

N.C. Robbery Statistics Are Categorized

If you are a 48-year-old white man and work at a grocery store between 6 P.M. and midnight, you are the average robbery-murder victim.

Or, if you are about 22, a white male, armed with a .38 caliber pistol and need cash, you are a typical suspect.

Atty. Gen. Robert Morgan has said that during the first 11 months of this year, the State Bureau of Investigation has been asked by local law enforcement agencies to assist in investigation of 26 robbery-murder cases.

"I want to warn North Carolinians now because of holiday business volume, and because inexperienced people—including many young people—are working during school vacations," Morgan said.

"These 26 cases are only those in which the SBI has been involved. There are many more deaths resulting from robberies which have occurred in the

state, but were handled by local police and sheriff's departments. And these figures don't remotely touch cases where robbery victims suffered serious injury in assaults during holdups," Morgan said.

SBI reports describe the 26 victims as follows:

- white males—18; females—3; black males—4; females—1.
- average age: 48 years.
- crime locations: grocery stores—8; service station—1; restaurants—1; residences—8; alleys, cars, and elsewhere—8.
- time crimes occurred: noon to 6 P.M.—5; 6 P.M. to midnight—12; midnight to 6 A.M.—9; 6 A.M. to noon—0.
- Thirty-five suspects have been interviewed in these robbery-homicides. Of these suspects, 33 were identified by name, two were identified by description. Six of the cases have no suspects.
- Suspects questioned were: —white males—17; females—1; black men—16; females—1.
- average age: 22 years.

weapons included: firearms—19; knives—3; other—6. Most frequently used firearm was the .38 caliber pistol. Second was the .22 caliber pistol.

Cash was most often demanded. Currency taken in the 26 cases totaled \$6,094.59. Checks totaling \$1,500 were also taken. Other stolen items were televisions, firearms, watches, and vehicles. In three cases, nothing was taken.

Morgan said various steps should be taken to reduce the number of deaths during robbery attempts:

All employees, fulltime and parttime, should be told how the management wants them to respond to a robbery attempt. Clerks should not resist demands by the robber for money or merchandise. Follow all instructions given by the potential thief. Don't argue with the robber.

Carefully observe the robber. Watch for movements, the color and type of clothing worn, physical appearance, the type weapon used, and the make, model and color of vehicles used.

As soon as it is safe, notify authorities. Then, write down as many facts concerning the robbery as you can recall.

Keep your notes of the incident for use later as a witness in court.

Don't grab a weapon to defend yourself. This may force the robber to fire on you. He could have experience using a gun; you probably don't. The robber may also attempt to disarm you, forcing you to act, or lose the weapon to him.

"We're determined to reduce the number of lives taken when some desperate person feels compelled to get money at all costs," the atty. gen. said.

"The value placed on life by these people in these 26 cases is less the \$235 each. This has got to stop."

Social Security Administration News

By DONALD S. MORRIS
Field Representative

Today, over 32-million women are building social security protection for themselves and their families through their work.

The working woman has both disability and survivors protection. If she becomes unable to work for a year or longer because of a disabling accident or severe illness, she and her dependents may be eligible for monthly cash payments from social security. If she dies prematurely, monthly cash payments from social security can help her children through school—until they're 22, if they remain full-time students and unmarried.

Even though her husband may be working at a full time job, her children are still eligible for benefits on her work record.

On her own work record, the working woman can retire at 62 with reduced monthly cash payments. Or she can wait until she's 65 and get full monthly cash benefits.

Women need to know about the social security program and how it affects them and their families.

Additional information may be requested from any Social Security office.

Gift Project Big Success

Recently the Albemarle Mental Health Center and a host of dedicated and hard working volunteers from throughout the Albemarle Area concluded Operation Santa Claus. This was a drive to solicit gifts for all those patients from this area who are hospitalized at Cherry Hospital, Caswell Center, and the W. B. Jones Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center.

The response of individuals, clubs, and civic groups from throughout the area was fantastic. On December 7 a truckload of gifts and almost \$250 in cash was carried to three institutions which will enable every patient from the entire area to receive a personal Christmas gift this year.

The Albemarle Mental Health Center would like to thank all of the individuals and clubs who helped make this possible. Special thanks to overall volunteer-chairmen, Mrs. Karl Miller of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Francis Hollowell, Chowan Academy Student Council, and Mrs. Jack Harris of Chowan County; Mrs. Ellie Mae Vickers, Mrs. Keith Haskett, and Mrs. Marian Swindell of Perquimans County; Mrs. Russell E. Davis and the Home Demonstration Clubs of Currituck County; and Mark Adylett, the Manteo Lions Club, and the United Methodist Women of Dare County.

Also, a special thanks goes to many others that are too numerous to mention.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Robert L. Brooks, Jr., of Edenton is on the dean's list for the fall quarter at Holding Technical Institute in Raleigh. His major is electrical installation and maintenance.



Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

By MRS. NELLIE M. SANDERS
Director Pettigrew Regional Library

lately with disappointed patrons because of telephone and mail problems — some of them our fault but most of them beyond our control. The beginning of a New Year seems a good time to restate our philosophy on reserving books and on borrowing books from other libraries. When several people have asked to reserve a popular book, every effort is made to follow the order in which the requests were made but also to keep the book in circulation. Thus, if the first person called fails to pick up the book within three days or if we are unable to reach the first person on the list, we try the next one and go back to the first one later. What could be fairer than that?

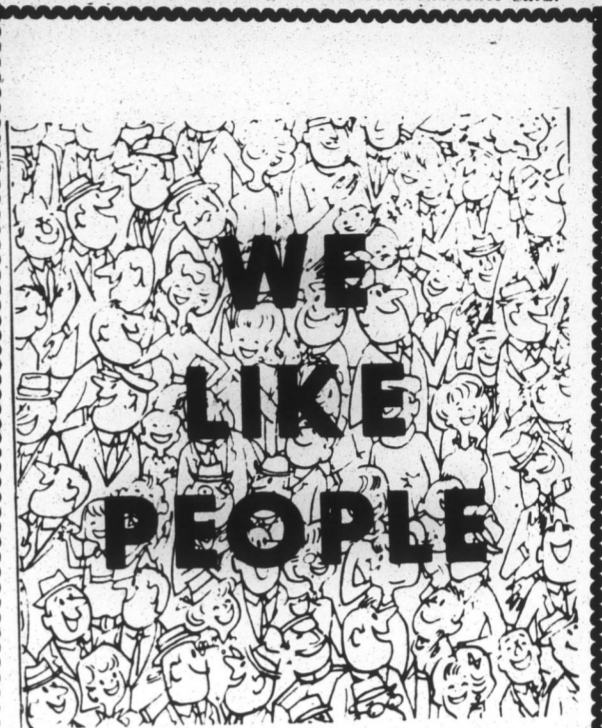
The situation with a borrowed book is slightly different — we are limited by the rules of the lending library as these apply to the length of time the book may be kept and where it may be used (some are restricted to use in the library). Since we are liable to lose the privilege of interlibrary borrowing if we do not adhere to the restrictions, we are extra fussy with the books from other libraries which should be understandable.

Every member of the staff of the Pettigrew Regional Library in all three libraries (Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia, and Washington County Library in Plymouth) as well as on the Bookmobile is committed to the ideal of service to the public and we all regret any misunderstanding which

UNHAPPY PATRONS — We have had several incidents

"Americans are still getting more energy from firewood than from atomic reactors," Frank N. Ikard, president of the American Petroleum Institute said.

interferes with carrying out this goal. We wish you all a Happy New Year full of good reading.



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That the List Takers for Chowan County will sit at the following places at the times named, at which places and in which month all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1974 all Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each one shall own on the 1st day of January, 1974, or shall be required to give in. All property must be listed by the owner unless he is mentally or physically incapable of doing so. All property must be listed in the township in which it is located.

FIRST TOWNSHIP

LISTERS: Pattie S. Byrum
Myrtle W. Hare
Gray L. Goodwin
Sadie H. Hoskins

Monday through Friday 9 to 5 o'clock
Saturday 9 to 12 o'clock
Every day first floor Hotel Joseph Hewes Building.

SECOND TOWNSHIP

LISTER: Wayne Bunch

Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9 o'clock at W. E. Smith's Store
January 2—9 A. M. to 5 P. M. W. L. Miller's Store
January 8—9 A. M. to 5 P. M. W. E. Smith's Store
January 15—9 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center
January 22—9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Archie Nixon's Store
January 29—9 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center
February 2—9 A. M. to 12 o'clock W. E. Smith's Store

THIRD TOWNSHIP

LISTER: T. D. Berryman
Every Saturday at L. C. Briggs' Store

January 5, 12, 19, 26 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
February 2 9 A. M. to 12 o'clock
Ryland—Bella Jordan's Store January 10, 24
Byrum's Service Center January 17, 31

FOURTH TOWNSHIP

LISTER: Ward Hoskins

Place of Listing—H. W. Brabble's Store 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
January 3, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 and 31
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