

# JOURNAL

## Craven and Lenoir ABC Officers Get Hot With Pitt and District ATU Cops

Last week daily papers in Eastern Carolina carried one side of an issue that had arisen between Alcohol Tax Unit officers from New Bern and ABC officers from Pitt County who were at loggerheads with ABC officers of Craven and Lenoir Counties.

This version quoted Pitt County ABC officers as saying they went with New Bern ATU officers to blow up a still near the Craven-Lenoir County line between Fort Barnwell and Dover. These Pitt County sources were further quoted as saying that they had the bootleg whisky situation so well in hand in Pitt County that they had merely gone out to lend a helping hand in adjoining counties, where officers were not doing such a good job.

This was not only a dangerous stretching of the true facts involved in this argument, but left unsaid the really pertinent aspects which caused the friction between the groups of officers involved.

The documented truth, which is on file in the offices of the Lenoir County ABC board, is not only broader, but actually indicates that after such hasty and ill-advised state-wide publicity the ABC officers from Pitt County have realized their mistake.

Actually the sparks began to fly over a situation that started last Thursday. Craven County Deputy J. H. Griffin of Dover notified Lenoir County ABC officers that he thought there was a still in the Dover section, just inside the Lenoir County line. Investigation revealed Griffin's tip (Continued page 3)

### Bright Belt Market Opening To Be 23rd

The opening of the New Bright Belt sales season remains fixed at August 23rd following a meeting of the sales committee of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association Tuesday in Raleigh. The committee met for the earlier scheduled purpose of reviewing the tobacco sales and housing situation at this time, with a possible change in opening dates, but it found, however, that the August 23rd meeting was in the best interest of the farmers, the buying companies and the 17 markets in the New Bright Belt.

### Richard Earl Barber To Attend 4-H Meet

According to a report received from Mrs. Idell J. Randell, Asst. 4-H Club Specialist of A. & T. College in Greensboro, Richard Earl Barber of Trenton, route two, a senior 4-H club member from Trenton High School has been selected by the State 4-H committee of A. & T. College to attend the 8th Annual Regional 4-H Camp to be held at Howard University in Washington, D. C. on August 15-22, 1955.

Richard has been an outstanding 4-H member and has done an excellent job in conducting his projects. Also he has proven his leadership ability by helping to promote 4-H activities.

The various county and community organizations are helping to defray this club member's expenses to this 4-H regional camp.

## Jones and Lenoir County Schools Retaining Segregation in 55-56

School officials in Jones and Lenoir counties have voiced the intent to continue school as in the past on a segregated basis during the current school term. This is in keeping with the advice of the governor's committee on this difficult problem, but many officials in the three systems in the two counties anonymously express the view that petitions will be filed asking that negro children be admitted to white schools.

This week all officials who were contacted expressed complete agreement with Governor Hodge's speech of Monday night in which he urged very strongly that negroes of the state support a voluntary continuation of segregation in the state's schools.

But a majority of these same officials were certain in their belief that the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People would not permit the negroes to engage in any such program, even if 100 per cent of them wished to do so.

One official said that about the most good that Hodge's speech did was to "put the monkey on the back of the NAACP". He explained that the Governor had succeeded in letting the public know, without equivocation that the future of public schools depended entirely upon a voluntary system of segregation. By this the governor placed the entire burden for the closing of public schools on the back of the NAACP.

So far no petition has been filed in either county, asking for entry of negro children into presently white schools, but officials in both counties were almost unanimous in their belief that such petitions would be forthcoming, and likely during the coming school term.

## Heavy Fire Damage Tuesday Night in Pair of Lenoir Blazes

Damage that will run well into the thousands of dollars resulted from two fires, both of undetermined origin, that Tuesday night completely razed Robert Sutton's store at Falling Creek and Standard Drug Store No. 1 at the corner of Queen and North Streets in Kinston.

The first of the calls came at 10:20 to the Sutton establishment just west of the Falling Creek bridge. The building was completely enveloped in flames when Kinston firemen arrived and all they could do was stand by to protect adjacent properties.

The second call of the night came at about 3:30 when Police Captain Wilbur Mazingo discovered smoke billowing out of a storage room window on the second floor of Standard Drug Store No. 1.

Firemen were stopped temporarily in fighting the fire by tremendous quantities of smoke. Later gas mask equipment permitted them to reach the worst area of the fire and begin pouring several thousand gallons of water into the building, which belongs to Mrs. Laville Haddad, and is leased by Henry Sudreth, owner of the Standard Drug Stores.

Principal damage to the lower portion of the building was by water which poured through from the second floor storage

### Two-Time Loser Gets One Year, Suspended

Wesley Edward Bailey pled guilty to a second drunken driving charge before Recorder Albert Cowper Monday, and also admitted that he was guilty of driving after his license had been revoked.

Bailey was given a one-year jail term, suspended on payment of a \$300 fine, the court costs and the further condition that his driving license be suspended for a period of five years.

room where the fire got its start. Water and smoke damage also "totaled out" Carol's Hat Shop just back of the drug store and considerable quantities of smoke got into the ventilating system of the adjacent H. L. Green Co. store.

## 'Peter Rabbit' Survives Mighty Rough Week

Last week was simply not James "Peter Rabbit" Humphrey's week.

On Monday night this well known resident of 115 Spring Hill Street was involved in a wreck in which about \$400 worth of damage was done to his car.

Tuesday night "Peter Rabbit" was caught with another fellow as they moved some 120 jars of stumphole whisky. He was placed under \$500 bond in this brush with the law.

Friday morning "Rabbit" was driving another car in the direction of Kinston about five miles out on the Richlands Highway. The fliiver, to use "Rabbit's" words, "got loose from me when a racing rod dropped".

While the fliiver was "loose" it sideswiped the car of Mrs. Annie Edge McLellan of Lake

## Mobile Jones-Carteret Rabbit Trap Killed



This is a very dead, deadly character who must have spread havoc for many a long year in the Jones-Carteret County section where he made his late home. But like full many a Sunday driver he came to an untimely end Sunday near J. W. Young's store at Stella.

He argued over the right-of-way with another Sunday driver, who not only killed him very dead but then added insult to injury by getting out and clip-

ping the tail-end ornaments once sported by this diamond backed rabbit eater.

...But even after having lost his rattles, and button the gentleman rated at the biggest rattle snake ever viewed by this newsman. Stretched as he is pictured above — minus tail feathers — he (or perhaps she) was six feet one and a half inches long. In girth, at his hips, he was an estimated 12 to 14 inches. And he had a full set of teeth. Ugh.

### Speeding Put 1925 Tar Heels in Court During Past Month

Simple speeding (over 55mph) resulted in a trip to court for 1,925 Tar Heels last month the Department of Motor Vehicles said today.

In a summary of traffic offenses not requiring the loss of driver's license the agency also reported 743 arrests for driving without a license, 506 for ignoring a stop sign, 483 for faulty mechanical equipment, 435 for reckless driving and 222 for driving on the wrong side of the road.

In all there were 5,154 North Carolinians cited for traffic offenses during the month. Another 1,317 out-of-staters increased the total to 6,471.

### Cpl. Billy White In Hawaii With 25th

25TH DIV., HAWAII — Cpl. Billy White, son of Mrs. Leo A. White, Pollocksville, is a member of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

The "Tropic Lightning" division is continuing its post-truce training program using valuable experience gained in Korea.

A graduate of Jones Central High School, Trenton, White is assigned to Service Battery of the division's 8th Field Artillery Battalion. He entered the Army in December 1953, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived in Hawaii in October 1954. His wife also lives in Pollocksville.



This is the east-looking west view of how James "Peter Rabbit" Humphrey rammed his fli-

ver head-on into the south-bound car of Marine James I. Jackson last Friday morning. Humphrey's car at left above had sideswiped another car also headed north and then had careened all the way across the road and onto the shoulder to slam into the Marine's car, which had been brought to a complete standstill and from which the Marine was trying to escape.

Waccamaw, who was also driving toward Kinston, and then the "Rabbit" fliiver lunged all the way across the road and slammed almost head-on into the car of Camp Lejeune Marine James I. Jackson.

Investigating officers examined "Rabbit's" so-called "racing rods" which they decided were radius rods, and found them to be very solidly fixed in their proper places.

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This is the west-looking-east view of the same wreck. The Marine's car at left and Humphrey's car at right.