

# \$95,000 Blaze Hits Styron's Store



Minister Honored by Jaycees

The Rev. J. P. Mansfield, pastor of St. Peter's Methodist church, Morehead City, who is prominent in local, state and national work with migrant laborers, was presented the distinguished service award by Morehead City Jaycees Monday night. (See newsstory page 4 section 2.)

## Hope Held that Ships Will Start Moving This Weekend

There was hope in all east coast and Gulf port cities that the 32-day-old longshoremen's strike would end this weekend.

Robert L. Hicks, Heide & Co. ship's agent, Morehead City, said yesterday that he has 10 ships ready to move into Morehead City as soon as the quarter billion dollar work stoppage comes to an end.

A mediation board appointed by President Kennedy has worked out a settlement that appears to be agreeable to both shippers and longshoremen.

The formula calls for 24 cents in increased wages over a two-year span and 13 cents in fringe benefits.

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## Rental Bids For PO Defined

The builder of the Harkers Island postoffice will bid on rental to the postoffice department for a basic period of five years with three five-year renewal options, according to David Yeomans, postmaster.

J. Edward Day, postmaster general of the United States, in announcing that bids are being sought, commented that Harkers Island is located in Carteret county, an area eligible for area recovery act funds.

He said the project will be of "particular value" because it will provide more employment and contribute to Harkers Island modernization efforts.

Bidders interested in constructing the postoffice, which will have a thousand feet of interior floor space, loading platform of 104 square feet and a paved area of 3,500 feet, may contact postmaster Yeomans or Marvin W. Clem, PO Box 89, Greensboro, N. C.

## High Winds Cause Loss at Drive-In

High winds Wednesday night did considerable damage to the A&W Drive-In on US 70 west of Morehead City. Winds toppled a masonry tower on the top of the building.

The tower supported a sign. Both tower and sign fell onto the roof at the front of the building. The force of the falling objects caved in the roof, shattering plate glass in the front of the building and buckling aluminum partitions holding the glass.

No estimate of the damage was available prior to adjustment by insurance representatives, but it is thought to amount to several hundred dollars.

## Owner Plans to Reopen As Soon as Possible

A \$95,000 blaze swept through Styron's department store, Morehead City, in 20 minutes Wednesday, gutting the interior and damaging the one-story brick building to an estimated \$20,000.

Clarence E. Styron, owner of the store, said yesterday that he plans to be back in business as soon as possible.

Fire chief Eldon Nelson says the fire started at the front of the building about noon. It was caused either by the hot rays of the sun shining through the windows or defective wiring, according to the chief.

Mr. Styron had his plate glass windows shaded on the inside by yellow "filters" which he believes were made of plastic or a type of "cellophane" material.

He estimates damage to merchandise and fixtures at \$75,000. A large amount of spring merchandise had just arrived this week, including \$1,000 in blouses and \$500 in lingerie.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The blaze was reported at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday by a Marine military policeman. The MP said he saw smoke coming from the front of the store and at that instant there was an explosion which blew out a plate glass window. THE NEWS-TIMES photographer happened to be on the spot at the same instant.

The air, which rushed in, then fed smoldering flames which burst into intense fire, reducing everything to charred shambles.

No one was in the store at the time. Victor Salter, manager had locked up a few minutes before 12 because Wednesday afternoon is a holiday for most merchants in

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## GATR Tower Will Be Ready Soon

An Air Force ground to air radio center near Newport is expected to be completed in April, according to the Army Corps of Engineers.

The building, which will house a transmitter-receiver unit in aircraft communications, is located south of Newport and to the west of US 70. The building is expected to cost \$94,839.60 and is being built under the Savannah, Ga., Corps of Engineers district by a private contractor.

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## Clerk of Court Files Three Wills Recently

Wills of three persons have been filed recently in the office of the clerk of superior court.

Mrs. Mary Shockley, 1612 Shackelford Ave., Morehead City, named her son, Woodland G. Shockley, as executor of her estate, to serve without bond.

Her son also inherited all her property. The will specified that if he preceded her in death, the property should be divided equally between her grandchildren, William Gray and Rebecca Ann Shockley.

The will was drawn July 23, 1957 and witnessed by Stanley and Julia Woodland and Mavis H. Wilkins, all of Morehead City. Estimated value of the estate is \$7,000.

Mrs. Mauche Fulcher Pierce, formerly of Beaufort, named her sons-in-law, H. L. Brown and F. S. Stroupe as executors of her estate, to serve without bond.

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## Mercury Nose Dives Down to 19

The mercury fell all the way down to 19 degrees early Thursday in a cold spell that affected the eastern half of the nation.

According to E. Stamey Davis, Morehead City weather observer, Wednesday had a high of 59 and a low of 36, showing a drastic drop in temperature in a short period.

A total of .70 inches of rain was recorded Sunday night and Monday morning.

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Monday	61	40	N
Tuesday	50	30	SW
Wednesday	59	36	SW

# Legislator Proposes Bills, Hears REA Members Present Case

Thomas S. Bennett, county legislator, told 28 listeners Wednesday afternoon at the courthouse, Beaufort, that he plans to introduce bills, as follows, in the coming legislature:

• A bill providing for election of a non-partisan county board of education

• A bill calling for complete reorganization of the commercial fisheries division, establishing it as a separate agency similar to the department of agriculture where emphasis would be directed to development and research as well as law enforcement

• A bill to provide funds for local education purposes which would reallocate to counties 1 out of every 4 cents collected through the food sales tax.

"When the food sales tax was passed, people believed that the money was to be used for education and that has not happened," Mr. Bennett remarked.

• A bill to provide for a "general county hospital and health fund" which would be obtained by imposing an additional tax on beer, wine and whiskey, state-wide, the money to be reallocated to the counties on a proportionate basis. (Dry counties would not receive any of the funds.)

Following the meeting, Mr. Bennett said that he also hopes to investigate the possibility of introducing a bill which would set up a merit system for hiring county employees.

Mr. Bennett said that it doesn't matter to him whether bills are introduced in the house or senate "just so something is done for the benefit of the county."

He emphasized that he is going to Raleigh as a representative of the people and not the representative of a party. Mr. Bennett expressed the hope that Wednesday's meeting, which he invited everyone to attend, would set a precedent for county and public officials as a means of keeping everyone informed.

## County Keeps Up Good Record

Carteret has made its US savings bond quota for the eighth year in a row, announces J. R. Sanders, Morehead City, savings bond chairman for the county.

The county actually exceeded its 1962 quota of \$789,480. Total sales amounted to \$844,009, Mr. Sanders reports.

Total sales in North Carolina were \$48,505,835. This is less than \$65,000 or 1/10 of 1 per cent behind the 1961 sales. This amounts to 94 per cent of the state's annual quota of \$51,600,000.

"In the face of a very competitive market for the savings dollar, we feel that the savings bonds program had a very successful year in 1962," said W. H. Andrews, Jr., state volunteer savings bond chairman.

Nationally, sales were 5.7 per cent lower than 1961. This was due primarily to a fall-off in the sales of the larger size savings bonds. Last year sales of small-sized bonds (\$25-\$200 bonds) accounted for 61 per cent of the E and H Bond sales. Purchases of \$50 bonds were at a peacetime high. Purchases of \$25 bonds were at a 5-year high.

## Radio, \$80 in Cash Stolen in Beaufort

The Beaufort Police department reported two thefts occurring Wednesday night or Thursday morning, an AM-FM transistor radio taken from a boat belonging to Charles Davis, and \$80 in a cash register at the Lawrence 66 Service station.

The cash was believed stolen from the register while attendants at the station were not present.

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The only petitioners before Thomas S. Bennett, legislator, at a public meeting Wednesday afternoon were representatives of Carteret-Craven and Harkers Island rural electrification cooperatives.

Mr. Bennett assured the REA representatives that he would not vote for the proposed North Carolina Utilities act as recommended by the general statutes commission.

The commission was appointed in the 1961 legislature to review the state's public utilities law and draft suggestions for change. The REA's contend the proposed changes are unfair insofar as they affect the rural electrification program.

George W. Ball, Harlowe, president of the Carteret-Craven co-op read a three-page brief, pointing out the manner in which adoption of the statutes commission's recommendations as to public utilities would "kill" North Carolina's rural electric cooperatives.

Monroe Gaskill, Cedar Island, in an area served by REA, recalled the days when Cedar Island residents had to live by kerosene lamp at night. Today, he said, people there can enjoy electric lights and all the latest electrical appliances.

Mr. Bennett said that he had read the proposed utilities act and noted that it specifies that there are conditions under which private power companies can buy co-ops, even if the co-ops don't want to sell, but there's no provision for co-ops to buy private power companies.

He said it would seem more fair if each were given opportunity, by law, to purchase the other.

George W. Ball, Morehead City, attorney for Carteret-Craven, asked Mr. Bennett to take particular note of the area coverage specifications, which state where REA and private power company lines may go.

W. C. Carlton, manager of the Carteret-Craven REA, described briefly legislation which REA

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Flames lick at the interior of Styron's Department Store Wednesday at the beginning of a fire that gutted the building. This picture, taken just after the blaze was discovered and before firemen arrived, shows a smoking show window mannequin at the right hand corner of the building. The dummy and some of the clothing in the store window was spewed out on the sidewalk as heat and pressure from the fire blew out store window glass.



Dense clouds of smoke pour from the interior of Styron's Department Store, almost destroyed in a fire Wednesday. This picture, taken just after firemen arrived, shows the blaze at its peak and the beginning of the battle with the fire.



Morehead City firemen pour water into the front windows of Styron's Department store in an effort to quench the fire that gutted the building Wednesday. The fire was discovered several minutes after 12 noon.

# Luke Mason Goes to Roads; Bill Godette Found Guilty

**\$9,000 to Date**  
The Newport Medical Center has received \$9,000 in loans to date, according to J. Stancil Bell, fund-raising chairman. The loans may be made in denominations of \$25. Checks should be made out to Newport Medical Center, Inc.

Only one active prison term was assigned Tuesday in county court, though other defendants received suspended terms from Judge Lambert R. Morris.

Luke Mason, charged with two counts of public drunkenness, received two concurrent terms of six months on the roads. William Godette received a three-month term on the roads suspended upon the provision that he not operate an auto until obtaining a valid license and pay \$10 and the costs.

Godette was charged with no driver's license, no registration and no liability insurance. In another case against William Godette, for non-support, he was given a year on the roads, commitment not to be carried out as long as he pays \$15 per week for the support of his family.

James Langdale and B. F. Willis, both charged with public drunkenness, received suspended terms of 30 days.

Beaufort Jaycees heard plans Monday night for the fifth district annual meeting to be held Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Governor Tryon hotel, New Bern.

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Beaufort Jaycee president Ivey Mason urged all Beaufort Jaycees to attend. If participation warrants, a bus may be hired to take members to the meeting.

The Beaufort Jaycees are now meeting the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month at the Beaufort civic center.

The sheriff's department was investigating yesterday a theft at a summer home at Cedar Point. A tv set, rods and reels and tools were reportedly taken from the house. This is the second burglary reported in that area this week.

## Name-Change Ballots Go Out

Put in the mail yesterday were ballots for all members of the Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

Members will vote on changing the name of the organization to the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce. Members of the board of directors have unanimously endorsed the proposal.

Although the greater chamber has always promoted the county, it is believed that a name-change will go further toward interesting more individuals in the chamber's program, according to Ben Alford, president.

Ballots are going to all 1962 chamber members. They are to be returned by Thursday, Jan. 31. They will be opened and tallied by the board of directors at a meeting at the chamber office Tuesday night, Feb. 5.

## Firemen Answer Three Alarms

The Morehead City Fire department reported three calls Wednesday and Thursday, the Thursday call being the fire at Styron's Department store that gutted the building.

The call to Styron's came at 12:05 p.m. Firemen put out the destructive blaze in approximately 30 minutes.

Wednesday at 10:20 a.m., a fire came to the firemen. Jerry Pittman, Salter Path, drove up in front of the station in his 1962 Ford to have a minor fire put out.

A passenger in the car had placed a lighted cigarette in an ash tray, and the cigarette had fallen inside the upholstery.

At 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, a trash fire in a yard at 18th and Arendell streets sent smoke curling around the eaves of a house, resulting in a call for aid that proved to be a justifiable false alarm.

## Chairman Says 'No Telethon'

There will be no March of Dimes telethon this year, Mrs. Robert Russell, MOD chairman, announced yesterday.

Therefore, persons who have been waiting to contribute to the March of Dimes through the telethon are urged to send their checks to Mrs. Russell, route 2, Box 39B, Beaufort.

There will be a rummage sale for the next two Saturdays in downtown Beaufort next to Dr. Luther Fulcher's office. Persons who have items to put on sale are invited to take them there Saturday morning. Proceeds will go to the March of Dimes.

The Moose lodge will collect funds from motorists Sunday, Feb. 3, on highway 70 at Mansfield and on the Beaufort-Morehead causeway between 1 and 3 p.m.

House Entered  
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## Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Jan. 25	LOW
8:02 a.m.	1:56 a.m.	
8:30 p.m.	2:41 p.m.	
	Saturday, Jan. 26	
8:45 a.m.	2:41 a.m.	
9:15 p.m.	3:23 p.m.	
	Sunday, Jan. 27	
9:31 a.m.	3:26 a.m.	
10:04 p.m.	4:04 p.m.	
	Monday, Jan. 28	
10:21 a.m.	4:10 a.m.	
11:25 p.m.	4:46 p.m.	

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