

**Area Incidents**

# Woman Draws Arson Charge

A young Shannon woman has been charged in connection with the burning of a house last Tuesday, April 6, owned by Winford Jones, of Rt. 1, Shannon. Wanda Jones, 22, of P.O. Box 44 Shannon, Jones' daughter, has been charged with arson and malicious injury to personal property and is being held under \$25,000 bond, according to deputies' reports.

Deputy J.E. Lamont said no one was in the house when it caught fire.

Lamont said a gallon container believed to be filled with kerosene to start the fire had been recovered.

In other incidents, Doc Trulove reported that the Philippi Church was broken into sometime Tuesday, April 6, and two collection plates valued at \$50 were taken.

The N.C. Forestry Service reported that someone broke into their office sometime Wednesday, April 7, and took a radio, typewriter, and other goods valued at \$85.

L.C. Morrissey, Rt. 1, Raeford, complained that someone broke into his house sometime Thursday, April 8, and took a color television and clothes valued at \$610.39.

Reid Childress, P.O. Box 35, Wagram, reported that someone broke into his farm house near Bowmore and took an electric welder and gas motor valued at \$250 sometime Sunday, April 11.

Bernice Whitty, P.O. Box 503, Raeford reported that someone took a .22 pistol sometime Monday, April 12. The pistol was valued at \$45.71.

Raeford police charged a city

youth with possession of marijuana Monday, according to Police Chief Leonard Wiggins.

James Carl Walters, 16, was arrested by Off. C.E. Campbell in the vicinity of the old airport on Seventh Ave. Another youth with Walters was not charged, police said.

In other incidents, Deborah McNeill, 811 E. Donaldson, complained to police a camera worth \$260 was stolen from her locker at Hoke High School. No signs of forced entry were found, police said, and the locker had been locked.

Richard Gardner, 504 E. Prospect, complained his vehicle was broken into sometime Sunday or Monday and a CB radio and tape player stolen. The loss is listed at \$239.

# Trooper Injured

A young Raeford man was jailed early Wednesday morning on multiple charges after a highway patrolman scuffled with a driver stopped for speeding and the driver escaped with the patrolman's .357 magnum service revolver.

The patrolman, C.A. Bennett, suffered minor lacerations while struggling with the man on pavement near Upchurch School, but was not seriously injured, according to Highway Patrol Sgt. F.M. Lemmond.

Lemmond said Bennett was on routine patrol about 2 A.M. when he spotted a car carrying four men speeding and began pursuit when the car failed to stop for blue light and siren.

The car stopped at Upchurch School and the driver got out and fled, Lemmond said, and a scuffle ensued when Bennett chased him and attempted to place him under arrest.

About 3 A.M., sheriff's deputies arrested Lorenzo Murchison, 22, at his home in the Jones Hill section and he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon (ADW) on an officer, larceny, and resisting arrest, according to a sheriff's de-


partment spokesman, and jailed in lieu of \$3,000 bond.

Lemmond said he was also charged with speeding and failing to stop for a blue light and siren.

The other three men in the car were not charged.

Details of the scuffle were sketchy, but Sgt. D.L. Minshew said Bennett had cuts and bruises on his face and elbows.

Minshew said Bennett's gun still had not been found by mid-morning Wednesday. The gun apparently had not been fired during the struggle, he said.



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# Get Back To Basics, Currin Says

Democratic candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ben F. Currin called for greater emphasis on the basic skills of learning in the state's schools and a fresh look at vocational programs and other innovative activities in a Monday night address here to the Lions Club.

"I believe it is essential that our children learn to read with comprehension, write with clarity, and compute with accuracy if they are to enjoy any measure of success in today's complex society", the Rocky Mount city schools supt. said.

"I favor placing a high priority on teaching the basic skills in the early grades so that students may be able to master the academic courses and vocational programs in later years", he said.

Currin cited the substantial lag in North Carolina students in comparison with the national aver-

age in basic subjects and also commented on reports of declining level of literacy among entering undergraduates in colleges and universities.

Currin was also critical of spending on research programs, claiming that in many cases they contribute little of value toward the improvement of education.

"If this money were spent in the classrooms to provide good basic education, North Carolina could bring its children's achievement up to the national average. It is being done without extra funds in several local school systems. It can be done in all of them", he said.

"In this period of economic recession, we need to get more mileage out of every educational dollar. There is no excuse for waste of any kind-especially policies that waste children's opportunities by paying for fads instead of fundamentals", he said.



Ben F. Currin

# SCC Adult Classes

The Sandhills Community College division of continuing education is offering 30-some courses for adults beginning this month to be held on campus and in communities in Moore and Hoke counties. Registration may be made at the first class session, and the fee is \$3 for the term.

Classes in horticulture, painting, rug hooking, chair caning, ceramics, upholstery and needlecraft began April 12, and a beginners sewing class and classes in china painting, upholstery and quilting began April 13.

Also there will be classes in sewing, needlecraft, and upholstery beginning April 15, according to college officials. A course in aerospace which has proved popular in former years, will start May 3 and will include a trip to Cape Canaveral on May 15, 16, 17 as a climax to the course.

Persons interested may secure complete details on class time, instructors, location and length of course by calling the department of continuing education at Sandhills Community College.

# About Social Security

## Household Help Reports Due Apr. 30

Quarterly wage reports and Social Security contributions for household workers are due by April 30, according to W.W. Thomas, Social Security district manager in Fayetteville.

People who pay a household worker \$50 or more in cash wages in any three month calendar quarter must send a report of the wages, along with the Social Security contribution, to the Internal Revenue Service within one month after the end of the quarter.

"Wage reports and social security contributions for January, February, and March of 1976 are due by April 30," he said.

The wage report may be filed on a form available at any Internal Revenue Service Office--"Employer's Quarterly Tax Return

for Household Employees (for Social Security)."

The Social Security contribution for a household employee is 5.85 percent of covered wages, and the employer pays a matching amount.

Social security contributions build retirement, disability, survi-

vors, and Medicare protection for workers and their families. People who employ household workers can get a free copy of the leaflet, "Social Security and Your Household Employee," at the Fayetteville Social Security office at 111 Lamon Street, phone 483-2661.

# Summer Jobs Available In Ft. Bragg Youth Project

Young people seeking jobs for the summer months may apply through the 1976 Nonappropriated Funds Youth Opportunity Program at Ft. Bragg.

Employment is expected to begin

the middle of May and extend until the reopening of schools in September. All jobs pay \$2.30 an hour.

Anyone between 16 and 21 years old may apply. Parental permission and a worker's permit are required for 16 and 17 year-olds.

The type jobs expected to be open this summer are general clerks, clerk-typists, recreation aids, pass checkers, library aids, lifeguards and custodial workers.

Applications are available in the Nonappropriated Funds Civilian Personnel Office, building 2-T-1414, from 7:30 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday-Friday.

For additional information call 396-3027.

# Veteran's Corner

Q-- I am 20 years of age and the surviving son of a deceased veteran who died of a service-connected disability. I received dependency and indemnity compensation after age 18 while attending college until I married. I am not divorced. Since I am still attending school, can these benefits be resumed?

A-- Since Jan. 1, 1975, benefits may be restored if the marriage is terminated because of death or divorce. The benefit may be paid between ages 18 and 23 while enrolled in a VA-approved school.

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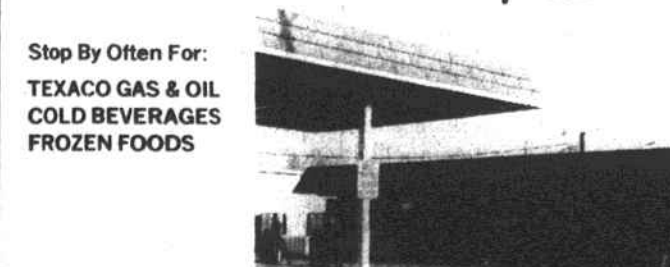
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