, \$1,500. Alteration of the front of the Wachovia Bank building gives a total for commercial buildings of \$318,895.

Other permits cover a small house by Augusta Williams, \$200; garage by J. L. Page, \$850 and alterations by Lizzie Tracy, \$450.

Total cost of all buildings, as covered by the eight permits issued, \$320,395. Total cost of construction, covered by 23 permits issued during the first quarter of the year, \$101,120.

Rotarians View Film, Set Dues Thursday Night

Lt. Merritt Bridgman, of the Army Reserve unit, showed a colored film strip on the property development at Cape Coral, Fla. to the Morehead City Rotary club Thursday night at the Rex restaurant.

A motion making dues \$20 annually, effective July 1, 1961, was passed.

Visiting Rotarians were Harvey Price, Smithfield; Herb Stare, Schenectady, N. Y.; Bob Hamlet, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Dave Van Sant, Madison, N. J. and Jack Price, Beaufort.

Earl Lewis was inducted as a new member.

Beach Commissioners Adopt \$32,549 Budget for Year

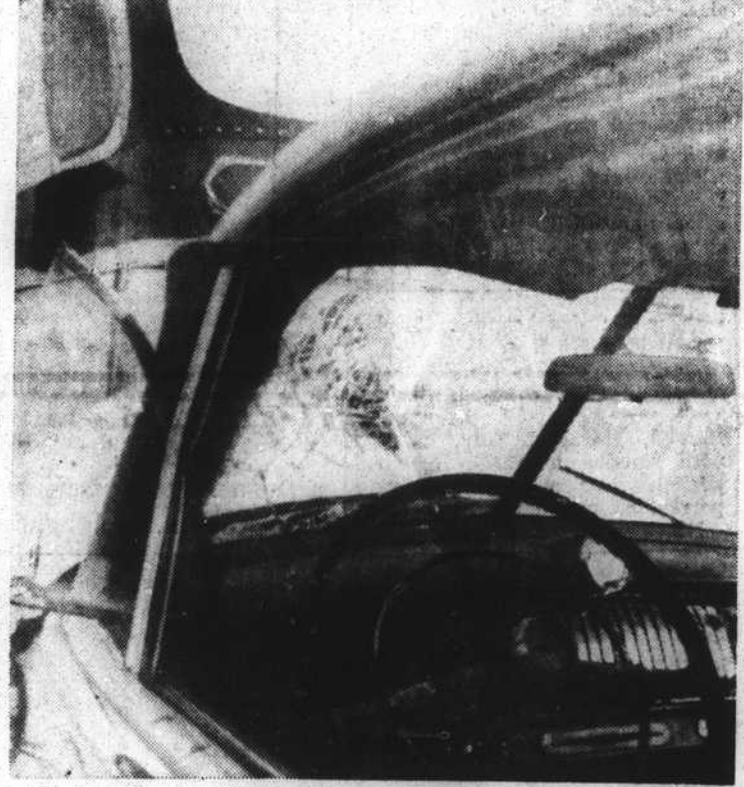
Atlantic Beach town commissioners adopted a budget totaling \$32,549.45 when they met Friday morning at the town hall. The budget is based on a valuation of \$1,570,330 and a tax rate of \$1.35 per \$100 valuation.

The town anticipates \$21,199.45 on the current tax levy and \$250 in delinquent taxes. Other anticipated income includes \$2,000 from business license taxes; \$50, intangible tax; \$250, franchise tax; \$100, building permits; \$50, beer and wine tax; \$250, court costs; and \$900, rents. These sources total \$25,049.45.

To this will be added \$2,500 in Powell bill funds and \$5,000 from other income to meet the total budgeted.

To pay the salaries of the town clerk and mayor and furnish them with supplies, \$3,500 has been budgeted. Dues to the league of municipalities and the institute of government total \$57.50.

The police department budget totals \$10,180. This includes salaries of the chief, all policemen includ-



The splintered windshield is where Norris' head almost went through the glass. Norris was thrown from the car by the force of the impact. He was treated at the Morehead City hospital and later transferred to the Naval hospital at Camp Lejeune. No one on the bus was injured.

Two Highway Patrolmen Check Five Accidents

Highway patrolmen J. W. Sykes and R. H. Brown investigated a total of five accidents last week.

Patrolman Brown was called to a wreck at 9:30 p.m. last Monday night on the Atlantic beach causeway at Dom-El's. He reported that Jack D. Warren of Cherry Point was riding a 1959 BSA motorcycle south towards the beach when a 1959 Buick pulled from the driveway into his path. Charles C. Weeks of Asheboro was driving the car. The motorcycle hit the right front of the car, throwing the driv-

er off. He suffered a cut foot and was taken to Cherry Point hospital by military policemen. Damage to the car was estimated at \$10 and to the motorcycle at \$150. Weeks was charged with failing to yield the right of way.

Tuesday afternoon at 5:40 a collision occurred at the intersection of highways 70 and 70A west of Morehead City. Patrolman Brown investigated.

A 1958 Renault, driven by Joseph V. Bellamah of Beaufort, was going west through the intersection. A 1960 Buick, driven by Miguel Adolfo Huici of Washington, D. C., stopped for a stop sign at a cut-off road just beyond the intersection and pulled out in front of the Renault.

The left rear door of the Renault was damaged to the extent of \$150. Charges are pending.

At 2:10 a.m. Sunday patrolman Sykes investigated a wreck at the same intersection. He said a 1953 Ford, driven by Ronald S. Mason of Cherry Point, approached the intersection, failed to stop and ran across to the junkyard across the road.

The driver tried to turn his car to the left and hit a small trailer parked in front of the junkyard, bounced off and hit the railroad tracks.

Kenneth Ferry of Cherry Point, a passenger, suffered cuts on his face. Mason suffered a gash on the head. Mason, charged with failing to stop for a stop sign and reckless driving, paid \$50 and costs in Morehead City recorder's court yesterday.

At 12:15 a.m. Sunday an accident occurred on the Atlantic Beach bridge 200 feet south of the draw. Patrolman Sykes said a 1950 Oldsmobile driven by Allen J. Brienza of Camp Lejeune was going north when struck from the

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Installation of Tide Gauge Planned for Beach Area

Fisheries Hearing Brings No Opposition to Holland

No opposition to the reappointment of Gehrman Holland as commercial fisheries commissioner was heard at the commercial fisheries public hearing Saturday morning at Camp Glenn. It was expected that petitions would be presented at the hearing asking for Holland's dismissal.

Those speaking for Holland's reappointment were mayor W. H. Potter of Beaufort and Earl Holden of Vandemere, president of the North Carolina Fisheries Association, who said his board of directors had met prior to the hearing and unanimously endorsed Holland.

Eric Rodgers of Scotland Neck, chairman of the fisheries committee, opened the meeting and introduced special guests. They included Hargrove Bowles Jr., chairman of the department of conservation and development; Roy Wilder Jr., assistant director; and Andrew Jones, assistant attorney general.

Members of the advisory board present were Louis Hardy, Garland Fulcher, Ralph Meekins, Monroe Gaskill, Percy Grant and Winfield Daniels.

Mayor Potter, the first to speak, asked that regulations concerning protection of commercial and sports fishermen be clarified with special regard to the rights and privileges of pier owners.

He also asked that the board study current legislation earmarking \$150,000 to study mechanization of the crab industry, and, if they see fit, add the necessary authority to study further diversification of new and better crab products. He asked that a continual effort be made to make the department aware of the "industrial desert" in eastern North Carolina.

Earl Oglesby of route 2 Newport presented petitions concerning the date of opening the shrimp season. He said that if the date were changed to May 1, the boats could get in about a month of good work they lose now.

Mr. Rodgers advised him that the purpose for keeping the opening date out of law is to account for weather and other changes. Commissioner Holland said what he had in mind was opening the season in early spring for spotted shrimp, then closing it again until the other shrimp reach a marketable size.

John Woff of Edenton requested that the herring season in Chowan river and Albemarle sound be ex-

Civilians Name Group Chairmen

At Friday's noon meeting of the Civitan club, chairmen of committees to prepare for the state Civitan convention were named. The convention will be held at the Biltmore hotel on Aug. 19.

Elected to head the general committee was Warren Beck. Others were Ralph Styron, welcoming committee, and Walter Morris, chairman of the door prize committee.

Visitors attending Friday's meeting were Civitan Gov. Z. C. Hopkins, Cherry Point, and past president of the state-wide Civitans, Francis Essex.

Four hundred Civitans are expected to attend the convention. They will be coming from 115 Civitan clubs across the state.

Engineers Will Restore Wallace Channel Depth

Plans to restore project depth, 12 feet, by maintenance dredging in Wallace channel, Pamlico Sound, near Ocracoke, were announced in Wilmington by the Corps of Army Engineers.

Col. R. P. Davidson, district engineer, said that bids are scheduled to be opened Aug. 1. The dredging will start about 30 days later.

The job involves the removal of about 228,000 cubic yards of material.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, July 18	LOW
12:08 a.m.	5:33 a.m.	
11:50 p.m.	5:36 p.m.	
Wednesday, July 19		
12:44 a.m.	6:02 a.m.	
	6:22 p.m.	
Thursday, July 20		
12:31 a.m.	6:42 a.m.	
1:23 p.m.	7:47 p.m.	
Friday, July 21		
1:18 a.m.	7:47 a.m.	
2:09 p.m.	9:06 p.m.	

Mayor A. B. Cooper announced at the Atlantic Beach town board meeting Friday morning at the municipal building that the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers has announced plans to install a tide gauge at Oceanana resort, just west of the beach.

A similar gauge is now in use at Triple Ess pier. Police chief Bill Moore, who compiles weather data at the beach and will read the new gauge, said the gauge is composed of a 6-inch pipe with a float inside which extends down into the water.

At the top of the pipe is a metal box which contains an electronic device to record the tide changes. Tide times and distances are recorded on charts, which must be changed at frequent intervals. The gauge is run by a clock which must be wound every eight days.

Plans call for the device to be installed in November. Chief Moore said the gauge, added to the town's present equipment, will give a complete weather picture for the area. The beach already has a wind velocity meter, wind direction gauge, rain gauge, barometer and thermometer.

The board agreed, at the request of fire chief Bill Barts, to buy one 20-pound fire extinguisher and 15 hand extinguishers of a new powder type. The large extinguisher is to replace one which blew up while being refilled and must be obtained to comply with insurance regulations.

The chief was asked to confer with town clerk Milton Coyle about the purchase of 500 feet of 1/2-inch hose.

Sanitation commissioner Mack Smith reported that the garbage contract had been renewed for another year. Street commissioner Charles Walters was instructed to have marl put on the shoulders of the streets.

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Police Chief Investigates Two Wrecks Thursday

Morehead City police chief, W. H. Griffin, investigated two traffic accidents Thursday afternoon that happened within ten minutes of each other.

The first accident occurred at 1:10 p.m. at the intersection of 9th and Arendell streets and involved cars driven by Ramona Willis Gonsalves and Betty Midgett Bailey, both of Morehead City.

Police said that Mrs. Gonsalves was backing her car from a parking space on Arendell when it was struck by Mrs. Bailey's car. Mrs. Bailey was travelling east on Arendell.

Police estimated damages to Mrs. Bailey's 1961 Renault at \$50. Mrs. Gonsalves's car, a 1961 Ford, was not damaged. No charges were filed.

In the second accident, that happened at 1:20, Walter Willis Scott of New Bern was cited for failing to yield the right of way and running a stop sign. Scott was the driver of a 1960 Ford that ran a stop sign at 24th and Evans street and collided with a 1959 Pontiac being driven by Melvin Stegall of Elon College. Stegall was travelling north on 24th St. and Scott west on Evans.

Passengers in Stegall's car included his wife, Mrs. Betty Stegall, and the couple's three daughters, Leslie, Bobby and Marcie. Seven-year-old Leslie was taken to the Morehead City hospital for treatment for cuts and bruises. She was released after treatment.

Police estimated damages to Stegall's car at \$1,200 and set that to Scott's auto at \$200.

County to Pay \$959,679 Of \$1,631,234 Total Budget

Port Calendar

Bischofstein—Due Thursday to take on tobacco for Europe; expected to sail the same day.
Esso Tanker—Due Thursday; expected to sail the same day.
Fervine—Due Saturday to take on tobacco for the Far East.
Telamon—Due Sunday to take on tobacco for Egypt and the Near East.
Sommelsdyk—Due July 24 to leave general cargo; will then sail for Europe.
American Retailer—Due July 24 to take on tobacco for Europe.
Breitenstein—Due July 28 to take on tobacco for Europe.
Tarantel—Due July 30 to take on tobacco for the Far East.

Quartet to Sing

The Prescott Brothers quartet will sing each evening through Sunday during the revival services at Oak Grove Christian church, announces the Rev. William H. Clifton, guest minister. Services are held nightly at 7:45.

Swansboro Mayor, Board Consider Softening Water

The new Swansboro town board, composed of mayor Carl S. Milsted and aldermen Shelton Kellum, Charles B. Odum, A. D. Ennett, and Linwood D. Williams, met this week to outline plans for the town.

Mayor Milsted reported that the board is considering a water softener for the town's water system. Sam Morris attended the recent board meeting to discuss the water softener with the town officials.

Mr. Fitzhugh Clark, of Clark's funeral homes in Greenville and Maysville, has donated the town an ambulance to be used by a rescue squad which the local American Legion post hopes to organize. The Legion post has already offered to assume the responsibility for the ambulance and the squad.

The town board gave its endorsement to the program. The third major project started by the last meeting of the town board was a recreation program. Alderman Kellum was made chairman of the recreation committee. The board has authorized the use of the community building on Friday nights for the recreation program for the town's teenagers. The teenagers will be under the direction of coach Jim Parkin.

The 1961-62 budget adopted by the county board of commissioners at its recent meeting totals \$1,631,234.46, an increase of \$134,746.91 over the 1960-61 budget. Of the total budgeted, the county must raise \$959,679.46.

The remainder will come from state and federal sources. The tax rate for the current year is \$1.75, a 10-cent increase over last year's rate.

(Actually, if the more than \$1 million in teacher salaries is added, the county budget is approximately \$2 1/2 million. But none of the teacher salary money, provided by the state, goes through a county office. The county supplies approximately 37 per cent of the total money spent for all county operations, services and schools.)

Budgeted for the general fund this year is \$281,668.09; health fund \$72,656; welfare fund \$598,809.60; school fund \$335,155 (exclusive of teacher salaries) and debt service fund \$391,011.37.

Tax revenue this year is based on a property valuation of \$44 million, an increase of \$1 million over 1960-61, and a rate of collection of 90 per cent. (Better than 92 per cent of the 1960-61 levy was

collected, according to E. O. Moore, county tax collector.)

The biggest change in distribution of the \$1.75 tax rate comes this year in debt service. Ninety cents is being levied to pay off the county debt as compared with 35 cents last year.

Levied for schools last year was 65 cents, as compared with 25 cents this year.

Five cents was levied for county capital improvements (new buildings or additions) last year. Nothing has been levied for that purpose this year.

The budget does not provide for an increase in salary for the judge of recorder's court or the solicitor, each of whom had proposed that his salary be raised. The judge receives \$4,459 a year and the solicitor \$2,940.

Current school expenses to be paid this year total \$200,408.09. Capital outlay (funds for alterations, equipment, furniture, new bus, etc.) to be met with county funds is \$134,746.91, plus \$335,000 for a start on the new Morehead City high school.

The \$335,000 has accumulated from county tax funds over the past two years. All capital outlay funds in the school budget amount to approximately \$470,000.

The total county debt the beginning of the current fiscal year was \$487,455. Paid on the debt last year was \$208,000.

Bonds to be retired during the current year amount to \$344,670. Interest will total \$15,511.37.

Budgeted to meet the cost of revaluation in 1965 is \$17,000. Estimated cost of elections during the current year is \$6,800, an increase of \$1,500 over the amount budgeted for 1960-61.

Increases in general county expense were few. An additional \$500 was given the county library for a total of \$7,567.07. State aid to the library amounts to \$4,700. The forest fire control budget was raised \$500 to \$4,825; the civil defense budget was raised \$1,000 to \$1,500.

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Tournaments will Start Tomorrow in Morehead

Mrs. Mamie Taylor, Morehead City recreation director, has announced that tournaments in ping pong, badminton, checkers, tennis, softball and pro-hockey will begin tomorrow morning at 9 at the recreation center.

The competition will be divided into classes, those 12 years old and under and those 13 years old and older.

The tournaments will end Friday. Results will be announced.