

Officers Close In Monday On Speeding 'ABC Officer'

Joshua Wynne, self-styled ABC officer of Craven County, was arrested Tuesday in County Court. Wynne, a Craven County constable at Havelock, was charged with speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Wynne, who claimed he is an ABC officer, but could show no credentials to prove it, was cited Monday night by State Highway Patrolman P. M. Herring and J. T. Jones of Craven County.

His months on the roads was suspended on payment of \$100. He was also told not to drive in North Carolina for one year.

Herring and Jones first spotted Wynne speeding on Highway 101 near North Harlowes. They gave chase, but lost him near the Cherry Point Marine Air Base entrance.

Wynne was arrested at the intersection of highways 70 and 101 near the bridge. Wynne again tried to flee. Wynne turned down Highway 70 toward Tradewinds and the chase was on.

The patrolmen testified that Wynne was hitting 80 miles an hour at this point. The chase continued on the Camp Bryan Road with Wynne hitting speeds in excess of 100 miles an hour on the straightaways, the patrolmen said.

The chase continued on the Nine-Foot Road into Carteret County. Carteret Patrolmen W. E. Pickard and J. E. Sykes were radioed and the company of Sheriff Hugh Salter, started from the east to intercept Wynne.

Both patrol cars came upon Wynne in the vicinity of Stella where Patrolman Jones of New Bern had stopped him.

Patrolmen told the court that Wynne was in pursuit of a bootlegger whom he had lost on the Nine-Foot Road.

Car Described

After an examination of Wynne's car, a 1950 Ford business coupe, the patrolmen told the court that it was powered with a Chrysler V-8 engine with dual exhausts, and a hand-operated fuel pump. These attachments "soup" up a motor, they said.

There also was a switch for a siren and a cut off the tail lights, they testified. The rear seat and partition between the seat and the trunk had been removed, they reported. (Cars used to run illegal liquor frequently are altered in that way, officers say, to enable carrying a sizeable cargo.)

Wynne told the court that he was an ABC officer in pursuit of a bootlegger, but he refused to divulge the name of the alleged bootlegger. He stated that he had chased the man three times before.

He confirmed most statements made by the patrolmen, but denied going over 100 miles an hour. He said it was impossible to hit that kind of speed on the roads travelled. He stated that he was going about 85 or 90.

He also denied that he knew he was being chased. He said he saw no red blinker-lights nor heard a siren. Officers came back on the stand to say that red lights were on and that Wynne asked if they were "helping him" when they caught up with him.

Wynne said that he stopped Patrolman Jones to ask the patrolman if he had seen another car pass that way. He said the patrolman did not stop him.

Judge Morris passed judgment telling Wynne that he was not to drive in North Carolina for two years, but later reduced it to one year.

Thieves Enter Jack's Place

Cigarette lighters and \$20 in cash were stolen from Jack's Place, Lennoxville Road, Beaufort, between 11 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said the place, owned and operated by Jack Chadwick, was entered by raising a window. The cash was the change in the open cash register.

The juke box and shuffle board machine were also rifled but the gain was small because the machines had been emptied Wednesday, Mr. Chadwick told the sheriff.

Investigating the burglary were the sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue.

Shrine Club Plans Dinner At Inlet Inn July 9

The entertainment committee of the Carteret County Shrine Club met Tuesday night at the apartment of Nick L. Walker, president, and made arrangements for a dinner meeting at the Inlet Inn, Beaufort, Friday evening, July 9, at 7:30.

Sudan members and all visiting Shriners are invited.

Mayor Asks Folks To Water Trees

Mayor C. T. Lewis, Beaufort, made a special appeal to Ann Street residents this week to water the maple trees which the town set out several months ago.

It is impossible for the town crew to do all the necessary watering, and cooperation of residents in front of whose homes the trees are planted would be greatly appreciated, the mayor said.

If the trees are not watered, they'll die and the loss will represent a several hundred dollars investment. He also asked homeowners to cut the grass plot between the sidewalk and curb.

Because Ann Street is the main highway through town, its appearance gives the visitor his first impression of the town, the mayor added, and for that reason town officials would like it to look neat and attractive.

Planting of the trees is a phase of the town's beautification project in conjunction with the Finer Carolina contest.

Court Clerks' Session Enters Third Day Today

Nathan Garner Heads Newport Rotary Club

Nathan H. Garner was installed Monday as president of the Newport Rotary Club at an anniversary meeting and ladies night in St. James Methodist educational building, Newport.

Other officers installed were Walter D. Roberts, vice-president; Charles H. Locke, secretary-treasurer; and directors Henry Edwards and Coy Wallace.

Harvey L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, installed officers and introduced C. V. "Buck" Rogers, New Bern, the speaker.

Mr. Garner succeeds Aaron R. Craig, past president, who was toastmaster Monday. After the Rotary Club song, the invocation was given by the Rev. J. Herbert Waldrop Jr., pastor of St. James Church.

Mr. Garner welcomed Rotarians' wives and guests. Mrs. Robert Montague gave the response on behalf of the Rotary-Anns. Anniversary remarks were made by Edgar Hibbs, Newport mayor.

Before the program got under way, Rotarians and their wives were served a turkey dinner by the Gerie Howard Circle, Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The meal consisted of tomato juice, roast turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, string beans, potato salad, cranberry sauce, stuffed celery, hot rolls, iced tea, ice cream and cake.

Special guests were Mr. Rogers, New Bern; Charlie Berry, Craven County sheriff; James A. Stuts, Craven County probation officer; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mitchell, Morehead City; and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pruitt, Newport.

Visitors were recognized by C. Monroe Garner. Following Mr. Rogers' address, the officers were installed. The banquet closed with the singing of Good Night Ladies.

Police Launch Safety Program

To promote bicycle safety, the Morehead City police department in cooperation with Morehead City Jaycees has undertaken a new program with the theme, "Keep America of Tomorrow Alive Today."

Designed to keep child bike riders safe from injury on the streets, the program calls for officers stopping cyclists when they are seen violating a traffic law. They will point out to them their error, take the youngster's name and address and his parents' names. The child will also be given a folder entitled "Bicycle Behavior."

Then the parents will be written a letter by the police department. They will inform the parents what traffic violation the youngster committed. Enclosed will be a pamphlet similar to the one given to the child.

Supervising the program for the Jaycees is Marion Mills. The Highway Patrol is also cooperating in the program, according to T. Gates Matthews of the safety division, State Motor Vehicles Department.

Port Calendar

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Gulf-Atlantic Transport Barge—Scheduled to dock at the Esso Terminal today, coming from Charleston loaded with asphalt.

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Commissioners Confer with Water Firm President

W. Frederick Spence, president of the newly-formed Carolina Water Co., which has taken over operation of the town water systems in Beaufort, Morehead City and Snow Hill, met with the Beaufort Town Board in special session Tuesday morning at the town hall.

Mr. Spence and Homer A. Severne, vice-president of Carolina Water Co. were in the county Tuesday preparatory to closing the transaction transferring the water properties from Carolina Power and Light Co. to the water company.

The special board meeting was called by Mayor C. T. Lewis to acquaint the board with the policies of the Carolina Water Co., as explained by Mr. Spence.

The water company president, a

Carteret Offers Lively Schedule Of Events for Holiday Weekend

Two Men Draw Suspended Terms In Assault Case

Plaintiff Wins Suit Against Three Who Try To Take Over Store

Suspended sentences were given Bernard L. Leshner and Paul E. Burdette Tuesday in County Recorder's Court by Judge Lambert R. Morris.

Leshner was given three months on the roads, to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and three years good behavior. He was charged with aiding and abetting in an assault on a minor female.

Burdette was sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs, and three years good behavior. He was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Both warrants were amended by the state to forcible trespass, to which both men pleaded guilty.

Mable Horton, Crab Point, was judged operator and owner of a drink stand in the absence of her husband, Harrison Horton. Defendants Julia Maria Hester, Racheal and Ellen Johnson were told by Judge Morris to refrain from molesting the Horton woman.

She brought charges of trespass, destroying property and disturbing the peace against the defendants when they allegedly took over the drink stand operated by Horton when he left town recently.

His wife testified that the building was owned by her husband and it is located on property owned by her husband's brother, Dave.

She said that Harrison left Saturday and the defendants "moved in" Sunday.

Defendants claimed they had permission, by note, from Harrison, to operate the stand during his absence. This was denied by the plaintiff.

Since the defendants claimed to have investments in the stand and the ground was not owned by Harrison, they said they had as much right to the proceeds as his wife, but the judge didn't see it that way. He ruled in favor of Mable Horton.

Case Dismissed

The case of non-support brought against Walter Joyner by his wife, Narzella Joyner, was dismissed. Mrs. Joyner told the court that Joyner gave her money every week, but she wanted half of the \$300 Joyner got for sale of a piece of property recently.

Judge Morris said that the problem was not a matter for the court, but something to be thrashed out at home.

Lloyd P. Voyles and Richard L. Armstrong appealed the \$50 fines and costs levied by Judge Morris after they were found guilty of interfering with an officer in his line of duty. Their bonds for appearance in Superior Court were set at \$100.

George Smith, chief of police, Atlantic Beach, brought charges against Armstrong and Voyles who, he said, attempted to take George McCarthy out of his custody.

McCarthy was charged with resisting arrest and assaulting Murphy Jenkins. McCarthy was tried last week.

Armstrong and Voyles did not take the witness stand. Another person, Edward J. Simon, was charged with drunk driving in connection with McCarthy's arrest. He was found guilty and ordered to pay \$125 and costs. He appealed and his bond was set at \$150.

Simon went to Beaufort to attempt to get Armstrongs, Voyles, and McCarthy out of jail. According to testimony, he was told to

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Howdy, Cap'n



Uncle Bill McKnight who describes himself as a seafaring man, drifted into Atlantic Beach recently to spend a little time... "sort of vacation" he said. Having been all over the world as a commercial fisherman, he can sit in the shade and spin a yarn with the best of them.

Quick Coast Guard Action Saves Swimmer at Point

Richard Garner, 24, Newport, was rescued from the rough waters off the jetty at Fort Macon point, at 4:40 Tuesday afternoon by Coast Guardsmen in a motor life boat.

Lloyd Brown, BM2, coxswain of the Coast Guard boat, said "He would have been gone if we had been one minute later."

He added, "He must have been a strong swimmer because if he wasn't, he wouldn't have stayed up as long as he did."

According to Brown, Garner had not intended on going swimming but decided to go in to rinse some sand off.

The tide swept him out. He was spotted by an unidentified man who ran to the Coast Guard Station at Fort Macon and reported the incident.

The Coast Guard immediately dispatched Brown and his crew.

Brown said that when they got to Garner they threw him a life ring but he went under before he could get it.

When Garner came up again he was close enough to the boat for the crew to reach out and grab him and pull him aboard.

Brown said when Garner was pulled aboard he was so weak he couldn't move. He was given artificial respiration on the way in, but according to Brown, he had taken in very little water.

An ambulance took Garner to the Morehead City hospital. He stayed there for about two hours and then went home.

T. M. Thomas Dies Yesterday

Thomas Murray Thomas Jr., former mayor of Beaufort and former sheriff of Carteret County, died yesterday morning between 6:30 and 7 o'clock at his home, 215 Front St., Beaufort.

Mr. Thomas, who was 70 years old, had been in poor health for several years. He was sheriff of the county prior to the first World War. He held the post of deputy sheriff for 15 years and was town clerk of Beaufort for 17 years.

He left the town office in 1947 and was succeeded by the late William Hatsell. He then served as assistant ABC officer in the county until his health necessitated his retirement about two years ago.

Mr. Thomas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Thomas of Beaufort, is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Cheek of Beaufort with whom he lived; Mrs. C. R. Swearingen of Smithfield; two sisters, Mrs. C. S. Maxwell, Miss Laura Thomas, both of Beaufort; and three brothers, Jerry of Suffolk, Phillip and Charles of Beaufort.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete yesterday, pending the arrival of relatives from Rhode Island.

Automobile Catches Fire At Causeway Gas Station

A 1949 Ford caught fire at the McKay Service Station on the Beaufort side of the Morehead City-Beaufort bridge Wednesday morning at 11:15 but little damage was done, according to Morehead City fire department Chief E. L. Nelson.

The owner, W. Z. Jackson, of the causeway, was flushing out the radiator when a spark from the motor started the blaze, the chief said. The Morehead City fire department was called and a truck dispatched but the blaze was under control when the truck arrived.

Mrs. Rosa McKay yesterday expressed her appreciation to the fire department for their prompt answering of the call.

Tide Table		
Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, July 2	LOW
9:26 a.m.		3:27 a.m.
9:45 p.m.		3:33 p.m.
Saturday, July 3		
10:13 a.m.		4:11 a.m.
10:28 p.m.		4:22 p.m.
Sunday, July 4		
10:50 a.m.		4:53 a.m.
11:11 p.m.		5:11 p.m.
Monday, July 5		
11:45 a.m.		5:35 a.m.
11:54 p.m.		6:01 p.m.
Tuesday, July 6		
		6:16 a.m.
		6:52 p.m.

Here's What to Do, Where To Go over Fourth

Carteret County and the surrounding area has been busy all week preparing for an expected record-breaking crowd of tourists over the July 4 weekend.

Up-staters are expected to swarm over the county by the thousands, seeking sun, sand, sea, and relaxation. And the county is ready for them. All of the natural background is waiting, along with commercial amusements and specially planned events.

Faulty Insulator Causes Power Trouble Here

A faulty insulator on the Navy high tension line between Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune affected the power flow in four counties, Carteret, Craven, Pamlico and Beaufort, Monday night. Carteret weathered the trouble until 6:44 a.m. Tuesday when Cherry Point, unable to carry the heavier daylight load had to drop Beaufort.

The power there was off until 8:11 a.m.

At 2 a.m. Tuesday it was thought that the trouble had been corrected, according to George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light Co. here. But trouble showed up later and the cause was not found until a helicopter from Cherry Point took off at dawn and inspected the line.

The faulty insulator was located 12 miles west of Croatan and repair crews were sent down by helicopter. The insulator was replaced and power restored to normal shortly after 8 a.m.

The line affected was the 110,000 volt line between the two Marine bases.

Mr. Stovall gave credit to the Navy for handling the job extremely well and for maintaining the flow of power into Carteret County.

Lightning Hits Ransom Home

Three thousand dollars damage was caused shortly before midnight Sunday when lightning struck the home of Ray Ransom, highway 101, Beaufort.

No fire resulted but all the electrical appliances in the house, including the television set and several lamps were knocked out. Mr. Ransom said. The loss is covered by insurance.

He and his wife and children were startled out of their sleep by "the house falling down around us," Mr. Ransom reported. Boxing at the back of the house was blown off, several rafters knocked loose, a corner of the foundation knocked out, sheet rock was blasted loose in two bedrooms and the outside glass in a dual-paned large glass window shattered. The inside glass was left intact.

Lightning struck the front window and then ran up the lightning arrester on the TV set. Among the electrical appliances ruined were the clock, radio and automatic washing machine.

The lightning was part of the electrical storm which hit this area Sunday night. The flash that blasted the Ransom home hit at about 11:40, Mr. Ransom said.

Robert Smith, who lives on the West Beaufort Road, said his children were badly frightened by the terrific crack that accompanied the flash and that the Roy Lanes, Highland Park, were also wakened.

Chamber Officials to Meet Tuesday at Harkers Lodge

The Sea Level Community Chamber of Commerce board of directors, advisory council and committee chairmen will meet at Harkers Lodge, Harkers Island, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The mosquito control project of the chamber will be discussed, announces Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber. The All-Seashore Highway and publication of a pictorial folder on the down east communities will also be discussed.

Mr. DuBois reports that Cedar Island, Atlantic and Sea Level have already put mosquito control machines in operation while Harkers Island, Stacy and Beaufort are preparing machines.

He pointed out that mosquito control is a chamber of commerce project. Chemicals are available to member communities (not individuals) after the communities have had their equipment approved by the members of the mosquito control committee.

Car Compartment Pried Open; \$58 Stolen

Fifty-eight dollars was stolen from the glove compartment of a convertible Wednesday afternoon at Fort Macon State Park. The money belonged to William H. Peterson, Knoxville, Tenn., and his brother, Earl H. Peterson, New Bern.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said the two went swimming and locked their billfolds in the compartment. The top of the convertible, a '53 Lincoln, was down. The compartment was pried open sometime between 3 and 6 p.m., the sheriff said.

Assisting in the investigation was Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell.