## Carolina Review - Rep. Ron Taylor Arrested And Charged In Connection With Fire

like he must be the dumbest guy in the whole world if he got hooked up with something like that," said one long - time observer of state politics. The observer, a man who has seen a lot of dumb guys through the years, was talking about grand jury. Rep. Ron Taylor, D -Bladen County, who was arrested and charged last Friday in connection with an April fire that destroyed three tobacco warehouses that belonged to State

Senate power, Monk Harrington, D — Bertie. The catch is, Ron Taylor is not the dumbest guy in the whole world. "I never considered Ron a mental giant, but he certainly isn't dumb either," said another observer who has worked with Taylor in the Legislature.

But Taylor was charged feel intimidated and stop bond, he was back home in is just a very missue part. raise continued (the pay ith 21 counts of conspiring trying to collect the Bladen County campaigning PAY RAISEMECOn- raise last year was not with 21 counts of conspiring and soliciting to burn, burning and using an incendiart device. Two other men, also of Bladen County, were charged in the indictments that were handed down by a Bertie County

Taylor is president of a family business that manufactures, tobacco equipment. Monk Harrington is president of his own tobacco equipment manufacturing company. Since 1980, Harrington has been trying to collect a \$350,000 court judgement from the Taylor company

over patent infringements. According to one more or less neutral observer, there could be "no motive but revenge -- unless Taylor thought Harrington would \$350,000."

"And anybody that knows Monk Harrington knows better than that," said the observer. "All the evidence points to Taylor doing it, but almost too much. It's too pat," he said.

Taylor was certainly not acting guilty. As soon as he was released on \$75,000 for re - election.

Before the case is over, and that promises to be awhile, there could be a lot more political fall - out than that just affecting Ron Taylor. And it could give a glimpse into a part of the tobacco industry that no one likes to talk about - a glimpse that everyone hopes

versations continue about what is going to happen in the Legislative "short session" over teacher and state employee pay raises.

State Treasurer Harlan Boyles entered the controversy last week by suggesting that the state workers not give up on getting there current pay

permanent, but rather will take the dive -- in effect, June 30, 1982). Boyles said and step increases available.

Gov. Jim Hunt has said that one or the other has to go or more state employees will have to be laid off.

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Betting continues that the merit and step increases mandated only through a salary freeze for the state the state might also be able (the current "temporary" permanently).

According to a source within the administration, the salary freeze "is the direction we're going in."

Holly Farms Grade A

guest of Governor Jim Hunt and ERA activists. According to a Harris poll employees and teachers taken in April, a big majority of North to make longevity, merit raise would be legislated Carolinians favor ERA passage.

The visit was timed to coincide with legislators preparations to come to Raleigh - possibly to vote on ERA...Pollster Lou Harris the ERA one last time.

## Lost Colony On Schedule

MANTEO - It's countdrama will open June 11 in outdoor drama. Waterside Theater and run through August 28.

"We have an excellent added Knowles. cast lined up," says cast reports May 24.

"Our auditioning process was very successful and the cast we will have this summer is quite capable of continuing the quality presentation of 'The Lost Colony."

Veterans like Nancy Kaye (Queen Elizabeth), Cora Mae Basnight (Agona) - her 26th season, Perry Turner (Old Tom), Walter Tucker (Father Martin), Pete Peterson (Wanchese), Robert Midgette (Manteo) and John Gullucci (Simon Fernando) will be returning in their same roles,

And various universities and colleges will be sending some talented young professionals to "The Lost Colony" for their first season, according to Knowles.

## Early Book Art On Display

Early book art is on display at College of The Albemarle through the month of June. The exhibition, which is on loan from the N.C. Museum of Art, has been hung in the main lobby, and corridors of "A" Building on the North Road Street campus.

The collection contains 38 book leaves, all from the 15th and 16th centuries. Thirteen are vellum sheets from hand-written and illuminated hand manuscripts. One, a calendar page from a "Book

of Hours," is estimated to date from 1430.

The remaining leaves are early printed pages. They are embellished with woodcuts with the exception of two early Bible pages that display hand illuminated intials. Thirteen of the printed pages are from the

15th century. A number of the leaves date from the 1470s. Pam Whitley, COA coordinator for the traveling exhibitions, pointed out that this was only 30 years after Gutenberg's first printed Bible, and 10 years after the introduction of woodcut illustrations.

Whitley said she is pleased that the book art is on display at the college for Albemarle area residents. The museum purchased its collection with assistance from the Reby Lewis Purchase Fund in 1961.

Dare County Preview down time for the 42nd Night June 10 all Dare production season of "The County residents are invited Lost Colony." The 1982 to a special and traditional season of the Joe Layton "free" preview of the 42nd edition of Paul Green's production of America's classic symphonic outdoor first and oldest symphonic

"We are excited and nightly except Sundays looking forward to an excellent production season."

For information on "The associate producer - general Lost Colony," write P.O. manager Bob Knowles. The Box 40, Manteo, N.C. 27954.

## Social Security

By Lee Wallio

Field Representative Young people planning to work this summer as waiters, waitresses, and in similar service jobs should be aware that cash tips are covered by the Social Security law, just as regular

However, tips must be specially reported to get Social Security credit for

For Young people, Social Security disability and survivors benefits can be paid after as little as a year and a half of work.

If a person suffers a mental or physical condition that prevents him from working for a year or more. he can qualify for Social

Security disability benefits. Social Security can also pay benefits to the surviving young family.

While the employer deducts the tax automatically from regular wages for Social Security purposes, the employee must report cash tips to the employer who then reports them to the Social Security Administration.

Cash tips of \$20 or more in any month must be reported to the employer within 10 days after the month ends.

Tips must be reported in writing by the employee. The Employer collects the

Social Security tax due on the tips that are reported. The amount may be deducted either from the

regular wages owed or from

money turned over to him for that purpose. The employer does not pay the employer's share of the Social Security tax on tips as he does on regular

wages. However, if the employer pays regular wages to an employee who receives and reports tips to his employer, and the regular wages paid are less than the federal minimum wage, the employer is required to pay Social Security taxes on the difference between the regular wages and the

federal minimum wage. More information and leaflets about Social Security coverage of tips are available from the Elizabeth City Social Security office at 338 - 2161.

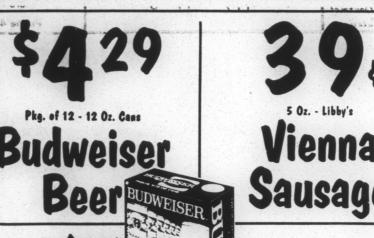


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