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Havelock Youth, 20, Arrested After Row Ends in Shooting

An argument about moving a car in a Morehead City parking lot Monday night almost ended in tragedy when one of the participants in the argument allegedly fired a rifle at the head of another man.

Stanley Pearson, 20, of Havelock was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Craven county authorities after his two teen-age companions had identified him as the one who had fired the shot.

Pearson is being held under $1,000 bond in the Morehead City jail and will be tried Monday in Morehead City recorder's court. He has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Frank Gonsalves of Morehead City said that he stuck his head in the window of a car which was blocking the driveway at Dom's drive-in at 18th and Bridges and asked the driver to move it. As he did so, he said, the youth seated beside the driver pointed the .22-calibre rifle at his head and pulled the trigger.

Gonsalves told police that he seized the barrel of the rifle and pushed it up just as the shot was fired. He said that he felt the bullet pass by the top of his head as it went out through the roof of the car.

Gonsalves said that he then dragged the driver of the car, Carl Bailey of Havelock, from the seat and attempted to reach the boy with the gun. During the struggle, the boy broke loose from Gonsalves and several others and escaped.

Gonsalves said that the argument had started when he, his brother-in-law, Clint Long, and their wives drove into the parking lot. He said that the car driven by Bailey was blocking the driveway. Gonsalves said that when he asked the boys to move they made some remarks to which his wife and Mrs. Long objected. Gonsalves and Long got out of their car and went to speak to the boys when the shooting occurred.

Bailey and another Havelock youth, Frank Peterson, who was also in Bailey's car, were taken to the Morehead City police station where they were booked on charges of disturbing the peace. They will be tried Monday in Morehead City recorder's court.

Pearson told Morehead City police that he did not fire at Gonsalves. He said that the rifle was between him and Bailey in the front seat of the car. He said that Gonsalves tried to pull Bailey from the car and the rifle was discharged in the scuffle.

Pearson admitted that he and his companions had brought the rifle to Morehead City because they had previously had some trouble with other boys in the vicinity of the drive-in. He said that they wanted to protect themselves in case of more trouble.

Witnesses to the shooting said that the boys had once threatened to bring guns the next time they returned to the drive-in. They said that the threat was made after the boys had engaged in several arguments with local youths.

Agent Announces Tobacco Meeting

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, has announced that a demonstration of soil fumigation and nematode control will be held at 10 a.m. today at the farm of Leon H. Quinn, west of Newport on the Nine-foot road.

S. N. Hawks of Raleigh, tobacco specialist with the State college extension service, will assist with today's demonstration.

Mr. Williams said that the nematode is now the most serious problem facing North Carolina tobacco growers. The insect causes damage to the root system of tobacco plants which weakens their resistance to tobacco plant diseases.

Mr. Williams also said that surveys show that nematode disease last year cost tobacco growers more than $25,000,000. He says that in some sections of the state more than half of the tobacco acreage suffered great losses.

The county agent says that nematodes are present in most of Carteret county's tobacco soils, and he urged all tobacco farmers to attend the meeting and control demonstration. He said that soil fumigation usually results in 250-400 pounds more tobacco.

Mr. Williams has also reminded tobacco growers of the need to protect their plants against blue mold disease. He has urged them to begin spraying or dusting plant beds. He said that the treatment should be applied twice a week until the plants are removed from the beds and set in the fields.

The county agent reminded the growers that the blue mold disease cannot be cured by either dusting or spraying once it develops in the plants. He also said that the disease works rapidly and spreads from diseased to healthy plants even over large distances.

Invasion D-Day Is Tomorrow; Planes Strafe Onslow Beach

Onslow Beach has been under constant bombardment since Wednesday morning in preparation for an amphibious attack by members of the Second Marine division tomorrow.

The Cherry Point air station and Bluethenthal field at Wilmington have been operating as "carriers" in conjunction with a task force at sea headed by the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The planes have strafed the beach and bombs have been dropped over the entire area in a softening up operation. "Enemy" planes based at Edenton have fought back and numerous attempts have been made to block the landing by sinking the carrier.

The assault on Onslow Beach will climax what the Marine Corps has described as the largest peacetime maneuver ever held by the corps. Troops and equipment sailed from the Morehead City port terminal during the early part of February and since that time the maneuvers have been held in the Caribbean area near Puerto Rico.

After a successful amphibious invasion of the island of Vieques, the Caribbean phase of the maneuvers was ended and the troops embarked in transports for the assault on Onslow Beach.

More than 25,000 sailors and 17,000 Marines have taken part in the combined maneuver. In the attacking task force are 150 ships. The air opposition to the Onslow landing is being coordinated with submarine opposition at sea.

The maneuvers and amphibious landings are testing recently developed theories, especially the use of helicopters in amphibious operations; and polishing up old techniques of air-ground cooperation aimed at speeding up the whole sequence of amphibious landings and assaults.

Utilities Board Accountant Testifies at Telephone Hearing

The hearing on the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company's request for a $2,000,000 rate increase continued Wednesday as company attornies questioned V. L. Choate, utilities commission accountant.

W. T. Joyner, company attorney, interpreted Mr. Choate's testimony to mean that the company is not receiving a fair rate of return on its investment. I. Beverly Lake, assistant attorney general, interpreted the figures to mean that the company is earning enough to pay all expenses, taxes, fixed charges and dividends and still pile up a surplus.

Mr. Choate said that any conclusions based on figures which he cited would depend on how the figures are twisted. He suggested that he was being asked to multiply by oranges and then label the product plums.

The commission accountant took the stand Monday and then was brought back to the stand Wednesday morning after a one-day recess. Most of his time on the stand was spent in extensive calculations made at the request of Mr. Joyner.

Mr. Joyner tried to bring out that the accountant's figures, which have been the basis of commission decisions in the past, have been unsound and have placed too much emphasis on some points and not enough on others.

Mr. Choate said that his figures have been sound and explained that new calculations based on a five-month period ending Oct. 31 showed that the company, according to its own records, earned a 5.72 per cent return on its net investment.

He said that if "proper" adjustments were made, the average net investment would be reduced by $349,134 and the rate of return raised to 5.91 per cent.

When asked if the new calculations were fair to the company, Mr. Choate said that, if anything, they were heavily weighted in favor of the company.

When questioned about a recent wage increase, he admitted that no allowance had been made for its effects. He said that the company would need about $230,000 more per year to balance the increase.

Mr. Choate said, however, that the increase would be balanced by the increase in long-distance tolls which the company will receive under a new Bell system policy. He said that income tax savings would balance the rest of the increase.

The accountant contended that, on the basis of the company's experience in the five-month period, it would clear enough in 12 months to pay everything including its regular $8 per share dividend and add $89,879 to its surplus.

Mr. Joyner again cross-examined Mr. Choate on each point of the five-month figures. When the hearing recessed Wednesday afternoon, he had still more questions to ask the accountant. He asked Mr. Choate to prepare some more figures for Thursday morning's session of the hearing.

Mr. Choate was scheduled to be followed on the witness stand yesterday morning by Laurence Maddison of Scotland Neck, an accountant and rate expert hired by the various groups opposing the rate increase. In testimony Monday, Mr. Maddison said that he believed that the company should lower the dividends paid to stockholders. He said that, in his opinion, the stockholders are enjoying too much of a profit at the customers' expense.

The rate increase is being opposed by governmentaal, civic and business groups in the 46 eastern North Carolina cities and towns now served by the company.

Woman Fined $50 In Bus Accident

Rosemary King of Wilmington was fined $50 and costs Tuesday in county recorder's court after she entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failing to stop for a school bus while unloading and causing a personal injury.

The woman was arrested Friday afternoon after she struck a seven-year-old Newport boy when he left a school bus on US 70 west of Morehead City. The boy, Thomas C. Ramsey, was knocked about 25 feet by the impact and received facial cuts and minor bruises.

Alfred Douglas Renolds, 17, of Newport, driver of the school bus, testified that he had stopped at the side of the road to discharge passengers. He said that the stop sign on the side of the bus was out.

Renolds told the court that he saw the car driven by the woman as it approached from the direction of Morehead City. He said that the boy stepped out on the road as the car approached at a fairly high rate of speed. Renolds said that he saw the woman try to stop as the boy walked across the road.

He said that the woman's car finally stopped when it overturned about ten feet beyond the bus. He said that the boy had crossed the white line and was on the woman's side of the highway when he was struck.

The woman told Judge Lambert Morris that she had liability insurance and would take care of the boy's medical bills.

Utility Company Awards Contract

Construction on the extension of Beaufort's water lines for fire hydrants was started this week, George B. Stovall, district manager of the Carolina Power and Light company, reported.

The C. M. Heffelfinger company of Wilmington was awarded the contract for the extension of the fire lines out Front street and Ann street. The lines will service areas which have been annexed to the town.

Mr. Stovall said that the construction company has given no completion date on the work.

The Carolina Power and Light company has an agreement with the town of Beaufort to extend the fire hydrant water lines whenever new areas are added to the town.

Approximately 2,200 feet of pipe will be laid. Mr. Stovall said that the cost of the project has been estimated at about $10,000.

Beaufort Rotary Club To Elect New Officers

The Beaufort Rotary club will hold its election of officers at Tuesday's meeting, according to an announcement by President Glenn Adair. The elections, originally scheduled for this week's meeting, were postponed when not enough members were able to attend the meeting.

Most of the members were at the stunt night program at the Beaufort school, and the meeting was cut short. Guests at the meeting were G. T. Windell, Dr. D. J. Eure and Dr. S. W. Thompson, jr., all of the Morehead City club.

Bill to Outlaw Dog Tracks Introduced in Senate Tuesday; Mobley Says House Feeling Opposed

Court Clerk Appeals For Defense Workers

A. H. James, clerk of superior court, has issued an appeal for volunteer civil defense workers. He has also announced that he is seeking a civil defense director for the county. Mr. James said that there have been two directors since the civil defense program was set up in the county and that both have resigned.

Mr. James has asked anyone willing to take part in the program to contact him at the county court house in Beaufort. He said that it is vital that a working civil defense program be organized here and that workers are needed badly.

Churches Plan Union Service

All Morehead City churches will join in a union service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday night in the Morehead City school auditorium. The service, sponsored by the ministers association and the Morehead City Jaycees, is held at the school on the last Sunday of every month which contains five Sundays.

Speaker at the service will be Dean James Moudy, head of the department of religion at Atlantic Christian college, Wilson.

A native of Texas, Dean Moudy spent his early years in Washington, D. C., where he finished high school and worked for the Treasury department. He later returned to Texas to prepare for the ministry.

After graduation from Texas Christian university, he entered the Army as a chaplain. He served with hospital units in this country and with the infantry in the European theatre.

After leaving the Army, he completed his seminary training in Texas and served in various churches there. In 1950, he enrolled at Duke university where he has almost completed work for his PhD. He has been named a Kearns Fellow, Duke's highest award in the field of religion. He has been head of the department of religion at ACC since Feb. 1.

The combined junior choirs of the churches, under the direction of Ralph Wade, will provide music for the service, and members of the Jaycees will serve as ushers.

Money received in the collection will go to the ministers association for use in advancing the religious life of the community.

Cotton Acreage Reduction Urged

B. J. May, production marketing administrator for Carteret county, has announced that the Secretary of agriculture has urged all cotton growers to plant a smaller acreage this year than they did last year.

He said that the secretary cited the large production of cotton of the last two years as the reason for the suggested reduction in planting. He said that the production has supplied all cotton needed for domestic use and for export and has also built up a large reserve supply.

The secretary also reminded growers that exports of cotton have been dropping off for the last few years. He also warned that overproduction this year would depress prices and might also bring controls next year.

Mr. May said that the department of agriculture has suggested that growers plant five acres of cotton for exery six which they planted in 1952. He said that all agricultural agencies have been asked to cooperate in getting the information about the reduction to farmers.

The heavy production during the last two years was the result of a similar campaign to increase cotton acreage. The shortage of cotton was such that growers were asked to increase their planting in 1950 and 1951. The increase in planting resulted in the heavy production for which the department of agriculture is now trying to compensate.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Friday, March 27	
6:16 a.m.	12:13 a.m.
6:38 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
Saturday, March 28	
6:54 a.m.	12:54 a.m.
7:15 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
Sunday, March 29	
7:31 a.m.	1:33 a.m.
7:50 p.m.	1:43 p.m.
Monday, March 30	
8:06 a.m.	2:10 a.m.
8:24 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31	
8:39 a.m.	2:46 a.m.
8:56 p.m.	2:46 p.m.

Fisheries Tax, Fee Measure Is Still Under Discussion

Hearings before a sub-committee of the House Fisheries committee are still continuing on the proposed tax and fee measure for commercial fisheries.

At a hearing last Thursday, Clayton Fulcher, jr., a director of the North Carolina Fisheries association, presented the commercial fisheries case to the board. The association opposes the multiple tax character of the bill.

On the Wednesday afternoon prior to the Thursday meeting, the sub-committee struck from the revenue measure a proposed tax of five cents per 100 pounds on food fish and a $1 license fee for each eel or catfish pot or trap.

The fisheries association has defined its position as being opposed to the multiple tax characteristics of the bill, but not to the taxes themselves. The association argues that a simplified tax bill would save the fisheries money and simpify the enforcement problems of the commercial fisheries division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Last Thursday the committee adjourned its meeting after the fisheries association and fisheries division presented divergent sets of figures. The hearing was continued until yesterday morning.

The sub-committee has also removed from the bill a provision that a fish dealer must keep a record of the person or fisherman from whom each of the species of fish, mollusca, or crustaceans were purchased. The original bill also required that a fish dealer be ready to make a complete statement of these records to the commissioner of commercial fisheries whenever required and at least at the end of each month. This provision also was removed by the sub-committee.

The bill was prepared by the Conservation and Development board and introduced by Representative Russell Swindell.

During the last week the legislature also passed the Edwards bill which changes the general relationship of the commercial fisheries division to the Conservation and Development board. In the past the commissioner of commercial fisheries has been responsible to the chairman of the board, but under the new law he will be responsible to the director of the department as is now true of all other divisions of the Conservation and Development department.

There has been some discussion in the legislature of the appointment of a commissioner of fisheries at a salary of $9,000 to handle over-all details of the fisheries industry and letting the present enforcement duties of the commissioner be assigned to an assistant commissioner. This could be done without new legislation it was pointed out, since the development board has the power to appoint officials and set salaries with the approval of the budget bureau.

Port Authority Will Consider Tobacco Storage Construction

The State Ports Authority will consider the construction of warehouses to accommodate a minimum of 25,000 hogsheads of tobacco at the Morehead City port terminal, George W. Gillette, director of the authority, reported this week.

The construction recommendation will go to the authority at its meeting in Wilmington today. Included in the proposed project is the construction of similar storage space at the terminal in Wilmington.

The proposed multi - purpose warehouses would more than double the combined covered storage space at North Carolina's dual state-financed deep sea terminals, but Mr. Gillette said long term demands for the facility make the undertaking economically sound.

A resurvey last week by direction of the authority disclosed that tobacco exporters within the state would utilize at least one-half of the projected capacity for tobacco, while the federal government's tobacco export and domestic storage service would take all other space which could be made available, the director explained.

"On top of the demand of North Carolina export firms the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization corporation (U.S.) has indicated a need for between 25 and 30 thousands hogsheads at dockside by next fall," Mr. Gillette said. "These two sources of demand do not include the very substantial accounts of the foreign-owned export companies, one of which we are already serving at Wilmington."

The warehouses proposed would be constructed of wood, metal or concrete blocks of a much less expensive design than the original ultra modern terminal buildings at both ports. They would be constructed to handle such other commodities as sugar, imported cotton, textiles, cased goods, machinery and dry cargo.

Two warehouses at Morehead City, designed to accommodate 12,000 hogsheads of tobacco, are

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Bicycle Club Plans Parade

Highway Patrolman Bill Smith, chairman of the traffic safety committee of the Morehead City Jaycees, has announced that the bicycle safety club at the Morehead City school will hold a dress parade through the streets of Morehead City in May.

Prizes will be awarded to the owner of the bicycle with the most original decoration, the prettiest decoration and the most amusing decoration. The prizes will be awarded by the Jaycees from money provided by the town.

The town commissioners have agreed to turn over to the Jaycees half of the revenue derived from the sale of town bicycle license tags. All members of the club are required to have the tags on their bicycles.

The Jaycees are working with G. T. Windell, principal of the Morehead City school, to sponsor the club which promotes safety among school children who own bicycles.

Patrolman Smith reported that members' bicycles will be inspected next week on the vacant lot south of the town hall. Highway patrolmen and Morehead City police officers will conduct the inspections which will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Patrolman Smith said that all safety features will be checked, and bicycle owners will be tested on their knowledge of safety rules.

The safety inspection and examination on safe riding practices are among the requirements for membership in the bicycle club. Mr. Windell says that there are about 500 potential members of the club at the Morehead City school.

Business Firms Get Reduced Light Rates Starting April 1

The State Utilities commission this week granted permission to the Carolina Power and Light company to reduce its rate for small business firms and industries in the old Tidewater Power company territory.

Among the cities and areas affected will be Morehead City, Beaufort and Carteret county. The new reduction will take effect April 1 through a revision of the "general service" schedule of the utility company. This schedule is used in billing small business firms and industries.

Carolina Power and Light told the commission in its request that the changes would reduce storekeepers' light bills by an estimated $200,000 a year.

At the same time, the company arranged to continue for another year the incentive rate schedule provided for residential customers. The general effect of this will be to allow bonus current for customers who use more power in 1953 than they did during the previous 12 months.

Householders who use 69 kilowatt hours or more per month in the old Tidewater territory will get approximately the same rates as householders in the regular territory of the utility company.

Carolina Power and Light took over the Tidewater Power company last March. As a first step towards eliminating differences between its regular territories and the new one, the company cut all Tidewater schedules by an estimated $812,000 per year.

Since last April, power sales in the area have increased to the point that rate specialists now report the last April reductions will total close to $1 million for the year.

H. Earle Mobley, Carteret county's representative in the General Assembly, reported by telephone yesterday that in his opinion "the sentiment of the House is opposed to changing the present state law which allows pari-mutuel gambling."

On Tuesday Senator Hardy Talton and seven other senators introduced a bill which would outlaw pari-mutuel betting or any other device for betting on horses, dogs, "or any other kind of racing contest." This would stop racing at the Morehead City and Moyock dog tracks.

The bill was sent to the Propositions and Grievances committee of the Senate whose chairman, Adam J. Whitley of Johnston, is one of the signers of the bill. Mr. Mobley said that, while the bill might be passed by the Senate, he felt the House would be opposed to the measure.

"I think the majority of people in Carteret county are in favor of having the dog track and I'm doing my best to fight the bill which would outlaw the track," he declared.

Under the existing state law, each county has local option on legalizing pari-mutuel betting. Carteret and Currituck are the only counties which have dog tracks. The Morehead City track is on land which is owned by the town and leased by the operators of the track.

Mayor George W. Dill said that the Morehead City board of commissioners has not had a meeting to discuss the bill. He indicated that the board would study the situation before making its position known to the legislature.

"Many members of the House are disgusted at the manner in which the bill was introduced at this session," Mr. Mobley said. Other senators who signed the measure are Ray Chapman of Alexander, F. D. Long of Person, Terry Sanford of Cumberland, Cutlar Moore of Robeson, J. B. Thomas of Hoke and Robert F. Morgan of Cleveland.

Representative Ed. Johnson of Currituck has also announced that he will fight the measure. Pointing out that the 1949 General Assembly gave Currituck county the right to set up its track, he said, "if the local people want it we ought to be allowed to have it." The bill would mean "confiscation of property," he continued.

A public hearing on the bill will probably be held before the Senate committee. Mr. Mobley reported that he did not know to which committee of the House the measure might be assigned.

A bill authorizing the county to borrow $50,000 for improvements to county buildings and the county jail was introduced today by Mr. Mobley. County law enforcement authorities have described the existing jail as inadequate to "hold a criminal who really wants to get out." Mr. Mobley also introduced a measure which would automatically transfer any case in Beaufort recorder's court in which jury trial was requested to the county superior court.

Red Cross Drive Report Incomplete

With returns still coming in, the 1953 fund drive of the Beaufort chapter of the American Red Cross is still far short of its goal of $2,700. Returns to date show that the drive has netted about $1,100, according to Mrs. Duke Howard, drive chairman.

Mrs. Howard said that many workers have not yet made their reports and she hopes that final reports will show that the drive has reached its goal. She said that a public report will be made as soon as all returns are in.

The residential section of Beaufort has so far contributed $450.53 to the drive which began March 1. Rainy weather has hampered the fund workers and there are still some residents who have not yet been contacted. Workers are now contacting those whom they have missed and hope to increase the total when final reports are made.

Cedar Island has reported contributions of $41.25. Fund workers on the island are Mrs. Claude Harris, Mrs. Herbert Styron and Miss Glenda Daniels. Aleeze L. Smith of Gloucester, has reported contributions amounting to $32.20, and Mrs. Ethel Davis Styron collected $17.45 in Sea Level.

Mrs. Howard said that there are still some communities in the eastern part of the county which have not yet reported, and she urged them to make their returns as soon as possible. She also urged those who have not yet contributed to make their donations to the workers in their sections.

Newport Groups Hear RTA Plans

Residents of the Newport area heard explanations of the procedures to be followed in obtaining telephone service at three meetings this week. Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort chamber of commerce, spoke at meetings Monday night at W. G. Bell's store and Hester Quinn's store on the Nine-foot road and at one Wednesday night at Howard's garage in Newport.

Mr. Walker explained that it will be necessary to make a survey of the communities to determine how many people would be willing to join a telephone cooperative. The names will then be turned over to the RTA for formation of a cooperative.

Mr. Walker also said that no cooperative will be formed until the telephone company has been given a chance to provide service to those desiring it. In the event that the existing telephone company is unable to provide the service, a cooperative will then be formed. Mr. Walker emphasized that the chamber of commerce is willing to work with any group which will provide telephone service in the areas which do not now have such service.

The Beaufort chamber of commerce, through its utilities committee, is attempting to provide telephone service in those sections of Carteret, Onslow, Jones and Craven counties which do not have telephones.

Dr. W. L. Woodard, chairman of the committee, said that it is undertaking the project in the belief that providing telephones will be one step toward a better way of life for residents of this section of eastern North Carolina.

Those in the area may obtain application forms for telephones from Mrs. G. G. Bell and from Mrs. Alstine Rewinski at Hester Quinn's store.

The Newport meetings were arranged by Roy Beck of the soil conservation service.

Application Made For Dredging

The Fish Meal company of Beaufort has made application to dredge a channel in Bogue Sound off Twenty-third street in Morehead City, U. S. Army engineers announced this week.

According to the report the company plans a channel five feet deep at mean low water, 35 feet wide and extending approximately 850 feet out into the sound.

Plans showing the proposed dredging can be seen at the Wilmington office of the engineers corps and at the Morehead City post office.

Approximately 3,000 cubic yards of sand will be dredged and deposited on property belonging to the Fish Meal company east of the proposed channel.

Any person having objections to the channel from the standpoint of navigation or other objections should report to the engineers at 38 Customhouse, Wilmington. Objections will be received until April 22, 1953.

Jaycees Plan District Meeting

The Morehead City Jaycees made plans at Monday night's meeting for the eighth district quarterly board meeting which will be held in Morehead City April 18-19.

Dr. Russell Outlaw, chairman of the committee, reported that he has made arrangements for the 150-200 club members who will attend the meeting. He said that headquarters for the meeting will be at the Ocean King hotel, Atlantic Beach. All clubs in the eighth district will be represented at the meeting.

Jasper Bell, chairman of the religious activities committee, reported that plans have been completed for the union service to be held Sunday night in the school auditorium. The service is being sponsored by the Jaycees and the ministers association.

It was reported that grass seed had been planted at the site of the new football field and that the field would be harrowed and several large rocks removed this week.

The club was asked by the B&PW club to nominate a candidate for the Woman of the Year award. The club decided to accept nominations from the floor and then refer them to a committee which will pick the club's candidate for the award.