
ESTABLISHED IN 1803

FIRE RAZES HOTEL AND THE PAVILION ON ISLE OF PALMS

**Popular Resort Structures
Destroyed in Blaze.
Fort Truck Helps**

SUMMER CABINS LOST

**Buildings Unoccupied for
Winter Season—Cause of
Blaze Not Found**

The Isle of Palms hotel and pavilion burned to the ground last night in a blaze that spread to other frame buildings along the island waterfront.

K. J. Klump, manager of these properties for the Seaboard Realty company, estimated the damage as at least \$50,000, only part of which was covered by insurance. There was no protection on the furnishings, all of which were lost. The insurance would not be sufficient to rebuild the property and Mr. Klump was unable to say immediately what his company would do.

Frame buildings back of the hotel were burning early this morning. One summer home, belonging to Captain Samuel A. Guilds, of Mount Pleasant, apparently was a complete loss and other frame cabins burned. The fire was confined to the block on which the hotel and pavilion were situated and nearby beach properties elsewhere were in no apparent danger early this morning.

Firemen Handicapped

The Fort Moultrie fire department sent a chemical truck to the fire, but it had gained such headway that little could be done. Major Charles McK. Kemp, adjutant at the fort, directed the men in protecting a building across the road. The firemen had no water with which to fight the blaze.

The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock. The alarm was telephoned, but the hotel and pavilion were ablaze even before a crowd could gather. Several people stayed in the Huck's cafeteria dining room early this morning to witness the blaze. The Huck's buildings were not threatened.

Mr. Klump was preparing to go to the Roosevelt ball when the fire was reported to him.

June Byars, who lives in a house on the Seaboard Realty company property, was not at home. His brother-in-law, C. O. Williams, of Columbia, was preparing to go to sleep and was remaining awake in bed long enough to hear his favorite news broadcaster. He heard a "cackling at the door" and thought it was Mr. Byars coming home sooner than was expected. Instead, it was the fire.

Hotel Unoccupied

Mr. Williams took all the furniture from the house as it had caught on the sides. He ran to a pump some distance away and carried enough water to sprinkle the home in time to save it from the blaze.

The hotel and pavilion were unoccupied, as they were closed for the winter season.

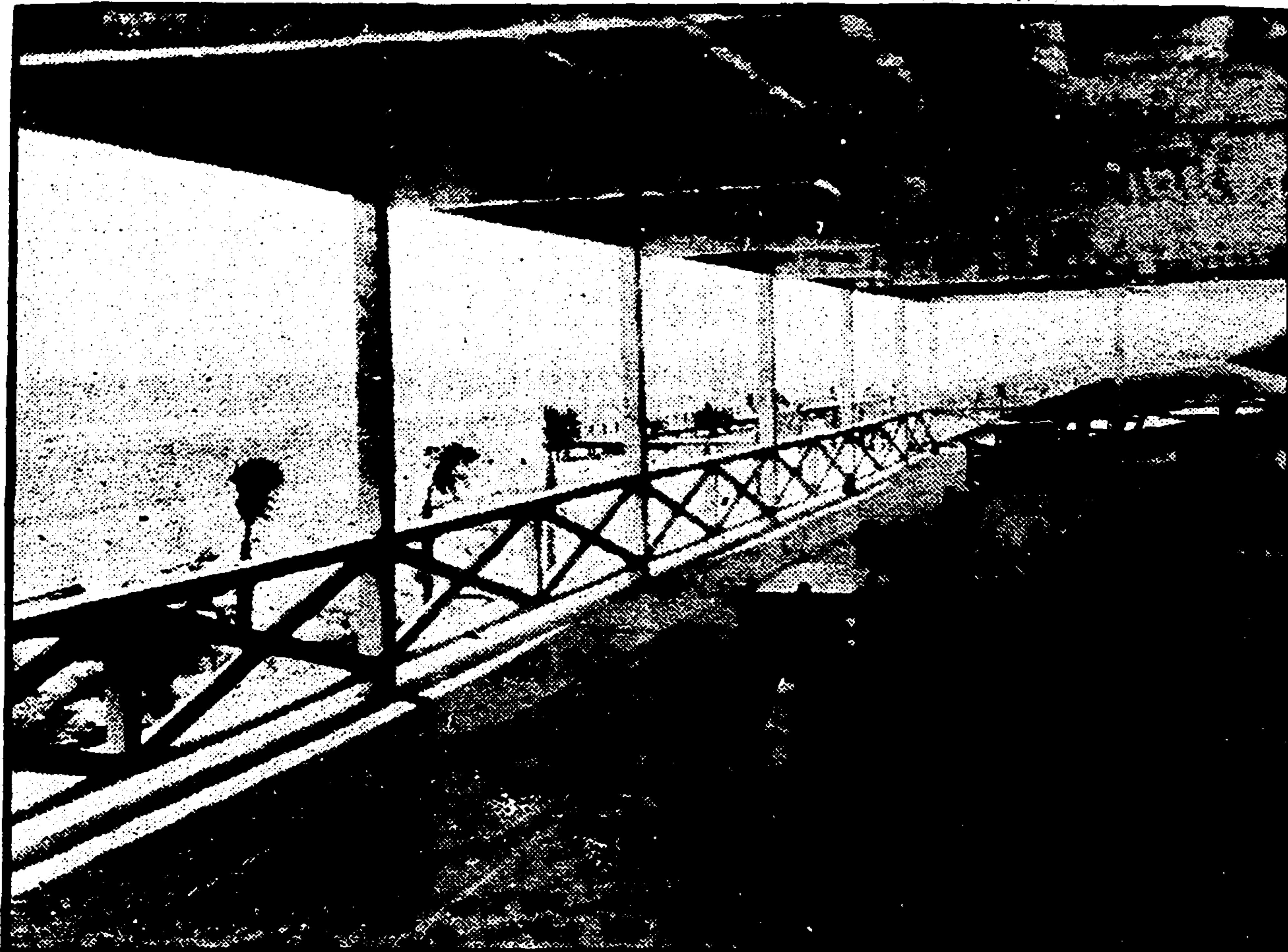
There was no one early this morning who could say how the blaze started.

Persons living nearby kept watch lest sparks set their own properties ablaze.

The pavilion was built about 1900 and, in the heyday of the electric car's popularity, was a favorite week-end resort when thousands of people from Charleston and points

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Beach Pavilion and Hotel Burn



ABOVE IS A SCENE FROM the porch of the Isle of Palms hotel, which was destroyed in a \$50,000 blaze last night at the Isle of Palms. It was known to thousands as one of the outstanding Lowcountry views.

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in the interior took the ferry street car trip. Picnics were not considered up to par unless they were held in the Isle of Palms pavilion.

The hotel which burned last night was remodeled in recent years from the bath houses which formerly were located in the east end of the pavilion. At the height of the popularity of the beach resort, when thousands of dollars were taken in daily from a twenty-five cent round trip fare, the resort supported the highest ferris wheel in the United States, a steeplechase, a carousel and a first class restaurant.

The ferris wheel, long a landmark and probably the most familiar piece of scenery to many people for many years on the island, was built for the Chicago World's Fair in 1892 and later was taken to the Cotton Congress, in Atlanta, and to Coney Island before being brought here. Abandoned and rusty for many years, it was put back into operation a few years ago for a brief period before being dismantled.

Originally there was another and larger hotel to the east of the structures which burned last night, but it was burned about twenty years ago. After the electric cars went out of business, the resort fell into practical disuse for several years, but the dance floor, said to be one of the best in the country, was kept in good order.

When the resort was revived, the old street car terminal area was eliminated and the space formerly occupied by the bath house was converted into the hotel.

Early in the pavilion's career, Godfrey's Great Concert band filled engagements there and in summer the amusements included polite vaudeville and condensed versions of operas. For several years the first band of the United States Artillery corps, which had a national reputation, played for Tuesday and Friday hops and for sacred concerts on Sunday afternoons.

DEATH IS DECREED

CONFEREES LIMIT BIG FARM SHARES IN CONTROL BILL

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Under the agreement, county farm committees, charged with allocating acreage and paying out benefits, would be elected by all

farmers of the county.

State farmers committees, operating programs within the states, would be appointed by the secretary of agriculture from names suggested by county groups.

The conferees agreed to work on Sunday in an effort to complete adjustment of differences between the separate farm bills passed by the house and senate during the special session of congress.

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FRONT ROW, left to right: Betty Blitch, Alt Capt; Celestine Michel, "Skipper" Blitch, "Georgie" Oliver.

BACK ROW: Catherine Duffy, Sue Dotterer, Dorothy Tharin, Allison Tharin, Janice Collins and Melvin Blitch. Coach. (Capt. Char

