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Eight-Room White Oak School, Near Bogue, Burns to Ground Wednesday

Sheriff Holland, Officials of Madix Roofing Plant, Felt Mill Named Defendants in \$50,000 Civil Action

Plaintiff, Former Madix Employee, Charges Defendants with Auto Burning, Intimidation

Ennett House Burns on Sound

Sparks from Fireplace Cause Fire, Loss Estimated at \$12,000

The Bogue summer home of Dr. and Mrs. N. Thomas Ennett, Beaufort, was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon when a spark from the fireplace ignited parts of the building near the roof.

The home, known as Borden Lodge and valued at approximately \$12,000 is a complete loss. Because of the poor fire protection in that locality the property could be insured to only one-tenth of its value, Dr. Ennett said.

Dr. and Mrs. Ennett were at the lodge, located near Bogue Inlet, at the time of the fire. Early this summer there were swallows in the chimney and to prevent their disturbing the birds, Mrs. Ennett requested her husband to put a large pinetop in the fireplace.

Mrs. Ennett returned recently from a month's visit in Massachusetts and on Monday she and her husband went to the lodge to find it in readiness for their vacation which they planned to spend there next week.

The pine had dried and it was decided to burn it. After putting a match to it they watched it burn for 15 to 20 minutes.

Dr. Ennett later was on the wharf fishing when he looked toward the house and saw a large cloud of smoke billowing from the roof. In a short time the whole building was blazing. Dr. Ennett went to his brother's, about three-quarters of a mile distant, for help, but by the time they returned nothing could be saved.

The double garage with servant's room burned. A boat which was in the garage was saved and two other boats tied at the wharf escaped the flames.

The lodge, named for Dr. Ennett's mother's people, was built in 1922 on property which came into the family in 1780. Ever since 1922 the Ennetts have spent their vacations there.

Dr. Ennett plans to replace the lodge eventually on the original site.

Sheriff C. Ghermann Holland, individually and as sheriff of Carteret county; C. C. Brewen, president of Madix Asphalt Roofing corporation; W. C. Carlton, purchasing director of Madix; Glenn Rose and Ed Parker, employees of the corporation; Madix Corporation itself as well as its sister corporation, Southern Felt, are named defendants in a \$50,000 civil action and defendants in a restraining order growing out of alleged labor union organizing activities at the two large Morehead City Manufacturing plants.

Plaintiff in both actions is Grady Ward Price, former Madix employee, Attorneys for Price are R. S. Cahoon and Robert Cohn of Greensboro.

The civil action is filed at the Washington county court house in Plymouth. Damages in the amount of \$25,000 are asked as well as punitive damages in the similar amount of \$25,000.

The temporary restraining order signed by Superior Court Judge Williams, of Pittsboro, orders Sheriff Holland and the other defendants to cease "using violence on the plaintiff . . . interfering with plaintiff and his family . . . damaging the plaintiff's trailer house and auto . . . attacking and striking members of his family."

A hearing to determine whether the temporary restraining order should be made permanent will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, before Superior Court Judge W. B. Bone in Nash county court house at Nashville.

The civil action complaint alleges that the defendants "conspired together to perpetrate unlawful acts . . . burn his automobile . . . intimidate him through use of violence and coercive force of numbers . . . abusive language and other unlawful means to drive him and his family consisting of his wife and 4-year-old invalid child out of Carteret county."

According to Attorney Cahoon, pressure was brought to bear on his client, Grady Ward Price and others, toward the end of July when they circulated union cards of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, an AFL affiliate, among employees of both Madix and Southern Felt.

Labor union organizing activities, Mr. Cahoon said, were started in June. By the end of July more than 20 signatures had been obtained among those wanting

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Carteret County Exceeds Goal in Recent Security Loan Drive

Carteret county exceeded its \$130,000 goal in the April to July security loan drive by \$7,939, Victor Wickizer, chairman of Carteret's campaign, announced today.

Carteret is one of only 39 counties in the state which met or exceeded their quotas.

North Carolina as a whole came within 91 per cent of its goal, selling \$28,632,725 in F. F. and G. bonds. National sales in the recent security loan drive totaled \$2,798,183,000.

Allison James, state director, commended the various chairmen throughout the state "who labored unceasingly for the success of the Security Loan." He continued, "The accomplishments of this drive are splendid testimony to the vigorous, patriotic service of thousands of volunteers throughout the State to whom credit must go."

Counties which met and exceeded their quotas are the following: Alamance, Ashe, Avery, Bertie, Cabarrus, Carteret, Caswell, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Columbus, Craven.

Dare, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Gates, Guilford, Hertford, Hyde, Lee, Macon, Martin, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Onslow.

Pender, Perquimans, Polk, Transylvania, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yancey.

John Wilkinson Speaks on China At JC Meeting

John A. Wilkinson, senatorial candidate from Washington, delivered the after-dinner address at the regular meeting of Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

Mr. Wilkinson spoke on "Our Situation in China," stressing the necessity for stemming the flow of communism in that section of the world, as well as in Europe. "He who controls China holds the key to control of two-thirds of the world," declared the speaker. "Knowing this, Japan undertook conquest of China with the war cry, 'take the white man's grip off your throat.'"

Japan's plan of conquest, not generally recognized by the world in the 1930's was thrown slightly awry by the rise of Chiang Kai Shek and seeing their foothold shaken by the rise of a power with in China, the Japanese attacked in 1936.

Mr. Wilkinson termed Chiang Kai Shek as the fighter of "our battles" — a fighter at the head of disintegrated forces among whom were Chinese communists. Although the communists claimed to be anti-Japanese, the speaker called their help against the Japanese mostly of the propaganda type.

Mr. Wilkinson does not hold Chiang Kai Shek as a bulwark of democratic government, he pointed out. Chiang's actions in many instances have been far from that type which would have been tolerated by democratic forces in this country. Chiang is however, the speaker emphasized, a bulwark against communism.

"If we save Europe," Mr. Wilkinson said, "we must save China."

Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, August 13	LOW
2:43 a.m.	8:59 a.m.	
3:27 p.m.	10:13 p.m.	
Saturday, August 14		
3:50 a.m.	10:02 a.m.	
1:26 p.m.	11:14 p.m.	
Sunday, August 15		
1:51 a.m.	11:01 a.m.	
5:20 p.m.		
Monday, August 16		
5:45 a.m.	12:05 a.m.	
6:10 p.m.	11:56 a.m.	
Tuesday, August 17		
6:37 a.m.	12:53 a.m.	
7:56 p.m.	12:47 p.m.	

Triplets in Tobacco



June, Jean, and Joan, 11-year-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner, Newport, and pretty enough to appear in any nation-wide ad for cigarette tobacco, are busy here harvesting the 1948 golden leaf crop. Ayecock Brown, who took the picture, has made no attempt to identify who is who, but he has a special interest in the triplets. He was the first photographer ever to take their picture . . . they were just several hours old at the time.

State Patrolman Acquitted of Charge Brought Against Him by Defendant

Trial Consumes Three and A Half Hours in Recorder's Court

State Highway Patrolman M. V. Hooper was acquitted Tuesday morning in recorder's court, Beaufort, of charges that he refused a minor, whom he had arrested, to communicate with friends or counsel in order to obtain bail. The case, which lasted three and a half hours, headlined a court docket of 54 cases which took seven hours to dispose of. Judge Lambert R. Morris presided.

Hooper was indicted after he arrested William Stewart Goodson, 18, on charges of reckless and careless driving on the streets of Morehead City at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, Aug. 1. Both cases were consolidated for trial for the sake of expediency.

Representing Patrolman Hooper was Claud R. Wheatly, Beaufort. Attorney for Goodson was Alvah Hamilton, of Hamilton and McNeill, Morehead City.

In the warrant for Hooper's indictment, Goodson charged as follows:

"Failing and refusing to permit William Stewart Goodson, a minor, after having arrested him, to communicate with counsel or friends immediately for the purpose of obtaining bail, and did stubbornly refuse said minor the privilege of phoning his father that he was under arrest, late at night, although said minor begged for the right so to do."

Hooper testified that he had been patrolling Crab Point road when he noticed a jeep speeding south. He followed it to Evans street where it turned right and went past the Atlantic Beach road. Hooper declared that the driver of the jeep was attempting to dodge him, and circled a block and flicked the vehicle's lights on and off several times before he was overtaken.

In the jeep with Goodson who was driving were his brother, Joe, and two girl companions. Hooper then arrested Goodson, put him in the patrol car, and told Joe that William could be found at the

county jail in Beaufort.

Hooper then turned Goodson over to Jailer R. E. Chapman and then, allegedly, set bail at \$50. Under cross-examination, Hooper denied that he set bail, but this was remedied when Goodson, responding to questions from Wheatly, twice stated that Hooper had fixed a \$50 bond.

Goodson denied that he was speeding or that he was trying to dodge Hooper because, he declared, he did not know Hooper was following. He said the lights were turned off only twice, once when his "date" accidentally fell against the dashboard and the other time when he came to a near halt to allow his passengers to get out of the vehicle, only to change plans and start up again.

In cross-examining Goodson, Wheatly several times confused him as to his route in the city. At one point he testified that he made a left turn from Evans street west of 28th street, to which Wheatly retorted, "That would put you in the Atlantic Ocean!"

Several times, testimony such as this brought chuckles from the filled courtroom. At one point, Sheriff C. G. Holland sternly warned the onlookers, "This is no circus!"

After lawyer Hamilton summarized in the reckless and careless driving case, he offered Wheatly the opportunity to give his arguments. Wheatly said he would wait until Hamilton concluded his summary in the Hooper case where upon Wheatly would summarize.

After finishing, however, Hamilton challenged Wheatly's right to summarize after he had refused his previous opportunity, but Judge Morris did not allow Hamilton's objection.

In summarizing, Wheatly pointed out that through Goodson's own testimony it had been proven that Hooper had fixed a bail and that Goodson's brother had been given sufficient notice of where the 18-year-old could be found. To prove that it was sufficient, the boy's father was able to bail out Goodson within a half hour without any trouble whatever.

Since the contention that Goodson was driving was proven, See COURT Pg. 3

Theatres Asked To Observe Ban

Sunday, Bible Schools Point to Non-Cooperation on Health Rule

Responding to complaints from Sunday schools and Bible schools that bans on the gatherings of children under 16 would not have the desired effect in this polio epidemic if the local movie houses did not cooperate, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, disclosed today that letters have been sent to managers of the seven movie picture theatres in the county asking them not to admit children, or else to request a note from their parents giving permission to go to the movie.

Sunday schools and Bible schools have been cooperating since Dr. Ennett first made the request that gatherings be dispensed with, but the doctor pointed out that the movie houses face a different problem. The schools have merely to close up, while the theatres, which also have a business interest to think of, must weed youngsters from their other patrons.

The letter was also sent because Dr. Ennett said some managers feel they are not obliged to comply with the ban unless they receive a formal notice from the health officer.

Carteret county has two theatres in Morehead City, two in Beaufort, and one each in Newport, Harkers Island, and Atlantic.

Car, Tide Water Truck Collide

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, Beaufort, were treated for minor injuries Wednesday afternoon at Morehead City hospital following a collision of their car, a '49 Ford, with a Tide Water Power company pickup truck at Cedar and Turner streets, Beaufort.

The truck turned over but Eugene Garner, Beaufort, who was driving, was uninjured. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene of the accident. Garner was alone in the truck. With the Jones' was Mr. Jones' sister, who was uninjured.

The truck was proceeding west on Cedar street, according to Chief of Police L. B. Willis who investigated, and the car was going south on Turner when the collision occurred. No charges had been preferred against either driver as of yesterday morning.

The truck was damaged considerably and Chief Willis estimated the damage to the Jones car at several hundred dollars.

150 Acres Burn On Harkers Isle

Edmund Foreman, county fire warden, with the assistance of residents of Harkers Island, brought under control at 2 a.m. yesterday morning a fire west of the island's old ferry road. Approximately 150 acres of brush and undergrowth burned. The fire started about noon Wednesday from a trash, fire at the rear of one of the homes. Flames were brought under control by back-firing and use of the power pump.

If this dry weather continues, Mr. Foreman said there will undoubtedly be more fires within a week and requested that everyone exercise caution when burning trash, waste paper or when tossing away matches and burning cigarettes.

The dry spell during June and July was marked by outbreak of four forest fires in the county.

Earl Webb Recuperates

Earl Webb, New York financier is recuperating at his Bogue Sound estate from a recent foot operation. Mr. Webb is one of Carteret county's most prominent na-

A. B. Cooper has announced another auction sale of his Atlantic Beach properties to be held Saturday, August 21. The sale will include building lots on improved streets as well as the Ocean King hotel and the Idle Hour Amusement center.

White Oak school was a smoldering shambles yesterday morning as the result of a fire which was discovered there at about 7:30 Wednesday night by Dan Russell, nearby farmer, who upon seeing flames through the school windows, spread the alarm.

Swansboro fire department answered the call but could do nothing whatever to save the building or anything inside. By the time they arrived, the roof was already caving in.

The door at the east side of the school was found propped open with a chair and papers were scattered about the principal's office, indicating that the fire probably did not start of its own accord. Residents of the section are unanimous in their opinion that the fire was deliberately set.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, in a statement yesterday afternoon said that the building was insured for \$24,700. No plans have been formulated as yet for accommodating for the fall term the 180 pupils who attended school there.

They will be sent wherever there is room, said Mr. Joslyn, but the problem is to find the room. White Oak school consisted of eight classrooms and an auditorium.

He was of the opinion that no new school building will go up in its place.

Among the ruins were canned goods stored there for use in the school lunchroom, as well as five tons of coal which were in an adjoining furnace room. At first there was hope of saving the furnace room. Sand was thrown on the coal, but the heat was so intense that the building finally caught fire. The coal was still burning yesterday morning and will probably be smoldering for several days.

A bit of silverware was saved from the lunchroom and some playground equipment was taken beyond reach of the flames. All the pine trees about the school are scorched to a yellow color.

Just completed this summer was a \$1,800 roof on the building. The former roof partially burned last winter. At the time, this fire was believed to be caused by an overheated stove, but talk yesterday in the Bogue-Swansboro section was that the roof fire, too, had been set.

Pupils in the first to eighth grades attended school at White Oak.

Episcopal Rector Heads Association of County Clergy

The Rev. W. L. Martin Succeeds The Rev. J. M. Jolliff, Newport

The Rev. W. L. Martin, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, was elected president of the Coastal Ministerial association at the monthly meeting of the organization Monday in the community center, Morehead City.

The Rev. Mr. Martin succeeds the Rev. J. M. Jolliff, of Newport. Other officers are the Rev. H. L. Harrell, pastor of the Straits Methodist charge, vice-president, who succeeds the Rev. J. V. Axtell, pastor of the Webb Memorial Presbyterian church, and the Rev. W. D. Caviness, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Mr. Caviness pastor of Franklin Memorial Methodist church, was reelected.

The group extended its thanks and appreciation for splendid service to the Rev. Mr. Axtell who is leaving his charge in August.

Speaker at the meeting was George Ball, Morehead City attorney.

As the result of a decision reached at the July meeting of the ministerial association, the circulation of a petition requesting a referendum on ABC stores has been deferred until after the November election.

Cpl. R. K. Simpson To Leave for U. S.

CLARK AIR FORCE BASE, La. 301, Beaufort, will soon leave the Clark Air Force base in the Philippine Islands for reassignment in the United States.

While here, he has served with the 622nd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron of the 13th Air Force. Cpl. Simpson will leave at the completion of his normal 24 month tour of duty here.

HERE and THERE
With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

Motorists Slug Meters; Foreign Coins Turn Up

Even though there's a fine for loading parking meters with slugs and objects other than coins from United States mints, oddities turn up once in a while in the weekly collections.

The first week Beaufort's meters were in operation approximately a dozen metal washers were removed from the machines, but this type of "exchange" has dwindled considerably in popularity with motorists, William Hatsell, town clerk, said the other day while showing his collection of assorted circlets of metal.

Some collections yield no slugs at all but every week there are foreign coins, especially Canadian pennies. One time a "furriner" from Norfolk deposited a Norfolk street car token.

Beaufort's rather fortunate as far as foreign exchange goes, because 14-year-old Everett Styron, who lives on Turner street, collects foreign coins and buys from the town all those collected in the meters.

Everett pays according to size. A foreign coin the size of an American penny nets the town a cent, if it's the size of a dime or a nickel, the rate of exchange is higher.

Biggest headache to Mr. Hatsell and the policemen who care for the meters are bent coins. These jam the meters and, frequently damage them to the extent that they have to be taken off the standard and carried back to the town hall where Mr. Hatsell gives the mechanism an overhaul job.

Minor adjustments are made by policemen on the street. While

some meters are being repaired there are always several more ready to go out in case others get jammed up. To get the defaced coins out of circulation the bank takes them and returns them to the mint.

Collections are made every Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hatsell with the aid of one of the policemen and a linen bag that would easily hold a peck of pennies, go from meter to meter and remove the take.

The money is counted Thursday and deposited each Friday. Collections for July totaled \$773.20.

The salt water launched a destructive attack on the meters on Front street to the east of Way's fish house. But the attack has been repelled with paint. Forty seven meters on that section of Front street have been coated with grey enamel, a more durable paint than the aluminum which is on the meters in other parts of town.

Slugs or salt water, the meter business is the most profitable enterprise Beaufort has undertaken in many a year.

Hospital, Morehead Get \$734 Each from ABC Store

Morehead City hospital and the town of Morehead City each received \$734.18 from ABC stores during June, according to the report received by the county auditor, James Potter. Beaufort's share of the June revenue was \$759.74 and Newport's was \$487.59.