Last Saturday afternoon most of the Beachcombers now in town gathered for the dedication of a fine driftwood cross erected to the memory of Charles R. Darby who died of burns after being shot down in the war. The cross, fashioned by Roger Rilleau and John Whorf, is placed in what will be the formal garden of the Art Association, on the west side. The finish was put on the cross by Eddie Euler and a bronze plaque cast by Bill Boogar, bears an inscription written by Charlie's father, "In Memory of Charles R. Darby, Gallant Soldier, This cross was placed here by his friends, the Beachcombers." At the dedication, the Rev. William L. Bailey, also a member of the Beachcombers, read a short service. Attending Beachcombers were Bruce McKain, skipper, Mr. Whorf, Mr. Boogar, Mr. Euler, Walter Parsons, Phil Malicoat, B. Vollian Rann, John Francis, Captain Manuel Zora, Jere Snader, Menalkas Duncan, and George Yater. Around the base of the cross ballast rocks will be piled and contributions of these rocks will be welcomed.

TO
CHARLES DARBY
Gallant Soldier
Feb. 29, 1908
Oct. 17, 1944
This cross is erected
in his memory by
his friends

THE BEACHCOMBERS





Althea's 2nd Cousin, Susie Aiken copying the words on the plaque.

May 30, 1948





Left: Now the Art Museum - About 1906. - Kibbie Cook House
Right: Kibbie Cook Store (Burch's)