

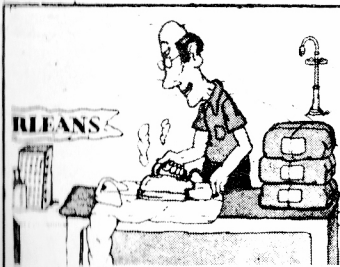
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Was A Deal Made
Between Chief Pete Strom
And Sheriff Cash Willams



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SHE COULD READ THE
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Cash Williams

PAY OFFS' FRAME UPS SHAKE DOWNS AND ILLEGAL-GAMBLING

Alleged Payoffs, Shake Downs, and Illegal Gambling came to light just five (5) months after Cash Williams took office as Sheriff of Greenville County.

Around May 1, 1973 seven Greenville Co. Deputies met in one of the deputies home to discuss rumors about pay offs, shake downs, and illegal gambling going on within the sheriff's dept..

The meeting took place according to informed sources at Tony Garrett's house. At that time Garrett was an I.D. Officer with the Sheriff's Dept.

Informed sources said that then Sgt. now Lt. Danny Bagwell and Lt. Carl Forton had confronted the Sheriff with information on the illegal activity and the Sheriff wouldn't hear of it, saying it was not so and he would hear no more of it.

Bagwell and Forton confronted the sheriff before the meeting at Garrett's house.

Those present at the meeting at Garrett's house was Major Bill Butler, Capt. Furman Paris, Lt. Danny Bagwell, Tony Garrett, John Glasby, Lt. Bill Greene, Clyde Norris, along with two security guards.

One of the deputies stated that he had already contracted Nick Theodore (member of the S.C. House of Rep.). "I briefly told Mr. Theodore what was going on and ask him to get Chief Strom of the State Law Enforcement Division to come to our meeting. He contacted Chief Strom who was in Orangeburg and could not come but, would call me at home in the morning. So before we left Tony's house we agreed to set up a meeting with Chief Strom and go from there.

"Chief Strom called me at home the next morning at 7:00 a.m.. He said it was not wise for him to come to Greenville County because so many people knew him. Also he would not meet with this many people because someone would leak our meeting out.

So we agree to meet at the rest stop on 276 in Newberry County at 8:30 p.m. that night which was Wed. He ask who would come? I said myself, Major Butler and Capt. Paris. I talked to Major Butler and Capt. Paris. Major Butler agreed to go but, Capt. Paris said he would be busy but, would go if he could.

Capt. Paris did not make it so Major Butler and myself met with Chief Strom and Capt. Gasque. We talked for about 45 minutes. We told them everything we knew, and they agreed we had a case and in former cases their investigations sometimes took months, and this in order for our case to be legal that Major Butler and myself would have to be sworn before the Attorney General Dan McCloud. So the Major and myself agreed to meet with Chief Strom and Mr. McCloud at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning in Columbia.

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So we returned to Greenville and nothing happened on Thursday. On Friday morning Major Butler called me at home and said we would not meet with the Attorney General Saturday and he would call Chief Strom and let him know, because someone had talked and the Sheriff knew about our meeting and everything that was said in the next couple of days.

Major Butler had a couple of long talks with the Sheriff. I was off on Monday and Tuesday and while I was off the Sheriff called Danny Bagwell in his office and threatened to fire him and Larry Adams but, I understand a Mr. McCombs came with Larry Adams and intervened in behalf of Larry Adams. So no one was fired but, Sgt. Bagwell lost his rank.

I had talked to Danny and some others while I was off and they said I was going to be fired as soon as I came back, so I came back to work on the 16th and heard the Sheriff was out of the county, that he was in Columbia.

So about 6:00 p.m. the Sheriff checked in by radio that he was back in the county and he ask if it was John he was talking to. I said yes. He ask me not to go to supper he wanted to talk to me. So on the way in he called Detective Lt. Bill Greene to meet him in the office in a few minutes.

He and Greene came in, he (the sheriff) told me to come in his office. He said, I guess you know what this about, and I was fired and he wanted me out of his dept. now. I ask for a reason. He said he didn't need one but, it was for initiating an investigation against him with SLED.

So I departed and the next day I received a notice from SLED that my State Constable's Commission had been cancelled.

The deputy who gave Community News the above statement was later found dead. His name is John Glasby, who had served in law enforcement for many yrs. AFTER THE VISIT TO COLUMBIA BY SHERIFF CASH WILLIAMS THINGS WAS QUIET FOR AWHILE BUT,!

Quiet until then S.C. Wild Life Officer Steve Burnette began gathering information on illegal sale of liquor in Greenville County. Burnette, Major Bill Butler, and two deputies began to raid places that sold illegal liquor. These raids took place on the weekend while Burdette and Butler was off duty. Other words they did this on their own time.

Calls was made to Burdette's bossman in Columbia by persons at the Sheriff's Dept. asking him to keep Burdette from making liquor raids in Greenville County.

Later Burdette was hired by Chief Strom as a SLED Agent. He and Major Butler continued raiding the liquor houses and also received information that a Greenville County Deputy had stolen money from a Motel Owner.

One Night Club was raided by Burdette & Butler to the tune of \$13,000.00 worth of beer, wine, and liquors confiscated.

Burdette told Community News that the Sheriff (Cash Williams) told him he (the Sheriff) didn't need anymore liquor at the Court House because he had no place to store it. Also the Sheriff told Burdette that he was cutting his own throat by raiding the liquor places.

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Apparently these clubs were not to be raided! Burdette said "at one place he and Butler raided the people said "we are not supposed to be raided!" Also according to Burdette a Sheriff's Lt. came to the place that was raided and told the two deputies that was helping he and Major Butler that they had better not be getting their pictures in the paper anymore like this. A news reporter had just taken their picture with some of the liquor that was confiscated.

Apparently when these efforts failed to stop Burdette & Butler from making these liquor raids stronger measures were then needed.

A man who was serving time for other crimes gave a statement that Burdette and 5 other men were involved in the car theft ring. They were arrested and carried to jail.

The men were held in jail for several days without bond being set for them. According to informed sources one deputy told one of the arrested men that if he would sign a statement on Burnette his bond would be set at \$6,000 and would be allowed to sign his own bond. If he didn't sign a statement on Burdette his bond would be \$14,000 saying "we don't care if the court turns you loose, all we want is the men with the badges."

The four men according to informed sources were promised to be let go and sign their own bond if statements were made against Burdette.

One of the accused men's father came to the jail with cash money for his son's bail but was refused. Later after his son signed a statement against Burdette he was allowed to sign his own bond.

Also the men were told that if they did not sign statements against Burdette that other charges would be made against them.

After the men signed the statements against Burdette they retracted their statements they made at the Sheriff's Office. And sure enough the Sheriff's Dept. brought more charges against the men, just like they said they would do if they did not sign the statements against Burdette.

SUNDAY'S GREENVILLE NEWS STORY CONFIRMS THE LIQUOR RAID ARTICLE IN THE COMMUNITY NEWS SOMETIME AGO!

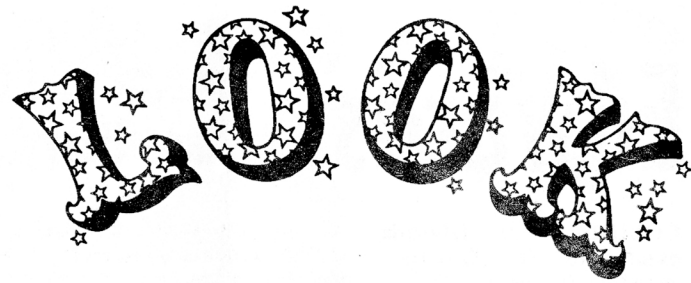
Sunday Oct 13 1974 we quote from the front page article entitled "Chief Deputy says his liquor raids displeased sheriff" "The chief deputy of the Greenville County Sheriff's Department says he is working under implied instructions from Sheriff Cash Williams not to raid illegal liquor houses."

THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR THOMAS W. GREENE said recently in a statement to the Greenville News "Greenville County is losing in its fight against crime "and will continue to increase unless immediate action is taken. . . ."

"The sheriff's department budget has increased by almost \$1 million in the last three years, Greene said, but the rate has continued to climb. More money men and equipment are not the real solutions to the problem, he said.

"Unless some innovative, dynamic, aggressive steps are taken, the crime problem will be out of control," the solicitor said, adding "Many feel it's very close to that now."

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Readers Write

Dear Editor:

In Sundays, Oct 6, 1974 Greenville News, I noticed 13th Solicitor, Thomas W. Green stated that he thought Greenville County needed a County Police Force. What was he saying? That Cash Williams could not, or would not do his job? I also noticed that Sheriff Williams keeps mentioning that he is hiring the most educated and well trained men he can. Ask some of his, or the few honest people working for him about some of his "well trained, hand picked people". It is also known that most big time Criminal Activities and Organized Crime units are operated by some of the most educated and well trained people in the country. With Cash Williams hand picking his men, well trained as he calls them, we are most likely to have an organized Mafia group in Greenville County to depend on for our County Law Enforcement. For example in one detective car patrolling our county, one of the officers has been convicted of manufacturing illegal whiskey and received a one year prison sentence which was reduced somewhat, and his partner he is working with now was known to have furnished many moonshiners with sugar, etc. (sworn affidavits from one moonshiner tells of conspiring with the merchant, now deputy Sheriff). Could they still have connections? Sheriff Cash Williams is well aware and most likely involved in many of the criminal activities in this department. Many of which he will not comment on.

Sincerely, Tom Applesseed

Dear Sir:

Once in a very great while I come across a publication with absolutely no redeeming quality. Such, in my opinion, is Community News.

Usage in print of gross errors in grammar, such as "haft", "wittness", "ci-teen", and incorrect usage of "their" and "it's", is, in itself, enough to enhance Mr. Webster to regurgitate on your "newspaper." But what further reflects poorly on your publication is your total failure to substantiate so-called facts, especially in the continuing harrassment of the sheriff. All primary ethics of journalism are ignored; or, more probably, not even understood by Community News.

Your civic-mindedness is commendable. Your newspaper, however, reeks of redneck ridiculousness.

May you be sued in good health!

Yours truly, Paul O. Batson, III

Box 312, Travelers Rest, S.C.

Edwards: Improving Education Should Have Heavy Concentration

COLUMBIA—Jim Edwards, candidate for Governor, stated this week that he would support the development of quality schools that parents in South Carolina's communities want for their children.

"Education must be improved," said the candidate, "because education is the answer to many of the serious problems of our state. Education is the cure for low per capita income. Education will help eliminate crime. And education will lead to improved health care for all South Carolinians."

Edwards noted that in making the best possible use of education money, "we must consider the ability of each child, and provide programs that meet the needs of all the children who attend our schools. We must listen to parents, teachers, and administrators, and find solutions for our problems together."

"Education," promised the candidate, "will be top priority in the Edwards Administration."

The Charleston senator went on to describe several different planks in his education platform:

1) To attract and keep quality teachers in South Carolina, Edwards said that he will work to raise teacher pay above the Southeastern average.

2) To give teachers more time to teach, Edwards proposed using teacher aides for the various clerical and monitoring duties teachers

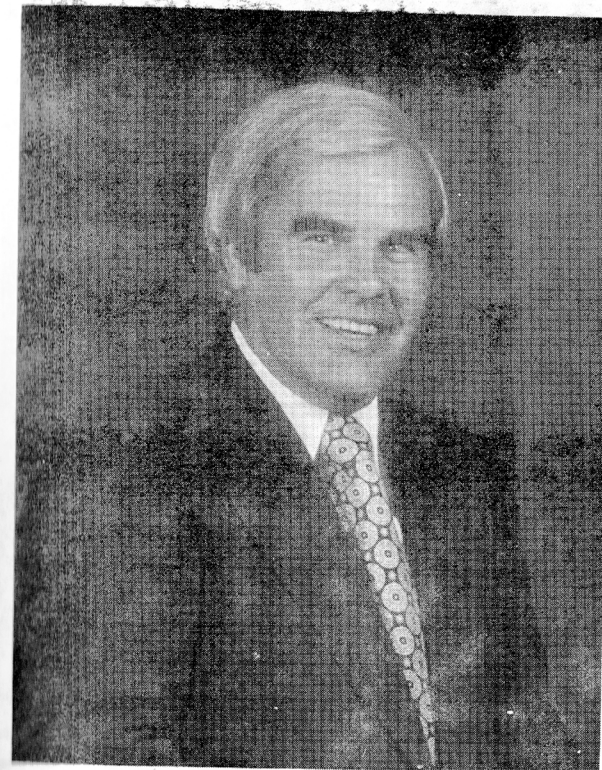
schools. He suggested that college students considering a teaching career might be available for some of these non-teaching duties, while they receive college credit for their observations.

3) To encourage teachers to take refresher courses in their fields, Edwards stated that he supports free tuition in South Carolina universities for the courses required of working teachers to keep their certificates active.

4) To insure that all students learn basic reading, writing, and mathematic skills, Edwards favors a policy of not allowing more than

twenty students in a first or second grade classroom. "If our children can learn to read and write well in these early years, larger classes won't be as much of a problem in the later grades," explained the candidate.

Edwards concluded by praising the students enrolled in South Carolina schools at all levels. "Today's students are a talented group of young people. As they excell in their fields of interest, the entire state will benefit and progress. As our most valuable resource, our children must receive purposeful education of the highest quality."



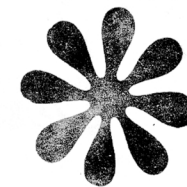
CARL C. 'BUB' SKELTON

**VOTE
Carl 'Bub'
Skelton**

for
Greenville County
CORONER

I have been in public service my entire adult life and feel that 24 years investigating various types of crimes gives me experience and a background which qualifies me to serve the people of Greenville County as their Coroner.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Coroner. Your vote and support would be greatly appreciated.



VOTE

FOR

YOUTH

DEDICATION

EXPERIENCE



AUTO TOPICS

PARTS MOST OFTEN NEEDING REPLACEMENT...AND WHY

Ignition Switch-really several switches in one. First, it turns on the ignition system, then the starter-and simultaneously turns off the radio and other accessories to avoid damage due to power surges which occur in starting. As it ages, resistance builds in the switch so not enough electricity gets to starter and ignition.

BATTERY-stores electrical energy for starting and all other electrical jobs. Life expectancy of a good battery is 2 to 3 years....IF it's kept clean, filled and in good state of charge.

BATTERY CABLES-deliver electricity to starter and all other electrical systems...and bring in charging currents from the alternator. Unless cables are in good condition and have clean, tight connections, the car cannot start or run properly.

STARTER SOLENOID SWITCH-Connects the battery to the starter motor. Poor connections and age reduce solenoids ability to pass enough electricity to turn the starter motor fast enough to start the engine.

STARTER- an electric motor which, by means of movable gear, cranks the car's engine. As internal wear develops, the starter may be unable to turn the car's engine fast enough, or may run down the battery. Then, the unit must be replaced.

Bulletin

PAPER DRIVE FOR SAFTY PATROL PATROL ---- PAPERS WILL BE PICKED UP THE 2ND TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH AT THE SLATER-MARIETTA ELEM. School.

SAVE PAPERS, MAGAZINES ETC.. PHONE 836-6661 FOR MORE INFORMATION. FUNDS RECEIVED IN PAPER DRIVE WILL BE USED TO HELP SPONSOR A TRIP TO DIESEY LAND FOR THE SAFTY PATROL.....

NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE!

To make things easier for all of us! Please notice this important notice about notices. You may have noticed the increased amount of notices for you to notice. We notice that some of our notices have been noticed. On the other hand some of our notices have not been noticed. This is very noticeable! It is noticed that the response to the notices have been noticeably unnoticeable. This notice is to remind you to notice the notices and respond to the notices because we do not want the notices to go unnoticed!

Notice Committee for Noting Notices

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FOR SALE

FIRE WOOD -Oak & Pine -

Pick up truck load. Call 836-8261 4--6 P.M. ....

FOR SALE

OIL HEATER - \$15.00--5th house on left - - Trammell Road, Marietta South Carolina .....

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The solicitor said "If some action is not taken immediately, I think we'll find that's going to become an almost intolerable situation for the people in the county." "We're going to have to fight the crime problem in a much more efficient way. I think the people want results. Expansion of the present sheriff's department is not the answer. Before any more tax money is spent, I think the taxpayers of Greenville County are entitled to good law enforcement - first and foremost."

## WHY ARE DEPUTIES PATROLING DOVE FIELDS?????

According to informed sources deputies have been seen patrolling dove fields. If the Sheriff had such a surplus of man power it is our feeling that he should use his men in stopping house-breaking etc. instead of patrolling dove fields!

## DEPUTY DISCHARGED FIRE ARM INSIDE MAULDIN POLICE STATION!

Recently a visit to the Mauldin, S.C. Police Station produced a sight seldom seen. A hole is very visible. When we ask how it got there we was told that a Greenville County Deputy who was playing with a gun discharged it in the police station. The bullet went through a wall and struck the town's police radio. The town's radio dispatcher was sitting behind the radio and if the bullet had not struck the radio it would have hit the radio dispatcher in the chest!

## A FOUNTAIN INN BUSINESSMAN, MR. LEE WILLIS SAID

A Fountain Inn Businessman, Mr. Lee Willis said recently to Jim McAllister (Greenville News Reporter) "Something is going to have to be done about all these break-ins in Greenville County. The Sheriff's officers come down here and they look things over and say if you hear anything let us know. Well, if it keeps up the way it's going I won't have anything to call them about."

## NO PARKING FOR CITIZENS BUT, O.K. FOR DEPUTIES!

Mr. Furman Beazeal recently told Community News that he got a parking ticket sometime ago by parking in the no parking zone in front of Gene's Restaurant.

Mr. Beazeal said he was amazed to see two Greenville County Deputies drive up and park their car in the no parking zone, get out and come inside Gene's and order breakfast. Mr. Beazeal said he ask the deputies why they were parking in the no parking zone when he got a ticket. According to Mr. Beazeal one of the deputies said "that's the way you do it".

The Greenville Police was called but only rode by without stopping.

## YOUTH PANEL CHOOSES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS ITS FIRST MAJOR PROJECT.

The Youth Advisory Committee of Greenville County Council chose as its first major project of the year to research the county sheriff's department and recommend possible ways of improving the department's image.. Good Luck Youth!!!!

## A QUESTION OF INTEREST???????????

What happened back in May of 1973 when Sheriff Cash Williams went to Columbia on a Monday. Returned late in the day and fired John Glasby for initiating an investigation against the sheriff with SLED. The next morning John received

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notice from SLED (Chief Strom) that his State Commission (Constable) had been cancelled.

This meeting in Columbia with Chief Strom was after Major Butler and other officers had met to discuss pay off, shake downs, and illegal gambling going on withing the Greenville County Sheriff's Dept..

Also this meeting (Williams & Strom) was five days after Major Bill Butler and Deputy John Glasby met Chief Pete Strom and Capt. Gasque telling them of the meeting of 7 officers and the purpose of that meeting.

Sherriff Cash Williams and Chief Pete Strom must have agreed that there would be NO INVESTIGATION of Williams Dept.. Also Chief Pete Strom must have agreed to help quieten the officers down by pulling John Glasby's State Constable's Commission. Later Chief Pete Strom pulled two other persons commissions who werespeaking out against wrong doings within the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

The question of interest still hangs in the air like a morning fog Did Chief  
**PETE STROM AND SHERIFF CASH WILLIAMS MAKE A DEAL???**

Community News would welcome a reply from Chief Strom and Sheriff Williams concerning this matter!

## Hall Doesn't Want Want Anyone Disturbing His Operation!

Greenville County Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Floyd Hall recently with the Greenville County Election Commission chairman issued a "threat" against the school district while Hall was out of town.

Hall was referring to Sol Abrams when Abrams asked to use the school's facilities to compute the election returns. Abrams was informed that a portion of the facilities of the school district office would have to be vacated for such a purpose and that Dr. Hall would have to be consulted. Abrams asked if the decision were based on the fact that we (the election commission) turned you (the school district) down on the election.

Hall said "I can't understand this man," Hall said, "If we can do this without disturbing our operation, we will do it."

There are many citizens in Greenville County that says the same thing about Dr. Hall, "I can't understand this man."

According to Mr. Dan Truax of Greenville the "People's Wishes Are Disregarded" He further stated "The Greenville County school board's suit to have its request to drain our pockets of 18.5 mills of tax money and its request for fiscal independence placed on the Nov. 5 ballot, shows its continuing disregard for the wishes of the people.

Community News is against the tax increase! Why not cut Dr. Hall's salary?