

Carteret Community Theatre Shows Above-Average Talent in First Play



Wayne King
... preacher's model son!



Ray Cummins
... Preacher Spence



Tressa Royal Vickers
... theatre director

The Carteret Community Theatre has put its best foot forward. The play, "One Foot in Heaven" of course, Thursday and Friday night audiences were shown that the newly-organized theatre group has talent in both its footlight and behind-scenes personnel.

Above-average amateur performance describes each member of the cast, but top honors go to Ray Cummins who played the part of the Rev. William H. Spence, the male lead; his son, Hartzell, played by Wayne King, and Dr. Romer, played by Carter Broad.

"One Foot in Heaven," by Hartzell Spence, is familiar to most Americans, having been shown on the screen with Frederic March in the role played by Mr. Cummins.

The story is of Mr. Spence's family. In addition to father, there is Hope, his wife, played by Joyce Willis; his daughter, Eileen, played by Edith Lewis, and a son Hartzell, played by Mr. King.

The setting is a small town in Iowa in 1910 where the Spence family goes when "Father" accepts a charge there. Father gets into hot water when he tries to smooth over troubles in the "war department" of the church (the choir), when he tries to promote Christian love regardless of race or creed and when he tries to keep the pillars of the church happy without compromising his principles.

The play is a hectic, heart-wringing story well portrayed by the Carteret-Community Theatre players.

Some of the pieces used in the stage setting were antiques that in themselves recalled fond memories to oldsters in the audience. Hat-rack, easel for portrait, old organ, candelabra and ornate picture frames, in addition to the costumes, lent the atmosphere of the early 1900's.

The director of the Carteret Community Theatre, Tressa Royal Vickers, has achieved outstanding success in production of other amateur performances in the county. Business manager for the theatre is Mrs. Wiley Taylor Jr. In charge of properties was Walt Hamilton who also played the part of Bishop Sherwood.

James Lucas was stage manager. Sammie Daniels was in charge of lighting, recorded music and sound effects were produced by Bill Norwood. Mrs. Carter Broad supervised make-up. In charge of scenery was Pete Mundorff. Prompters were Thomas Respass and Horace Loftin.

Pictures of the cast appeared in the playbill. In addition to those mentioned, the players were Sue Gibbs, Sue Lynch, Patsy Daniels, Floyd Stewart (who with Pat Webb was outstanding in the supporting cast), Jimmie Wheatley, Mrs. Ray Cummins, Sara Daniels, Ed Walston, H. F. Lindsay, Barbara Harris, and Maureen Downey.

The play was sponsored by the Carteret Girl Scout Council.—rip.

County Agent Reports On Challenge Meetings

Rural response to last week's Carteret County Challenge meetings was "favorable," R. M. Williams, county farm agent, reports.

During the meetings long range agriculture programs to be undertaken in the county were explained to farmers. Persons who attended expressed the opinion that the programs outlined would be profitable, Mr. Williams said.

The long-range programs will be explained to civic clubs in the county, also to the Carteret County Ministers Association Monday, Feb. 15.

Cooperative Livestock Association to Convene

The Cooperative Livestock and Marketing Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at New Bern to discuss plans for their annual meeting. Carteret County is in the five-county area covered by the association.

Attending the meeting from Carteret County will be R. M. Williams, county agent, Alvin C. Newsome, assistant county agent, and Thomas Oglesby, association director from Carteret County.

Morehead City Band Will Sponsor Third Performance

Sheriff Makes Trip to Arrest Alleged Car Thief

Sheriff Hugh Salter returned Thursday midnight from Morristown, Tenn., where he picked up Clarence T. Burris, Midway Park, who is charged with stealing an automobile owned by Charles Buckmaster of Swansboro.

Buckmaster, who is manager of the Riviera, a restaurant east of the White Oak River, accompanied the sheriff on the trip. They left by automobile at midnight Tuesday.

Buckmaster's car, a 1951 green convertible Oldsmobile, was stolen from in front of the Riviera the night of Jan. 17. It has not been recovered.

According to the information given Sheriff Salter, Burris, an Army veteran, took the car from the Riviera on a Sunday night, drove it to New Jersey, then south to Baltimore, Richmond, west to Pittsburgh and Cleveland and in Cleveland "pawned it for \$10" to a cafe operator.

The cafe operator told law officers that since he took it off the hands of the man identified as Burris, some people who were in his cafe stole it. All he knew, Sheriff Salter said, was that the people he claims took it were going to Akron.

Burris meanwhile, according to the sheriff, started the return trip to North Carolina and came down with flu at Morristown, Tenn.

There he allegedly admitted the details of his escapades and the Carteret County sheriff was notified.

Sheriff Salter said that Burris is docketed for preliminary hearing in County Recorder's Court today before Judge Lambert R. Morris.

Automobile Lands in Canal

A 1949 four-door Chevrolet took a curve too fast on the Merrimon Road Saturday night and landed in a canal.

Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. investigated and said that the driver has been charged with driving drunk and the owner of the car, Sgt. Oscar Elletts, Cherry Point, has been charged with driving drunk. No one was hurt, but they did get wet, said the patrolman.

The name of the driver at the time of the accident had not been supplied the highway patrolman by press time yesterday. Sergeant Elletts has been arrested on a drunk-driving charge because, the patrolman said, Elletts told him that he had been driving prior to the time the other driver took over.

Damage to the car, which was towed to Sound Chevrolet Co., Morehead City, was estimated at \$400.

Firemen Answer Call
The Morehead City fire department put out a grass fire Friday afternoon about 2:30 north of the new REA building near the west limits of the town.

Tide Table

HIGH	Tuesday, Feb. 9	LOW
12:16 a.m.	6:44 a.m.	
12:26 p.m.	6:52 p.m.	
	Wednesday, Feb. 10	
1:17 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	
1:37 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	
	Thursday, Feb. 11	
2:24 a.m.	9:02 a.m.	
2:45 p.m.	9:04 p.m.	
	Friday, Feb. 12	
3:35 a.m.	10:13 a.m.	
3:57 p.m.	10:15 p.m.	

Alleged Killer Returns Saturday To New Bern

Carteret Records Show John F. Tuttle Jr. Bought Land Here

John Frank Tuttle Jr., whose skull-crushing blows transformed a Fort Eustis, Va., buddy, Noah Auburn Hopkins, into the battered and bloody "Corpse of Croatan" on Dec. 12, revisited New Bern Saturday afternoon.

Private Tuttle, enroute to New Bern from Ft. Eustis, Va., where he waived extradition, stopped at the scene of the bludgeoning with Craven County Sheriff Charlie Berry and H. V. Collins, civilian investigator from Cherry Point.

The roadside park, where Hopkins was allegedly slain, is located 15 miles north of New Bern on U. S. Highway 17.

Officers said Tuttle did not deviate from his confession which he made earlier. He maintained that Hopkins hit him first from the back seat of the automobile as they near Tuttle's home at Havelock where they were going for a visit. Tuttle had met Hopkins in Norfolk, Va.

Tuttle confessed Thursday that he killed Hopkins, 25, of Paulding County, Ga., during a fight, stripped the body of clothing and hid the corpse in the woods.

He admitted driving a car containing the body of his slain friend through crowds of Christmas shoppers in New Bern the busy Saturday night to dispose of the body in the lonely forest near Cherry Point. The body, badly decomposed, was found Jan. 18 and was identified by fingerprints as that of Hopkins, who had been listed as AWOL from Ft. Eustis.

Tuttle told authorities he does not remember what was used to bludgeon Hopkins to death. The death weapon has not been found.

Tuttle, 26, married a Havelock school teacher at Christmas time, after the murder.

Preliminary plans are for a hearing on charges of murder in Craven Superior Court this week.

According to records in the register of deeds office, Beaufort, land in Carteret County on the Freshpond Road north of Newport, was sold to Tuttle and his bride and the deed recorded in the Carteret courthouse the last week of January.

Carteret Gets First Snowfall

Carteret County had its first official snow flurry of 1954 between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, reports Stacey Davis, weather observer in Morehead City.

The snowfall lasted about five minutes. The highest point reached by the thermometer Sunday was 51.

During the past week the thermometer has been hovering in the 50's during the day and fell to 35 Saturday night.

Temperature readings follow:

	Max	Min.
Wednesday	58	49
Thursday	56	40
Friday	52	37
Saturday	58	35
Sunday	51	38

Havelock Man Missing
Al Shrubar, owner and operator of the Hobby Shop, Havelock, has been reported missing since a week ago Friday. County and state law enforcement officers have been notified.

Alarm Sounds During Meeting Of Firemen

A fire alarm interrupted the meeting of the Beaufort Fire Department Thursday night. Gerald Woolard, secretary, read out about two sentences of the record of last meeting when the alarm went in.

A boat by William Way's fish house, Front street, was on fire. The alarm was turned in at box 17 by Ray Ransom, Beaufort.

The fire was put out. Only slight damage had occurred and the firemen re-assembled at the fire station. They voted to enter the "wooden lung" they hope to buy as a project in the "Finer Carolina" contest. The apparatus, similar to an iron lung, can be used for emergency treatment of polio or heart disease.

The department made tentative plans to raise money by sponsoring a field day or some other type of sports event.

J. P. Harris, fire commissioner, explained that the town has authorized purchase of insurance to cover all fire truck drivers, in accordance with the state's new insurance responsibility law. He also reported on the demonstration of the new rural fire truck and said that directors of the Beaufort Rural Fire Association were pleased with its performance.

Firemen drew chances on a small TV set owned by the fire department and it was won by Robert Thompson. A new antenna for the larger TV set owned by the department has been donated by Bob Slater and William Ippock of the Machine and Supply Co., Beaufort.

William Longest Jr., assistant fire chief, presided in the absence of the chief, Charles Harrell. Mayor Clifford Lewis was a visitor.

Captain Gives Tips on How To 'Watch' Prevent Fires

By C. A. GOULD, CAPTAIN Newport Fire Department.

Everyone is fascinated by fire. Young and old will watch a fire for hours. Logs burning in the fireplace are relaxing and enjoyable to watch.

But out of control, fire is one's most destructive enemy. Fire is the major cause of property loss and damage in the United States.

Fire department members have volunteered to aid in combating this enemy. They are trained to fight fires, and know how to use fire fighting equipment to best advantage. The firemen are not paid to fight fires. They are members of the fire department because they have the welfare of their community at heart. They place that above all else.

Firemen are your best friends. They answer a call day or night regardless of time or weather. In any emergency you will find firemen on the scene ready to give aid. Everybody can give the fire-

men full cooperation by following these simple rules:

- #### How To Act at a Fire
1. You are welcome to attend fires, but park your cars at least 100 feet from the fire or fire truck.
 2. Do not block the street. Park all cars off the street. This will give fire trucks room to reach the fire and leave.
 3. Non-firemen should give the firemen the right of way going to a fire by not following too closely behind the fire trucks.
 4. When firemen arrive at the scene of a fire give them room to work. Do not interfere by giving advice or instructions. Such interference will hamper and delay firemen in extinguishing blazes.
 5. Be ready to help should you be called on and follow instructions.
 6. Know the fire department telephone number and keep it handy.
 7. If you call the fire department, see FIRE RULES, Page 5

Two Morehead City Men Hurt Seriously in Thursday Crash



Mayor Clifford Lewis, Beaufort, left, accepts the title to the Beaufort Rural Fire Association tank truck. Handing him the paper is Leslie D. Springle, chairman of the Beaufort Rural Fire Association, and J. P. Harris, fire commissioner. The town of Beaufort will act as trustee of the fire equipment.

Two Morehead City men, John Riggs, 302 N. 24th St., and Kenneth Allen, 312 Bridges St., were seriously injured at 7 o'clock Thursday night when the car in which they were riding turned over several times on highway 70 east of Beaufort.

Both are in the Morehead City Hospital. Riggs has a fractured hip and shoulder blade. Allen has a compound fracture of the left leg, broken right hip, punctured lung and fractured ribs.

Dr. M. B. Morey, their doctor, said their condition yesterday was satisfactory considering the extensive injuries. They were also injured internally.

Driver Arrested
The car in which they were riding, a 1950 Buick, was being driven by Howard Neil Grossnickle, 107 N. 10th St., Morehead City. Grossnickle, who has been charged with driving drunk and exceeding the speed limit, was not injured. The car, which was demolished, was owned by Allen.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes said the accident occurred four miles east of Beaufort on a slight curve beyond the Gibbs farm. The automobile was proceeding east.

Car Leaves Road
The car went off the road on the right, followed the ditch, returned to the hard surface, turned over two and a half times, went off the left and came to a stop in a field. The distance covered from the time it first left the road was 515 feet.

Patrolman Sykes said Allen and Riggs were thrown from the car. They were taken to the hospital in the Dill Funeral Home ambulance.

Grossnickle, Allen and Riggs are civilian workers at Cherry Point.

Truck Fights Rural Fires

An old house was set afire Wednesday several miles north of Beaufort on highway 101 to show how the new Rural Fire Association truck is used in fighting out-of-town fires. Here the firemen run with the hoses to play water on the blaze. The demonstration was termed very successful.

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County Agent Comments On Newport Farm Activity

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Burglar Enters Fred's Barbecue

Fred's Barbecue, Live Oak street, Beaufort, was entered sometime Friday night and about \$3 to \$4 in cash was taken from the cash register.

Fred Norris, owner and manager of the barbecue, said that nothing else seemed to be missing.

Officer Maxwell Wade said that entry was gained by the person reaching through a broken window on the north side of the building and pulling out a nail that held the lower part of the window down. The window was then released.

The burglar evidently left by the same way he entered. He failed to take all the money in the cash register. A few pennies remained in the drawer.

Health Department Releases Pre-School Clinic Dates

Carteret County Health Department pre-school clinic schedules for February and March, released by Dr. F. E. Hyde, county health officer, are as follows: 12:30 p.m. today, Merrimon; 1:30 p.m. today, North River; 1 p.m. tomorrow, Atlantic; 12:30 p.m. Thursday Salter Path.

At 12:30 p.m. Feb. 16, Harkers Island; 12:30 p.m. Feb. 18, Queen Street; 12:30 p.m. Feb. 23, Smyrna; and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 25, Camp Glenn.

Clinics in March will be 12:30 p.m. March 2, W. S. King; 12:30 p.m. March 3, Newport; 12:30 p.m. March 4, Stella; 12:30 p.m. March 10, Beaufort; and 12:30 p.m. March 17, Morehead City.

Mrs. George Hemrick Dies Suddenly Sunday

Mrs. Margaret Guania Hemrick, 32, wife of the Rev. George Ray Hemrick, pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness Free Grace Tabernacle of Harkers Island, died suddenly at 1 o'clock Sunday morning at her home.

Coroner Leslie Springle found that Mrs. Hemrick, a diabetic, died of natural causes.

The family left Sunday afternoon for Statesville where the funeral will be held.

Surviving Mrs. Hemrick are her husband and four children, age 2, 3, 5, and 8.

March of Dimes Campaign Fund Rises to \$7,830

March of Dimes collections had mounted to \$7,830 by 3 p.m. yesterday.

Coin collectors have not yet been turned in from Salter Path, Beaufort Negro community, Roe, Wire Grass, Gloucester or Atlantic Beach. If they can not be taken to Mrs. C. L. Beam at the courthouse, Beaufort, they may be left at THE NEWS-TIMES office, Morehead City.

Contributions:

Special Events	Amount
Newport Baby Contest	104.00
Beaufort Parking Meters	51.95
Morehead City Meters	91.70
Sanitary Fish Market Coffee Money	21.11
Broadway Cafe Coffee	
Money, Morehead	8.40
Persuading Five Concert	13.30
Community Dramatic Club	
Morehead City	12.00
Taylor's Community Hall, Harlowe and Bachelor	166.35
Block of Dimes, Morehead City	215.28
Beaufort Road Block	61.13
Morehead City Road Block	93.18
Beaufort Block of Dimes	193.71
Teen-Age Dance	60.55
Morehead City Block of Dimes	217.28
Radio Program	1,088.45

Marine Council OKs Constitution

At a recent meeting of the North Carolina Coastal Marine Council, constitution and by-laws were adopted. The constitution and by-laws were presented by Dan Walker, Beaufort, at the session held in Washington, N. C.

The council was organized by residents of the coast to "plan orderly commercial, industrial and recreational development of the intracoastal and navigable inland waterways of the State of North Carolina."

Twenty-five counties are represented in the organization. They are divided into districts as follows: district 1: Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan and Gates; district 2: Beaufort, Pitt, Martin, Bertie, Hertford, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde; district 3: Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Jones and Onslow; district 4: Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick; district 5: Cumberland and Bladen.

Council members may be individuals, firms, civic organizations, town or county governments.

Serving on the temporary board of directors from this section are A. T. Leary, Beaufort; Stanley Woodland, Morehead City; Stanley Wahab, Ocracoke, and Clayton Fulcher, Atlantic. Temporary officers are James Hackney, Washington and Axton Smith, Belhaven, co-chairmen; and George Arrington, New Bern, secretary-treasurer.

Two Cars Tangle On Highway 70

Two cars bumped together at 4:30 Friday afternoon a mile west of Newport on highway 70.

As a result of the accident Julius P. Setnick, Cherry Point, has been charged with driving on the wrong side of the road, causing a wreck.

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said that Setnick, in a 1939 Plymouth, was going toward Newport when he ran into a 1950 Buick headed toward Cherry Point. The Buick was driven by Charles Lewis, Amas, Cherry Point.

The patrolman said Setnick told him he must have fallen asleep.

The left front of the Plymouth caught the left rear of the Buick. No one was hurt.

Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$150 and damage to the Buick \$100.

Grass Catches Fire

A grass fire in Hancock Park Tuesday at 1:50 p.m. required the services of the Beaufort Fire Department. No damage was caused. The fire was extinguished by use of the booster tank.

Keep your auto lights in good condition

Last year 1,402 Tar Heel motorists were convicted for operating vehicles with improper lights.