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## Parolee Tells All

A night prowler made more than seven calls on Tabor City residents August 22, collecting a hundred or more items which local police say "He had enough merchandise to open a variety store."

Linda Adolph Wortham, a 30-year-old parolee, was arrested Sunday afternoon at a Vinegar Hill store and charged with breaking and entering several automobiles and buildings in the town, and also charged with larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Wortham has served time before for identical charges and was only recently released from prison from serving time on a five to seven year term.

Places entered and items stolen included the following: W. A. Williams garage, east 5th street—electric iron, towels, laundry bag, heating pad, bed lamp, sheets, rugm electric cooking pot; total value \$68.00.

Car, Mrs. Lizzie Sellers' residence, 6th street—pair boy's loafers; \$10.00 value.

Car, Mrs. Sellers' residence, property of Joe Collins—overnight bag with clothing, shaving equipment and knife; valued at \$16.00.

Car, Mrs. A. M. Smith's home, 5th street—prescription sun glasses; miniature glass dog; no value set.

Utility room, Ed Norris, home, Elizabeth street — one radio, electric lamp, nine pictures and frames, flashlight; valued at \$84.00.

Tool house, Ed Prince residence, Bell street—Ten glass what-nots, Motorola radio and record player, flashlight; valued at \$59.00.

Car, Eugene Collier home, 6th street—pair of shoes, sport shirt, belt, flashlight, 7-shirt, billfold; valued at \$34.75.

Car, Jimmy Garrell residence, Pireway road — hair brush, keyholder; valued at \$2.00.

**Cooperated**  
Police Chief Jesse Barker said Tuesday that Wortham was very cooperative and confessed to the illegal acts when he was shown the stolen items recovered (for the most part) from his father's home.

Ownership of some other items acknowledged by Wortham to have been stolen have not yet been determined. They include a pair of brown "Quail Hunter" boots, a pair of rubber boots, two sheets, one pair of men's shorts, a bundle of printed cloth remnants, one piece of auto upholstery material, an identification bracelet inscribed "Nell Currie" (which Wortham was wearing when arrested), a flash camera, a toy cash register, a stack of phonograph records, one pair women's sun glasses, and two pairs men's sun glasses.

**Chief Urges Reports**  
Chief Barker said yesterday that anyone missing property should report it to his office at once. "The sooner we know of a theft, the easier it is to find the culprit," he said.

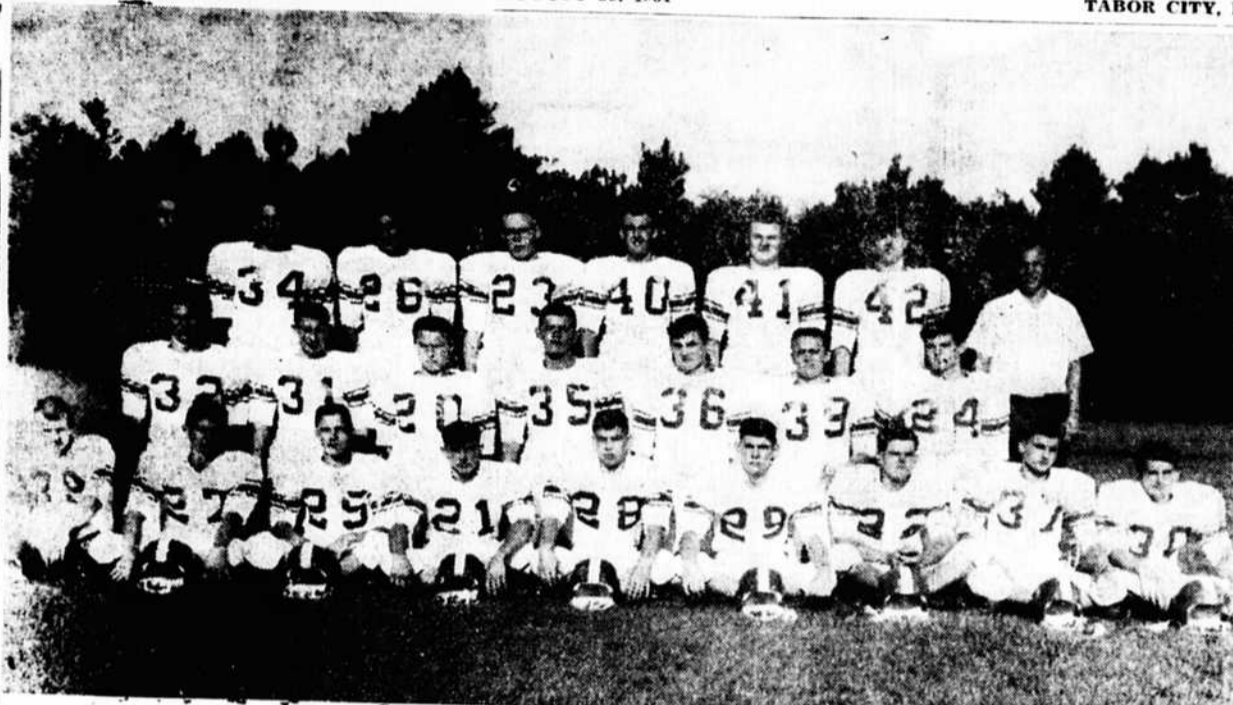
## Jamerson Buffkin Knifed By ??

Mystery still surrounds a Friday morning altercation in Tabor City's Jam section.

Jamerson Buffkin, 51, is a patient in Lorris Community Hospital for treatment of lacerations which took more than 70 stitches to close, Chief Deputy Thurmon Butler affirms.

Deputy Butler visited the hospital after receiving reports that Buffkin was wounded in the Jam battle with another person. The patient was under sedation in preparation for the removal of a broken-off knife blade which the medicals were to remove from him, and which was not discovered until an X-ray showed it after Buffkin's wounds were closed.

The chief deputy said that the patient's wife told him that her husband had stated that no charge would be issued against his unidentified assailant if the medical bills are taken care of by him.



THE 1961 TABOR CITY RED DEVILS — From left to right, First Row: Arthur Nix, Bub Spivey, and Doug Wright. Second Row: Chipper Watts, Bobby Soles, Elwood Spivey, Russell Ronald Foley, Roger Tatum, Roger Small, Larry Fowler, Sammy Williams, Jerry Soles, and Coach Berny Stevens.

## Gridiron Season Opens Here Friday Red Devils Clash Whiteville Wolves

"Their morale is high and they're looking sharp. They've been working hard to get in shape, and I'm pleased with the way they're working together."

This is the way Head Coach Berny Stevens described his 1961 football team as he watched the first string running precision plays Monday afternoon.

The "hard-nosed" scrimmaging of last week has given way to light workouts, which will be the order of the day the rest of the season opener here with Whiteville Friday night. Game time is 8 p. m.

Although neither Coach Stevens or Assistant Coach John Small are making any predictions, both are optimistic about the showing the team will make this year.

Friday night's contest is expected to give some good indication of how the Red Devils might fare for the season. Stevens said he has heard that the Whiteville team is going all out in getting ready for the game here.

"They have a new coach over there this year, and we don't know what they might throw at us, but we feel we're ready for them," Stevens said. One thing the coaches are grateful for is the fact that Red Devils are without any consequential injuries. With only light scrimmaging on tap between now and the game, the chances are good that the team will be at full strength Friday.

The starting lineup for the first game is expected to be: Roger Tatum, left end; Jerry Soles, left tackle; Joe Stevens, left guard; Don Spivey, center; Mickey Worley, right guard; Sammy Williams, right tackle; Marshall Allen, right end; Roger Small, quarterback; Bobby Soles, right halfback; Larry Fowler, left halfback; and Ronald Foley, fullback.

## Air Condition Court House

Two Whiteville firms were awarded contracts to install air condition systems in the county court house.

Bids were opened Monday at a called meeting of the county commissioners. Only three bids were received.

Hinnant's, Incorporated, will supply 19 units for the downstairs offices in the building while Schulken's Hardware will install a central system for the upstairs court room and second-floor offices.

Excluding costs of extra wiring and sales taxes, cost of the units has been appropriated at \$11,800. Installation of the downstairs units began Tuesday.



TWENTY-ONE PERSONS DIED on North Carolina's highways last year over the Labor Day weekend. Patrolman A. H. Campbell, along with other highway officers stationed in this area, beg motorists to be extremely careful over the 4-day holiday period which begins Friday and ends with Labor Day, Sept. 4. Motorists are urged to drive with their headlights on — both day and night — during the holiday period as a pledge that they will drive safely.

## Leaf-Larson Ring Cracked?

"No comment."

So said a member of the Columbus County Sheriff's department when asked to confirm a report that eight men were arrested in Chadbourn Saturday night in connection with larceny of 1,100 pounds of tobacco.

According to an earlier report, termed "completely unofficial" by the Sheriff's office, the leaf was illegally taken from Green and Teachey warehouses in Chadbourn.

Records of commitment at the county jail listed the arrested as W. G. Ragland, 39, of Oxford; George Holland, 28, Morris Young, 26, Willie Gause, 36, all of Chadbourn; Isiah Williams, 30, Timmonsville, S. C.; Burney Lewis, Jr., 49, Mullins, S. C.; Blease Johnson, 41, Timmonsville; and James Wood, 25, also of Timmonsville.

Jail records show that Ragland, the only white man, posted his own \$1,000 bond, while Jimmy Green, one of the owners of the warehouses, posted bonds for the other seven men.

## Teenagers Take Car, Truck Sat. Nite

A Tabor City teenager has been jailed during the weekend, due to the alertness of SLED officer James Anderson, local police say.

The 1951 Chevrolet vehicle was parked on the Green Sea road within the town limits Saturday by owner E. L. Wright. The ignition key was placed on the seat.

Early Sunday morning the SLED officer was leaving his home in the Gurley community of Horry county when he noticed a 1951 pickup that was "itched. A youngster was trying to back the truck out of the ditch.

Anderson radioed his Columbia headquarters where he was advised that the pickup truck was stolen. A call to Tabor City police confirmed the theft, ownership and description of the truck.

A warrant, signed by Tabor City police, was served by the SLEDman and the youth was lodged in the town jail to await special hearing temporarily slated for Tuesday.

**Two Other Youths Caught**  
Tabor City police nabbed two Whiteville teenagers Sunday morning for larceny of an automobile. The boys, residents of South Whiteville and New Hope, allegedly removed an automobile from a parking place near Planter's Warehouse (Whiteville) around midnight Saturday. The car is the property of Earl Norris, Route 2, Tabor City.

The boys, both of which are not yet 16 years of age, were placed in the custody of Juvenile Judge Lee J. Greer for final disposition.

## Savings And Loan Office Opens In Tabor City Tuesday

The thirty million dollar cooperative Savings and Loan Association of Wilmington, N. C., opens its fifth office next Tuesday when the Tabor City branch officially begins business at No. 4 East Fifth Street.

Cooperative Savings and Loan Association is one of the leading associations in the county and is the oldest in South Eastern North Carolina.

Manager of the Tabor City office who has already gone to work with Cooperative is Edward L. Herring, of Chapel Hill, who is experienced in this type of business. Mr. Herring has lived in Chapel Hill for the past 22 years but is moving his wife and two daughters to Tabor City in the near future.

Frederick Willetts, Jr., executive vice president of Cooperative, said he was happy to have Mr. Herring with the organization and was sure that he would be an asset to the civic and community life of Tabor City.

"I feel that the management

## Hospital Receives Twice-Shot Victim

Policemen Ted Watts and Larry Floyd Bruton, while checking out an anonymous report Sunday morning, found Douglas community resident unconscious and swathed in blood on one of the neighborhood's porches.

Ivey Lee Wilson, 37, was rushed to the Lorris hospital where examinations indicated that he had been shot in the right shoulder and in the right upper side of his back. A hospital spokesman later described Wilson's condition as "good."

According to the police department records a report was received late Saturday night of a shooting in the community. Wilson's name was connected with the incident. Officers Watts and Bruton searched for Wilson whom they understood had been shot, but were unable to locate him at that time.

Wilson has signed a warrant charging Willey Gerald, 37, of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill.

The officers reported that they told them that he and a companion were visiting a woman near Gerald's father's home when their porkchop-and-fish-sandwich-supper was interrupted by Gerald.

"I've said that Gerald, in a demonstration to get the two visitors away from the home, broke out several light bulbs. The two men conceded, and after leaving the house were followed by Gerald. After heated words between Gerald and Wilson the two shots were fired, the latter conceded.

Jealousy was suggested as the reason for the incident. Wilson's condition is reportedly unimpaired. Gerald was released from jail after a \$500 bond was posted. Both men are Negroes.

A hearing before the mayor as been set for Sept. 11.

## Safety Project For Motorists Begins Friday

The local "Turn On Your Lights For Safety" project, sponsored by the Tabor City Jaycees and sanctioned by the state Highway Patrol, will go into effect at 6 p. m. Friday, September 1.

The State-wide safety measure, designed to aid in reducing accidents and injuries on the streets and highways during the busy Labor Day weekend, will extend through 3 a. m. Tuesday, September 5.

All motorists are asked to turn their auto headlights while driving during this period as indication that they are concerned about the safety problem and interested in reducing motor vehicle accidents.

In other Jaycee activity, it was announced at the regular meeting Tuesday night that the Community Birthday Calendar project will get underway September 5.

Jaycees will canvass the town, selling the calendars which will reflect birthdays and wedding anniversaries of local people.

**BONFIRE PEP RALLY**  
High School Cheerleader Director Mrs. Berny Stevens has announced that there will be a Bonfire Pep Rally Friday night prior to the football game between Tabor City and Whiteville. The Rally is scheduled to begin at 7:30 and will be held at the school. The public is invited to attend.

## \$70.27 Average Hailed Monday

Monday's tobacco average for Tabor City was the outstanding news in the leaf industry. The \$70.27 average not only broke Tabor City's own daily average, but for the second time, broke the Border Belt high mark.

While the average slid slightly downward Tuesday, Sales Supervisor gave this reason for the decline:

"Many of our farmers who are anxious to get their tobacco on the floor, are bringing it in to town while it is in top order. We've even been in line some leaf that was 'set,' he said. Lovell also noted that the quality of tobacco has not been as good as most of previous years.

Tabor City's average for the week—representing 19 sales—stands at \$70.27. The week's average for the Belt however, stood at \$65.00 as of the week when the last figures were available to the supervisor.

The local market is over a \$100 per cask ahead of the average during the first 19 weeks last year. Lovell pointed out. Through Tuesday, a total of 6,129 casks had been brought to the market.

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