

Stokes Gets Year on Roads, Companion Pays \$640 Fine

Robert Earl Stokes was sentenced to one year on the roads Tuesday in county recorder's court after he was found guilty on several charges which grew out of his attempts to evade a highway patrol road block.

Alton Eugene Harris, owner of the car which Stokes was driving, was sentenced to nine months on the roads for aiding and abetting Stokes. The sentence was suspended on condition that he remain on good behavior for three years and pay a fine of \$640 and costs. The state will receive \$140 of the fine to cover damage to a highway patrol car.

Files Appeal
Stokes served notice of appeal to the superior court after Judge Lambert Morris found him guilty of careless and reckless driving, hit and run driving, assault with a deadly weapon, speeding in excess of 95 miles per hour and doing malicious injury to personal property.

Highway Patrolman Carl C. Jones testified that he, a Federal agent and a Craven county ABC officer were waiting for Stokes and Harris at a bridge on the Nine-foot road about one-half mile from NC 24.

Patrolman Jones said that he pulled his car across the bridge when he saw Harris' car, a green Oldsmobile, approaching him. The Federal agent got out of the car and signaled Stokes to stop while Patrolman Jones and the other officer waited in the car.

The patrolman said that the car slowed down and then increased its speed as it approached. He said that the car struck the right side of his patrol car, went between it and the bridge rail and continued on toward NC 24.

Pursued Car
Patrolman Jones said that he pursued the other car along NC 24 but was unable to catch it. He said that he lost the car somewhere between the Nine-foot road and Swansboro.

In answer to a question from Solicitor Wiley Taylor, jr., the patrolman said that he definitely

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Newport Rotary Elects Craig

The Newport Rotary club elected Aaron R. Craig as its president for the coming year at the civic group's regular weekly luncheon meeting last Monday.

Other officers named by the club were Nathan H. Garner, vice-president; Robert K. Montague, secretary and treasurer; Alfred Garner, director of internal service; and Roy T. Garner, director of vocational service.

The officers will be installed July 1, 1953, to serve for the year 1953-1954.

Charles S. Long, president of the club, presided over the election meeting. The report of the nominating committee was made by Monroe Garner, chairman. The Rev. J. Hubert Waldrop, jr., gave the invocation.

The program was presented by Mr. Waldrop. Discussing community service and the Rotary ideal, he used as his theme, "we are our brothers' keepers."

"We are first Christian Rotarians and not Rotarian Christians," Mr. Waldrop concluded.

Banks, Offices to Close Monday for Holiday

Banks, post offices and county offices will all close Monday in observance of Washington's birthday which falls on Sunday but which will be celebrated on Monday.

Town offices will be closed in Beaufort but will remain open in Morehead City. Monday's session of the Morehead City recorder's court will be held as scheduled.

Postmaster Harold Webb announced that windows at the Morehead City post office will be open from noon until 1 p. m. for the convenience of those who wish to mail letters. The Beaufort post office will be closed all day.

N. C. Income Tax Is Due March 15

In the midst of their worries over form 1040 and other aspects of federal income taxes, many North Carolina citizens are forgetting that they also have a date with the state department of revenue on March 15.

Representatives of the revenue department will be in Beaufort and Morehead City on February 24 and 27 and March 10 and 13 to help citizens in filing their state income tax forms.

Under the North Carolina law payment of the tax due must be made when the return is filed. Penalties automatically apply after March 15 to returns on which the tax is due but not paid. Taxpayers who have previously filed should use the forms mailed to them which bear their names and addresses.

The department will grant extensions of the filing date for illness, absence or inability to get the necessary records together to make a return. Such extensions may be obtained by writing the department in Raleigh.

Returns must be filed by any single person with an income of \$1,000 or more, or a married man with an income of \$2,000 or more. A married woman, with a separate income of \$1,000 or more, is also required to file a return.

The department officials point out that failure to receive a form through the mail does not relieve a person of the necessity for filing a return if their income warrants it.

Youth to Compete For Scholarship

A Morehead City high school senior will be among several students from eastern North Carolina who will compete this morning in Washington for an Angier Duke scholarship to Duke university.

Robert Wayne Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dewey Willis, 2100 Arendell street, Morehead City, was chosen on the basis of a competitive examination given at the Morehead City school. Three Morehead City students took the examination.

Five students will be chosen in today's regional elimination contest to compete in the finals. Scholarships will be awarded to six boys and three girls.

The scholarships valued at \$750, are awarded for one year at a time. They can, however, be continued for four years if the recipients maintain high scholastic averages at Durham.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic record, college aptitude as determined by examination, extra-curricular activities, activity in church and other organizations and personality.

Prevent Forest Fires and "Keep North Carolina Green," are used on the signs.

Passenger Train Ruling Delayed

It will be several months before the Navy department and Morehead City officials know the decision of the North Carolina Utilities commission on passenger trains for this area.

First hearings on the request of the Navy for passenger trains were held last October. At that time Mayor George W. Dill, jr., W. C. Carlton and Joseph A. DuBois asked the state commission to order the passenger trains to come to Morehead City.

The Navy requested a minimum of one round-trip train each day from Goldsboro to Jacksonville and from Goldsboro to Havelock. The Morehead City representatives joined the Navy in requesting the service.

The Atlantic and East Carolina railroad, the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, the Seashore Transportation company, and the Carolina Coach company are opposing the request. The commission agreed Wednesday to withhold its decision until attorneys for the Navy and the railroads have filed written briefs.

Before the lawyers can file their briefs, however, a copy of the record of the hearings must be prepared. This will take several weeks. Then they will be allowed one month to enter the briefs. Finally a 15-day period to exchange answering briefs was granted.

The Navy department, representing the two large Marine Corps installations at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, argued that enough demand for passenger service existed at the bases and surrounding civilian communities to make the operation of a passenger train profitable. They asked that the commission direct the ACL and A&EC to arrange at least a round-trip train daily.

Railroad officials termed the demand unreasonable. Arguing that such a service would operate at a loss, they asked that the request be dismissed. Bus line operators, siding with the railroads, testified that the Marines already have adequate transportation facilities. The bus lines pointed out that the two buses are served by approximately 100 bus trips a day.

There was a difference of opinion between the opposing sides at the hearing as to the length of time a train would take in running from Jacksonville to Goldsboro. According to the railroad attorneys the time would be four and one-half hours, but a former vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio testified for the government that the time would be at least 25 per cent less than that. C. W. Horne said that his estimate of the time was based on 50 years of railroad experience in testifying for the Marine bases.

Officials Are Seeking Funds For Fort Macon State Park

The state parks committee of the Conservation and Development board has written many North Carolina legislators asking that consideration be given to appropriating funds for permanent improvements at parks in the next biennium.

In a letter to Senator John D. Larkins, jr., and Representative H. Earle Mobley of Carteret county, Hugh Morton, vice-chairman of the parks committee, called attention to the fact that \$108,950 had been requested for permanent improvements to the Fort Macon state park.

The Advisory Budget commission was asked by the state parks group to approve permanent improvements in the amount of \$1,760,372. The commission turned thumbs down on the entire request. The full amount would have been used at 15 different parks.

Mr. Morton pointed out in his letter that during the last biennium public usage of the parks increased 49 per cent over the previous biennium. "State parks play an important role in the recreation of many of our citizens and serve as key attractions for North Carolina's valuable travel industry," he said.

In making its recommendations to the General Assembly this session, the Advisory Budget commission cut the total amount of permanent improvements requested from \$124,911,227 to \$9,649,193.

The Joint Appropriations committee of the General Assembly ended its public hearings on Wednesday. The committee heard requests from state agencies for permanent improvements totaling \$110,500,000 more than the recommendations of the Advisory Budget commission.

The committee will take a short recess before writing its report.

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Ports Authority Adds Freight Rate Expert

The State Ports Authority this week announced the addition of a specialist in railroad freight to its staff who will serve as traffic manager for the terminals at Wilmington and Morehead City.

E. E. Lee of Raleigh, now on the staff of the utilities commission, has been transferred to the ports group, George W. Gillette, director, revealed.

The new traffic manager will fill a key position in the ports organization. Mr. Lee's efforts will be directed to the complicated pattern of freight rate structures, many of which now discriminate against the two North Carolina harbors in favor of competing ports in neighboring states.

In announcing the appointment Mr. Gillette pointed out that "traffic will move over our docks only when economic advantages are equal or better than through more distant gateways. We have a dual problem with our twin ports in that some rates have been adjusted adequately for Morehead City but not for Wilmington, and vice versa."

Mr. Lee is a native of Wilmington where he worked in the rate and traffic departments of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. His recent work with the utilities commission has been concerned with a detailed study of grain movement in the state and the rates and charges to which it is subjected.

Part of the traffic manager's job will be to attract regularly scheduled port calls by established steamship lines, the director explained.

"In North Carolina we have uncovered a promising two-way traffic to the west coast by water for lumber, textiles and canned goods," Mr. Gillette said. "To date, however, all steamship lines have preferred to load cargoes for ports north of Cape Hatteras because such freight brings a higher revenue. There is also a heavy traffic in coffee, woods, and machinery to South and Central America which our own ports can handle when the pattern established by long custom, plus rate advantages can be changed."

Mr. Gillette commented that there has been an increasing interest among North Carolina manufacturers and business firms in utilizing the state's own port facilities. Such an interest must be accompanied, however, he said, by the elimination of rate discrimination which makes the state ports function at a distinct disadvantage.

Cherry Point Marines Arrested For Theft at Drive-In Theatre

Five Cherry Point Marines were arrested Tuesday on charges resulting from the theft of three loudspeakers Feb. 10 at the East Drive-in theatre, Beaufort.

Sgt. Parker Meegan, Pfc. Pariferas Barcla, Pfc. Gerald Bokalyon, Pfc. Causeantine J. Costalas and Pfc. Robert Norris are being held by marine authorities and will be tried Tuesday in county recorder's court. Sergeant Meegan and Private Barcla are charged with larceny of the loudspeakers and the other three marines are charged with aiding and abetting them.

The loudspeakers were discovered in Sergeant Meegan's car by investigators attached to the G-2 office at Cherry Point. George Canady, SBI agent in charge of the investigation, asked the military authorities to watch for the speakers when clues led him to believe that marines were involved in the theft.

Authorities are also investigating the theft of beer and sandwiches from a Newport cafe Monday night.

The theft was discovered by Cleveland Garner, owner of Mac's cafe, when he opened the cafe Tuesday morning. He said that only beer and food had been taken and that no money was missing.

Investigation revealed that the thief entered the building by a side window. Working on the case are Deputy Sheriff Hugh Salter, Newport Police Chief Ormsby Mann and Mr. Canady.

Mr. Canady said that there have been no new developments in the recent burglary at Holden's restaurant in Beaufort or in the burglaries at Atlantic Beach last month. He said that he and county officers are still working on both cases.

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Blowout Causes Newport Wreck

Two Cherry Point Marines were hospitalized at the air base dispensary Tuesday morning after the car in which they were riding went off the road one mile east of Newport.

Jack H. Baker suffered chest and other injuries and Edward K. Brown suffered a fractured right leg, bruises and lacerations. The two men were injured when they were thrown from the car as it crashed into some trees after a tire blew out.

The driver of the car, Donald Wilbur Groupe, also a Cherry Point marine, was not injured in the accident.

Roy Braxton of Raleigh, driver of a bakery truck, said that Groupe's car had passed him at a normal rate of speed just before the accident. He told Highway Patrolman J. M. Sykes that he saw the car swerve and begin to veer back and forth across the road just after it passed him. Mr. Braxton said that the car then hit the shoulder of the road, turned over and went into the woods.

Patrolman Sykes said that he arrived on the scene at 1:55, 15 minutes after the accident. He said that an ambulance from Cherry Point arrived shortly after but that the corpsmen refused to move the injured men until a doctor could be summoned from the air base. Patrolman Sykes said that it was 2:55 before the injured men were taken to the dispensary.

Patrolman Sykes said that the skid marks at the scene of the accident indicated that the right rear tire of the car had blown out causing the accident.

Club Completes Plans for Trip

The Morehead City Jaycees at their meeting Monday night made final plans for the trip to the state quarterly board meeting this weekend in Durham.

Robert Meegan announced that the bus chartered for the trip will leave the bus station at 6:30 tomorrow morning. He said that arrangements will be made to have hot coffee available before the bus leaves.

Lesta Willis said that arrangements have been completed for the shrimp party which the club will hold to promote the Miss North Carolina contest to be held in Morehead City this year. He said that the shrimp, donated by Otis Purifoy, will be cooked before they are taken to Durham. Several members of the club volunteered to peel the shrimp for the party.

President Walter Morris urged all those going to the meeting to do everything possible to promote the beauty pageant. He asked them to make every effort to interest other clubs in the contest.

Sonny Geer announced that members of the club would apply Scotchlite tape to bicycles at both Morehead City schools Wednesday afternoon.

Bill Roundtree of Wilmington gave a short talk on the importance of all members of the Jaycees working together on a project. He said that the beauty pageant would be a success if all members of the club would get behind it.

An oyster roast followed the short business meeting.

Group Stresses Waterways Plan

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The meeting was called to consider a marine council recommendation that a professional firm be employed to make a general survey of inland ports and waterways and submit a "master plan" for their development. The proposal has the approval of the Conservation and Development board.

Atlantic Beach Aldermen Turn Down Budget, Tax

A motion to establish ad valorem taxes and begin a program of municipal and civic improvement for Atlantic Beach died without a second at a meeting of the town's board of aldermen last Tuesday afternoon.

L. T. White of Raleigh told the board in making the motion, "Atlantic Beach has a golden opportunity. The new bridge will be a tremendous help, but we need a regular form of government based on taxes in order to meet our opportunity."

"I offer this motion in all sincerity," Mr. White continued. "There is no future for Atlantic Beach unless we adopt an ad valorem tax and a budget system of government."

Cooper Resigns
During the debate on the motion, Alfred B. Cooper of Morehead City resigned as mayor of the town as of the April meeting of the board. "Atlantic Beach is close to my heart and I long to see it advance," Mr. Cooper told the members, "but I cannot continue to attempt the administration of regulations without any teeth on a grossly inadequate budget."

Opposing the motion in debate and refusing to second it were Miss Mamie Ruth Tunstall and E. L. Baker of Greenville and Burke Taylor of New Bern. They reported that in their opinion beach cottage owners were opposed to the adoption of a tax.

At the present time, the town collects a part of its funds from assessments which cottage owners are asked to pay and other assessments which business firms on the beach are asked to pay.

"Since an assessment is non-legal," Mr. Cooper said, "we cannot make people pay it, and there is a large amount of money owing the town through assessments at the present time." The assessments on cottages are approximately \$21 a year for police protection and garbage removal during the summer months.

Miss Tunstall told the board that "all of the cottage owners I have talked to are opposed to a tax."

Proposed System
Under the proposed budget system, the ad valorem tax would have been set at \$1.50 per \$100 of valuation. County record books show

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Grading Starts On Golf Course

Grading started on the golf course for the Morehead City Country club Monday under the direction of C. C. McCuiston.

Mr. McCuiston, manager of the Fort Bragg golf course, said that the completion date for the preliminary grading would depend largely on the weather. Grading is being done by the Barrus Construction company of Kinston.

Assisting in the work are Kelley Kee, a professional at the Fort Bragg course, and Edward Williams, greens keeper.

The course is located on the unpaved road between Crab Point and the junction of highways 24 and 70. Dr. John Morris, president of the club, has invited the public to observe the activities at the course.

Scheduled for 18 holes, the club is working on the first nine holes now. Dr. Morris said that members hope to be able to play on the course sometime in late summer.

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Telephone Tip Leads to Liquor

An anonymous telephone tip Monday afternoon led Morehead City police officers to 24 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey in a car parked in an Avery street yard.

Sgt. Bruce Edwards received the tip that the liquor could be found in a 1934 Plymouth sedan parked in the yard of Alton Bell, colored.

Sergeant Edwards, Capt. Hubert Fulcher, Capt. Buck Newsome, Lt. Carl Blomberg and Patrolman L. Bunch went to investigate the tip and found the car which had been described to Sergeant Edwards.

When the officers opened the trunk of the car, they discovered four cases of moonshine whiskey.

Bell denied all knowledge of the whiskey and said that he thought the car belonged to a Beaufort white man. He said that he did not know what it was doing in his yard.

A check of the license number revealed that the car was registered to James Powell of Beaufort. Mr. Powell said that he no longer owned the car.

The car and the 48 half-gallon fruit jars of liquor were impounded and taken to the police station where the car joined the growing collection of confiscated whiskey cars.

Bell was arrested for having non-tax paid whiskey on his premises and will be tried Monday in Morehead City recorder's court. No charges have been placed against Mr. Powell pending further investigation.

Mansfield Park Flyer Is With Deathrattlers

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Camp Pickett, Va. — Cpl. Rudolph L. Garner, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph L. Garner of Newport, a member of the 354th Military Police company stationed here, was recently released from active service with the U. S. Army.

Corporal Garner has served with the 354th M.P. company since February, 1951, during which time he served with the unit overseas in Goose Bay, Labrador.

Corporal Garner, prior to entering the service, attended Newport

high school. Upon graduation, he returned to the field of agriculture.

Symphony Group Sets Campaign

The directors of the Beaufort-Morehead City chapter of the North Carolina State Symphony society decided Tuesday night to stage the annual drive for memberships in the society during the weeks from April 6 to 17.

During the first week of the drive, the members will work on special gifts and the second week will be used to make a house-to-house canvass.

Mrs. Joseph House was named secretary of the executive board at the meeting and Mrs. Lockwood Phillips was made publicity chairman. C. R. Davant is president, Dr. N. T. Ennett is vice-president and Mrs. H. L. Joslyn is treasurer of the local organization.

The directors made Jack Oakley chairman of the rural organization and Miss Mary Arrington will be in charge of the canvassing in Beaufort.

The North Carolina State Symphony is supported by appropriations from the state legislature and the sale of memberships to citizens throughout the state. Regular adult memberships are \$2, active memberships are \$5, and group memberships are \$25.

Conducted by Benjamin Swalin the state symphony each year travels many thousands of miles bringing the finest classical music to North Carolina towns, colleges and schools. An integral part of the symphony's activities are its concerts for school children.

The local chapter is making its spring drive this year with the goal of obtaining enough memberships to guarantee a concert for Carteret county school children next year. Due to the small number of members sold for this year's activities, the local chapter could sponsor only an evening concert for adult members.

A membership in the society entitles the holder to attend any concert held in the state during the year in which the membership is purchased. This includes both Little Symphony concerts and full symphony concerts. The smaller orchestra is sent to chapters whose budgets are not large enough to sponsor the full orchestra.

Members of the board of directors of the symphony chapter here are B. E. Tarkington, O. J. Yost, C. F. Jones, the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Dees, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph House, Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Ennett, Miss Mary Arrington, Mrs. Edward Arrington, L. A. Oakley, Dan L. Walker, Glenn H. Adair, Mayor L. W. Hassell, Mrs. M. Leslie Davis and Mrs. Lockwood Phillips, all of Beaufort.

Members from Morehead City are Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davant, Mrs. D. Cordova, Ralph Wade, Mrs. S. W. Thompson, Mrs. Paul Webb, Mrs. Ted Rice and Mrs. W. A. Ellison.

The next meeting of the organization will be held at the Morehead City civic center Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

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Court Orders Man to Work

George Worthy was sentenced to work for 30 days on the streets of Beaufort after he was found guilty of public drunkenness Tuesday in Beaufort municipal recorder's court.

Five defendants were ordered to pay costs for failing to stop at stop signs. They were Earl Chapman, Isian Murray, Clyde William Young, jr., Joseph Carl Peterson and William Franklin Willis.

William Ray White was ordered to pay court costs for careless and reckless driving and causing damage to the car of John Sheldon Becton. He was also ordered to pay for the damage to Mr. Becton's car.

Horace Jones paid court costs for public drunkenness, and Theodore Smith paid costs for operating a motor vehicle with an improper muffler.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

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