

# THIS IS THE LAW



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(For the N. C. Bar Association)

### Arrest By Officer

When may a police officer arrest without a warrant? A police officer, sheriff, or other peace officer may without warrant arrest a person: (a) When the person to be arrested has committed a felony or misdemeanor in the presence of the officer, or when the officer has reasonable ground to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a felony or misdemeanor in his presence; (b) When the officer has reasonable ground to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a felony or will evade arrest if not immediately taken into custody.

A police officer need not be concerned with whether the particular crime is a misdemeanor or felony if it is committed in his presence. It is only where the crime is not committed in his presence that the police officer has to remember whether the particular crime is a felony or a misdemeanor.

A police officer or a private person, on equal terms, may arrest anyone who in his presence is actually committing or threatening to commit a breach of the peace.

Jones informs a police officer that a man two hours previously had assaulted and robbed him. Shortly afterwards Jones points out to the police officer the guilty person walking along the street. May the officer arrest without a warrant the accused person on the public street?

Yes. The police officer not only has a right but the duty to arrest the accused. The officer had reasonable grounds to believe a felony had been committed.

May a police officer lawfully arrest a person without a warrant in a public place search the body and clothing of the person at the time of the arrest?

Yes. If an officer has the right to arrest, he has the right to search the person arrested. Any items found in the search are admissible in evidence

against the accused.

Has a motorist been arrested if he has been stopped by a police officer and given a "traffic ticket?"

No. Although the police officer has the right to arrest him on the spot for a traffic violation committed in his presence, he has not done so.

The issuance of a so-called "traffic ticket" is merely a citation of the offense handed to the motorist. The police officer has extended to the motorist the courtesy of not arresting him on the faith of his assumed agreement to appear without being reduced to the "custody and control of the law." The motorist is merely told to come in at a later specified time to be tried for his violation, and the motorist does not submit to the custody and control of the law until he makes this appearance.

If the motorist does not appear in court at the designated time for the trial of his case, there may be issued a warrant for his arrest. If he is convicted, the cost of issuing and serving the warrant may be assessed to the motorist as part of the court costs.

Does a law enforcement officer have the power to stop any motor vehicle for the purpose of determining whether it is being operated in violation of any of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act?

Yes. There is a North Carolina statute expressly conferring upon him such power. He may "arrest on sight" any person found violating the Motor Vehicle Act.

## County News

By MRS. ROLAND EVANS

Richard Forehand of Suffolk, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perry spent the week-end in Suffolk and Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pearce of Corapeake visited Mrs. Minnie Corpew on Sunday.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Lucille Jones who passed away last week.

Sympathy goes out to the Woodrow Wilson family.

Mrs. Dixie Harrell is a patient in Norfolk General Hospital.

Miss Janice Ward had her tonsils removed last week at Chowan Hospital. She is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Perry went to Suffolk recently to see Stanford Perry.

Fletcher Perry spent last Tuesday night and Wednesday in Suffolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawk Crumney and family visited in Elizabeth



**BOTTLE LINE IN INDONESIA**—A regular assembly line is needed to feed the influx of new babies which are taxing the facilities of a hospital in Surabaya, Indonesia. The nation's rapidly expanding population of 90 million includes some 35 million children. The United Nations Children's Emergency Fund has set up mother-child centers to cope with the growing need.

City recently and accompanied Miss Angie Crumney home following a visit with relatives.

The Rev. Mr. Wiles, pastor of Assembly of God Church, held a revival at Perrytown last week.

Buck Langdale is ill in Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Ann Jenkins and Mrs. Camila Driver went to Virginia Beach over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Crist of Lynchburg, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. W. A. Perry and relatives.

Edgar Jordan visited Fletcher Perry recently. Also Jerry White visited Fletcher Perry recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farless went to Morehead City last week.

N. C. Trade Fair will be held in Charlotte October 12-21.

Zackie Harrell received an award for baseball at State College.

Miss Annie Ruth Nixon has returned from Girls' State.

Mrs. Rufus Smithson of Tyner is on the sick list.

The Rocky Hock Orioles defeated Creswell 4-1 in the opening game of the Roanoke-Chowan League.

Farm and Home Week will be held at State College, Raleigh, July 11-14.

A Craft Workshop will be held at Manteo August 14-16.

The Rev. Ralph Harrell is the missionary at Intermediate GA Camp at Chowan College this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Crist were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., on Saturday.

Miss Annie Faye Hollowell is working in Newport News, Va.

Mrs. Barbara Sawyer and children visited Mrs. Evans and

### New Books At Local Library

Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library has been given a gift by the author of "Some Observations on Executive Retirement." The donor is Harold R. Hall, who recently paid a visit to Cupola House.

Other books recently acquired by the library are the following: Creative Claywork by Harold

Isenstein.

The Moonrakers, the story of Clipper Ship Men by Robert Carse.

Religion in the Old Testament by Robert H. Pfeiffer.

The War Called Peace by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet.

Summerhill, a Radical Ap-

proach to Child Rearing by A. S. Neill.

Mothers and Daughters, a novel by Evan Hunter.

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