

## Love Nest Shattered, Negro Girl Shoots White Lover

### Court Frees Two Defendants, Curtis Brinson, Clarence Fletcher Bell, Jr.

Judge Lambert Morris dismissed the case Tuesday in recorder's court in which Curtis Brinson was charged with theft of \$96 from Hatsell's Electric shop, Live Oak St., Beaufort, Sunday night, June 24.

Carl Hatsell, owner and manager of the shop, was the first witness to be placed on the stand. He testified that he went to work Monday morning, June 25, and found Mrs. Melba Willis, his bookkeeper, and Roy Willis, who lives nearby, standing in front of his place of business. The front door of the place had been standing slightly ajar and a tin box usually kept inside the place, beneath the cash register, was missing, he testified. The box contained money amounting to approximately \$96 plus a check for \$50 and another for \$153.

The police were notified, Hatsell said, and several minutes later Brinson, his employee, and another employee arrived and the witness said they looked around the place, outside, to see if they could find the box.

Hatsell related that Curtis said at that time, "Well, nobody can cash the checks." He further stated that the place had not been broken into and that someone had evidently entered by the back door because the front door had been opened from the inside. He told police that Brinson was the only one, besides himself, who had a key to the back door.

In answer to questions by the solicitor, M. Leslie Davis, Hatsell stated that Brinson was a faithful employee during the five years he had been working for him and that he was "honest and reliable when he wasn't drinking." The witness further stated that he didn't fire the defendant, that Brinson quit, and that when he quit, he was not asked to return the key to the place. "I thought he'd be man enough to give it back to me, which he did," Hatsell remarked.

The witness stated that his bookkeeper locked the place sometime between 5 and 5:30 Saturday afternoon and that he did not go back to the shop on that particular weekend from noon Saturday until Monday morning.

#### Woman Testifies

Rose Lee Britton, a colored woman who lives at the rear of the electric shop, took the stand and told the court that she saw someone go in the back door of the place about 8 o'clock Sunday night, June 24. She said it had just gotten dark, but lights from the Hi-Drive cafe, next door, shone in back of the building.

Mrs. Britton said that she saw a man open the door and go in and when he came out he had a little box in his hand. He then got in a car and drove away.

She said she didn't know who the man was at the time, but later saw Brinson at the court house and knew that it was he. She then pointed him out to officers.

The witness told the solicitor that her home, where she lives with her three children, was as far from the electric shop as the length of the court room. Under cross-examination by C. R. Wheat-

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### Six Children Win Firemen's Contest

The results of a popularity contest sponsored by the Morehead City fire department were announced Tuesday evening at the Charles A. Wallace high school, Morehead City.

Little Cathy Hill, less than one year old, was chosen queen, having received the most votes, 3,045. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Hill, jr.

Tommy Davis, who is 4, was elected king, because he collected the second highest number, 2,282 votes. Tommy is the son of Mrs. Maxine Davis.

Votes cost a penny a piece. The king and queen won \$5 each in merchandise at the Children's Shop in Morehead.

Denise Collins became princess with 1,150 votes, Micky Danielson, prince with 1,735, Martha Sandy, duchess with 1,060, and Joseph Weeks, duke, with 341 votes.

The announcement of the winners came at the end of the last performance of "Going Places," a Little Theatre of America production which the fire department also sponsored.

Fire Chief El Nelson said the department's theatrical venture had not been a success. He expects, however, they will break about even—"55 one way or the other."

### Towns Receive Notice On Powell Bill Revenue

Towns in Carteret county received a preliminary report this week on how much money they would get from the State Highway commission for improvement of municipal streets as provided by the Powell aid bill.

Both Beaufort and Morehead City expected a couple thousand dollars more than they will get. Beaufort anticipated \$10,000 and will receive \$7,818. Morehead City expected \$19,000 and will get \$16,479. Newport will receive \$1,984.

### New Welfare Official Visits Carteret County

Nelson Stephenson, who has been appointed to the State Board of Public Welfare's newly-created position of consultant on community services, conferred last week with T. C. McGinnis, Carteret county's superintendent of public welfare.

The purpose of having a consultant on community services, McGinnis explained, is to coordinate community activities with public welfare work and prevent an overlapping of the services offered. Stephenson will fill speaking engagements to inform the people of the ways in which the welfare department can assist in community projects and is also available for consultation.

His work follows up a survey made by the Federal Security agency several months ago. McGinnis and Stephenson reviewed the survey and the manner in which Carteret communities are affected by nearby military establishments. For example, McGinnis said, 73 per cent of the county's recent adoptions have been by military families.

The community services consultant and the welfare superintendent visited Chaplains Alley and McCarthy at Cherry Point Marine air base. Stephenson's first assignments were to the military areas, Cumberland, New Hanover, Onslow, Craven, and Carteret counties.

### Automobile Falls On M. T. Mills

M. T. Mills, owner and manager of Sound Chevrolet co., Morehead City, is recovering in Morehead City hospital today from injuries received when a wrecked car fell on him at the Sound Chevrolet garage at 8:45 Tuesday morning.

In addition to numerous body bruises he has a badly fractured left ankle. His condition yesterday was reported to be improved. The wrecker had moved a smashed highway patrol car from one spot to another but when attempts were made to release the crane so that the car would lower slowly, the mechanism stalled.

Mills, attempting to get the device to work, walked under the suspended car and as he did so, the thing finally released itself and fell on him. Raleigh McNeill, colored employee at the garage, using superhuman strength, lifted the car and other employees pulled Mills out and rushed him to the hospital.

The patrol car being moved was the one smashed several months ago at the North River bridge when Clayton Gillikin, convicted murderer, hit a barricade of cars in an attempt to get away from police.

### Rotarians to Pay Expenses For Scoutmaster's School

Beaufort Rotarians at their meeting Tuesday night at the Inlet inn agreed to pay the expenses of Scoutmaster Charles Hassell, Beaufort, at the special Scouting school, Atlanta. The Rotarians are sponsors of the Beaufort Scout program.

Rotarian E. W. Downum was the featured figure in the biographical sketch series. Guests at the meeting were the Rev. Stanley Potter, Henderson and the following Morehead City Rotarians: G. W. Dill, jr., H. L. Jogley, and the Rev. L. A. Tilley.

The speaker at next Tuesday's meeting will be Glenn Adair who represented the Beaufort chamber of commerce at the Civil Aeronautics Board hearings this week at Winston-Salem.

### Clarence Fletcher Bell, Jr. Known as Billy, was Acquitted in Carteret County Recorder's Court Tuesday of a Careless and Reckless Driving Charge.

Following an hour's succession of witnesses, Judge Lambert Morris dismissed the case. Bell, who was 16 years of age at the time he was involved in an accident in Morehead City July 30, said he became 17 years of age in August.

The first witness on the stand was Cpl. J. T. Young, USMC, who was driving the car involved in the collision with Bell. He said that he, with three other persons in the car, was proceeding east on Arendell street at about 1 o'clock the night of the accident.

As he was crossing 18th street, he said he suddenly saw headlights coming toward him from the south and realizing that there was going to be a crash, swerved his car to the left. He said that the car on 18th street hit his right rear, swung his car around, upsetting it.

In the front seat with him was his wife and in the back another couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Lancaster, whom he was taking home. He stated that he was going about 30 miles an hour.

On the stand Lancaster said that he saw the lights of the other car coming toward them but surely thought that the car would stop before entering Arendell street. When it didn't, he said the only thing Young could do to try to avoid a collision was to swerve away from it.

Mrs. Young testified that her husband was traveling at approximately 30 miles an hour. When the attorney for Bell, Alvah Hamilton, suggested that 30 miles was

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### Island PTA Names Five Men to 'New' School Committee

The Harkers Island Parent-Teacher association, in session Tuesday night at the school, asked that the Harkers Island school committee resign, and named five others whom they favor to serve as committee.

According to a spokesman, the PTA hopes to persuade the present committee to vacate their offices and then to persuade the county board of education to name the persons of their choosing. The PTA wants a change, they say, because the present committee is not interested in maintaining the school in the best interests of the people.

Selected by the PTA as school committee members are Earl Davis, Clayton Guthrie, jr., David Yeomans, Elihu Lewis, and Lynwood Parker. On the committee prior to Tuesday night's meeting were Henry Davis, Floyd Yeomans, M. L. Yeomans, Charles W. Hancock, and Ivey Gaskill.

To date only two committee members have agreed to resign. H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said that the committee was appointed in April and each member has a two-year term to serve unless he resigns. Furthermore, he said, the county board of education can appoint whom ever they choose to fill the vacancies, should they occur.

The PTA believes, its spokesman said, that the committee of their choosing is more likely to take action to retain the Harkers Island high school.

### Slot Machine Owner Pays \$600 Fine, Court Costs

George Merritt, jr., Swansboro, charged with owning and operating slot machines at the American Legion club in Carteret county, was ordered to pay \$150 fine for each machine seized which was a total of \$600, plus court costs. The machines were ordered to be smashed.

Merritt, through counsel, did not contest the charges against him. His case was continued from Tuesday, Aug. 14, in recorder's court, when three other defendants in slot machine cases were tried.

Seized in a raid on the Legion club Aug. 8 were two 5-cent machines, one 10-cent machine, and one 25-cent device. Ninety-six dollars taken from the machines passed into the coffers of Carteret county.

### Board Appoints Two Officials

#### Bus Line Proposition Will Be Considered at Special Meeting

Walter Lewis and I. E. Pittman were appointed to the Morehead City board of adjustment by the town board at their meeting Tuesday night in the municipal building. They replace Robert G. Lowe and George Ball. Lowe has resigned because his business keeps him out of town most of the time and Ball has moved outside Morehead City.

J. W. Gillikin, operator of Gillikin Bus lines and his sons, Lester and Garland, appeared to request renewal of their franchise. Vernon Guthrie, who also proposes to operate a bus line, submitted in writing the type of equipment he plans to use.

The board stated that the information requested did not come from either of the applicants and asked that by Saturday both submit to the clerk, in writing, the schedules on which they propose to operate, the fares to be charged, the routes the busses will travel, and the type of equipment to be used.

#### Will Call Meeting

The mayor, George W. Dill, agreed to call a special meeting to consider the proposals. The present Gillikin franchise expires Sept. 1.

Gillikin reminded the town board that anyone applying to the town for a franchise would be able to operate within the city limits only. The Gillikin lines at present operate to Atlantic Beach and Beaufort by virtue of a state public utilities franchise.

Without the beach business, the bus line operators said that any one operating in Morehead City alone would have a rough time of it.

Mayor Dill reported that the town had been offered two pieces of property recently, the J. C. Taylor home at Bridges and 7th street for \$18,000 as a nurse's home and approximately three acres near Bay View cemetery for cemetery expansion.

The mayor read a letter from the hospital board of trustees which stated that the board was not in position to buy the property. The commissioners felt that the town could not buy the property either. The "cemetery plot" was offered by Chalk and Gibbs, realtors. It is located west of 25th street and north of the old central highway.

The board said that no provision has been made in the budget for purchase of the property. Walter Lewis, cemetery superintendent, reported the mayor said, that one end of the property is high and the other very low which would make it undesirable as a burial plot.

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### Technical School Receives 33 Fall Term Applications

Thirty-three applications have already been received for the fall term at Morehead City Technical institute, James I. Mason, director, announced today.

The term will open Sept. 18 and more applications are expected during the coming weeks.

The size of the electrical laboratory was doubled and the internal combustion lab remodeled during current repair and reconditioning work. Repainting of all equipment will continue until the opening date of the fall term.

The same three courses will be offered in 1951-52: electrical technology, internal combustion engines, and building construction technology. Members of the faculty will be Director Mason who teaches math and physics; William H. Lawrence, electrical instructor; J. G. Rieley, internal combustion engines; and Miss Doris Leach, English.

The post of building construction instructor became vacant with the resignation of Braxton Adair, but this position is expected to be filled within the next several days.

Mrs. Earl Piner, Morehead City, will continue as dietitian and lunch-room manager.

More than 200 persons attended special courses at MCTI this summer in addition to the regular summer enrollees. Short courses were given in cotton classing, surveying, electrical meters, and resource use.

The majority of the graduates in June's graduating class were placed, Director Mason said, the others entered the armed forces. He reminded prospective enrollees that those who enter the school in September will be graduated the following June.

### Public Utilities Commission Asks Tide Water to Cut Rate

Tide Water Power co. officials, Wilmington, have under advisement today a challenge from the State Utilities commission to voluntarily cut power rates.

Tide Water was told Wednesday to reduce rates of its own volition or the commission itself may take action.

The commissioners threw down their challenge in a closed conference Wednesday morning with two top Tide Water officials—President W. W. Bell and Vice President E. A. Jones.

Commission Chairman Stanley Winborne put the issue squarely. He said the commission felt Tide Water is charging more than it should.

Winborne said Verne L. Choate, chief of the commission's auditing division, had made a detailed study of Tide Water rates and finances. The study brought forth the finding that during the 12 months ending last May 31, Tide Water made a net return of 8.61 per cent on its average net investment.

That's about two to two and one-half per cent higher, he told Bell and Jones, than the commission considers fair. Most power companies, it was explained, consider 6.5 or 7 per cent a reasonable rate of return and fix their rates accordingly.

Bell and Jones contested Choate's figures but agreed to study the commission's suggestions. They promised to see if some reduction could be made.

"The company has been told to report back on the tentative date of September 19," Winborne reported following the conference, "and give us a statement of their finances."

### Farmers to Vote Nov. 3 On Feed, Fertilizer Levy

Saturday, Nov. 3, has been set as the day for purchasers of feed and fertilizer to vote an additional 5 cents a ton on fertilizer and feed to finance agricultural research at State college.

If the proposal is approved, it has been estimated that \$125,000 will be available to expand research now being conducted. Raymond Ball, Newport RFD, president of the Carteret County Farm Bureau, has been appointed to name a committee which will arrange for a countywide meeting Sept. 7 to discuss the agricultural research program.

The farm extension service will take a leading part in educating people to the need for research and enlisting their support of the 5-cent-per-ton assessment, which, it is estimated, would cost the average farmer 40 cents a year.

R. M. Williams, farm agent, remarked:

"We here in North Carolina rank first among the 48 states in rural farm population. This means that our farm population is increasing more rapidly than the average of the country as a whole. There are many things about our state that we rank high in, and that we can justly be proud of. There are other facts that we hate to face. One is our low income. Our per capita farm income for this state ranks 44th among the states of the union. This means that on an individual basis, there is not much money even though we have a 786 million dollar income annually from agriculture.

"Our state receives approximately one half of its total farm income from the one crop, tobacco, while more than two-thirds of our farm income is derived from the three crops, cotton, peanuts and tobacco. These crops are produced on only 35 per cent of the total crop land. We rank fourth in the field of farm crops and 29th in the field of livestock products. These problems must be faced squarely with research and an adopted science and technology in agriculture that can

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### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Aug. 24	
1:04 a.m.	7:13 a.m.
1:49 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25	
2:02 a.m.	2:46 a.m.
8:06 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26	
3:05 a.m.	8:09 a.m.
3:45 p.m.	10:24 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 27	
4:10 a.m.	10:11 a.m.
4:41 p.m.	11:16 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 28	
5:09 a.m.	11:08 a.m.
5:21 p.m.	

### Carteret County Authorities Hold Bert Clark, Ruby Boyd

A three-year love affair between Bert Clark, white man of Beaufort, and a 16-year-old colored girl, Ruby Lee Boyd of Greenville, was bared to the world Tuesday when the girl confessed to Greenville police that she had shot Clark at Beaufort Monday.

Clark is being held in Carteret county jail under \$400

cash bond on a charge of fornication and adultery and under \$1,000 bond on a charge of having carnal knowledge of a female. "And there will probably be a more serious charge brought against him," declared Sheriff Gehrman Holland yesterday as Solicitor M. Leslie Davis was in the process of drawing up the warrants.

#### Charged with Assault

The teen-age girl has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon and placed under \$500 bond.

"The state is ready to have a hearing for both defendants in recorder's court Tuesday," stated the sheriff. There is a possibility, however, that defendants' counsel may ask for continuance.

Clark was arrested at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after Sheriff Ruel Tyson of Pitt county informed Sheriff Holland of the confession made by the girl at Greenville. The sheriff and Deputy Sheriff M. M. Ayscue apprehended Clark at a service station near Beaufort "where he just seemed to be loafing around," the sheriff related.

Officer Ayscue went to Greenville late Tuesday and brought Ruby Lee back to Beaufort after Pitt county authorities released her in his custody.

#### Spent Weekend Here

According to Ruby Lee's story she had been coming to Beaufort to spend weekends with Clark at his cabin about a mile and a half outside Beaufort. The cabin was located on a dirt road leading off highway 70 just beyond the East Drive-In theatre.

She didn't come to Beaufort last weekend, but showed up Monday instead. As she entered Clark's cabin a woman was lying across the bed. Clark was not present. Ruby Lee asked the woman when Clark would return and the woman said in several minutes.

Clark did return in several minutes and according to police, threatened Ruby Lee. She said she reached for the .22 rifle in the cabin and told Clark not to strike her. He said she didn't have enough nerve to shoot him and continued toward her. She fired the gun and the bullet struck him in the arm, shattering a bone below the elbow and continuing into his hip.

#### Other Woman Departs

When the gun went off, the other woman lit out of the cabin and hasn't been seen since. The sheriff said he did not know whether the "other woman" was white or colored, but she is not a native of this section.

Regardless of what the consequences would be, Ruby Lee said she made Clark get in his car to drive her to Greenville where she was going to tell police she had shot him. Instead, Clark drove her to New Bern, gave her \$15 and Ruby Lee took a taxi from there to Greenville.

Dr. M. B. Morey, Morehead City, treated Clark, the sheriff said, and Clark told the doctor that he had been cleaning his gun, laid it on a bench and as he walked across the room, the gun went off.

Sheriff Holland said that Clark met Ruby Lee three years ago when he was attending East Carolina college in Greenville. He saw her washing dishes in a cafe and asked her for a date. Before his arrest he was employed as an instructor at the apprentice school at Cherry Point.

Assisting the sheriff in investigation of the case is George Canady, SBI agent.

#### Armed Forces to Sponsor Three-Day Atlanta Exhibit

For North Carolina industry, all roads will shortly lead to Atlanta where a three-day exhibit of goods being purchased by the United States government under its current multibillion dollar procurement program for national defense will be held beginning Sept. 10.

The exhibit, to be established in the new exhibit hall of the Atlanta Biltmore hotel, will bring together for the first time in the southeast prime contractors who are selling their goods to the government and who may be willing to "farm out" some of the contract work to smaller manufacturers.

The exhibit is being sponsored by the Armed Forces Regional council, consisting of representatives of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Details of arrangements have been placed under the supervision of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert R. Kay of the United States Air Force as project officer.

### Prices for Leaf Drop Below First Sales Last Year

Average prices paid for most grades of eastern North Carolina fine-cured tobacco on opening day, Tuesday, were lower than on last year's first sales. The Federal-State Market News Service reports the losses in most instances \$1.00 to \$5.00 per hundred.

Primings, which were offered in a large volume, dropped generally \$4.00 to \$7.00. Lugs were steady to \$5.00 lower while a few leaf and smoking leaf grades were off \$1.00 to \$5.00. The practical top price was \$65.00 with a few baskets of better cutters and lugs topping out at \$69.00 and \$70.00 a hundred. Some poorer grades of nondescript sold as low as \$8.00.

It was estimated that the general average for morning sales at several individual markets ranged from \$48.00 to \$52.00. Gross sales opening day last year totaled 14,507,511 pounds for an average of \$58.01 per hundred.

Quality of the early offerings was below last year. More common and low grades and nondescript were marketed while fewer fair to choice grades appeared. More orange colored tobacco was sold. Most baskets contained fair and good lugs, low and fair primings and leaf, nondescript and low cutters. Last year fair to fine lugs, low to good primings and low and fair leaf made up the bulk.

Some dissatisfaction was expressed by the growers at prices received for their offerings. Receipts of the Fine-cured Stabilization corporation under the government loan program were estimated to range by markets from 5 to 30 per cent. Last year they received about 1.8 per cent of the first day's sales.

Volume of sales was fairly heavy with practically all markets selling out early in the afternoon. Only a few markets were blocked.

The U. S. Crop Reporting Board as of August 1 indicated a production of 476,550,000 pounds for this type. Last year 423,660,000 pounds were harvested.

### OPS Analysts Will Be in New Bern

Business analysts from the Eastern Carolina office of price stabilization will be in New Bern again Tuesday to assist people of this area with reports and OPS regulations, George P. Arrington, executive secretary of the New Bern chamber of commerce has announced.

Residents of Beaufort and Morehead City are urged to meet with the OPS representatives. New Bern has been selected as the location for a monthly field trip by OPS. The OPS representatives will have an office in the City Hall which will be open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the second trip to New Bern. As a public service, the Eastern Carolina OPS has scheduled regular trips to cities throughout the district under the auspices of chambers of commerce and merchants associations.

"These visits giving on-the-spot help and information to the businessmen of eastern Carolina are a part of our program to do everything possible to be of service to the public." Acting District Director Alton G. Murchison said, "and we urge people to meet with these specialists for any assistance they may need. Our previous visit to New Bern was enthusiastically received by the public." Murchison added, "and we will continue these trips as long as the people want us to."

The New Bern visit is planned to serve people of the following counties: Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort, Hyde, Jones, Onslow and Carteret.

#### Club to Picnic

The Russell's Creek Home Demonstration club will meet for a picnic at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fort Macon State park.