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Ex-Waitress Takes Poison After Hotel Mgr. Insults Her By Ordering Her Out of Hotel

Wounded and grieved because she felt that Ray S. Jones, manager of the Virginia Dare Hotel, had called insult to injury by ordering her out of the hotel about two weeks after causing her to lose her job as a waitress in the hotel coffee shop, Susie Willey, 27-year-old white girl, took six bichloride of mercury tablets last Friday night in an unsuccessful suicide attempt.

Miss Willey has a room at 205 South McMurrin Street, half a block from the Virginia Dare Hotel, in the home of Mrs. Selma Griffin. After dining supper for Mrs. Griffin's two sons Friday evening, she walked down the street. In front of the hotel she encountered a man whom she had met and been out with on several occasions. He asked her if she would like to have a drink with him. She assented, and he told her to join him in his hotel room in a few minutes.

It was between 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock in the evening when Miss Willey went to the man's room. She had reached the room before the manager of the hotel, accompanied by Police Officer Charlie Lane, knocked on the door.

Telling Miss Willey that he was acting under authority from the board of directors of the hotel, Jones ordered her to leave the hotel at once.

She left, and about an hour later, around 9:00 o'clock that night, she swallowed six bichloride of mercury tablets. Eleven-year-old Tommy Griffin, hearing her crying, discovered that she was ill and called his mother, Officer Raymond Provo, who happened to be nearby at the time, and told her to locate an ambulance. She did, and the girl was rushed to the hospital, where it was found that her condition was not general and that she probably would recover.

Prior to the arrival of the ambulance, and enroute to the hospital, Mrs. Griffin and Officer Provo heard the unhappy girl saying "He insulted me . . . I am a lady . . . I'm not a common woman . . . I'm not . . . He insulted me."

The "he" of whom she spoke undoubtedly was Manager Jones.

Many townspeople expressed surprise upon hearing that Miss Willey had been ordered out of the Virginia Dare when she went to a guest's room to have a drink with him. Many local girls do this same thing frequently. Besides, a hotel guest is presumed to have the right to entertain any friend, male or female, in his own room.

How It All Began

For about six years, Miss Willey had worked in the hotel coffee shop, and had come to be one of the most efficient waitresses in town. Then Mr. Jones took over the management of the hotel. When Mr. Jones took over the management of the hotel he looked into the coffee shop and thought he could effect certain economies and an improvement in service. He suggested to the lessee, Chas. Venture, that salaries be cut from \$30 to \$20 a month, that the waitresses wear uniforms and that a Miss Rena Tillett, an employe of only a few months, be given the position of head waitress. Hell began to pop. Mr. Venture, to clear the poison fog in his coffee shop discharged all of the white waitresses and put in colored male waiters in their places.

Mrs. Davis and Miss Willey promptly sought to even the score with Manager Jones by going to each director of the hotel and "spilling" a story about Jones and the Tillett girl. The directors were not inclined to give too much credence to this story.

Then Manager Jones, expecting that Susie Willey might try to make more trouble for him, gained the permission of the board of directors to keep her out of the hotel. This authority he used the first time an opportunity presented itself, which was last Friday night. That his action did not result in Susie Willey's death was due only to Providence and to the fact that she took such a strong dose that her system promptly expelled it.

A. B. C. STORE REPORT

Business in Elizabeth City's A. B. C. store fell off slightly during the second week of its operation, as compared with the sales during the first week. Manager C. C. Reid reported this week.

Mr. Reid blamed the heat for some of the decline, but said also that the difference between the receipts on the store's opening day and on the first day of the second week practically accounted for the decline.

What 15 tips save gas money? see Page Five.

Pasquotank May Be Included In New Fish Plan

Despairing of ever being able to restock the fresh waters of Eastern North Carolina with the bass, perch and other game fish with which these waters once teemed, the State Board of Conservation and Development has hit upon a plan whereby eight rivers will be restocked themselves naturally. And there is a possibility that the Pasquotank River will be one of the rivers selected for this unique program.

Next year, the first under the plan, the Department will block off and place under special warden services 10-mile stretches in eight rivers: The Wacamac, Black, Northeast Cape Fear, Trent and Alligator rivers already have been selected. There is a strong likelihood that the Pasquotank River may be one of the other three that are yet to be selected, for it possesses all the requisites—it is more than 50 miles in length, affording several 10-mile stretches where fish may spawn unmolested, and it already is the habitat of several varieties of perch, bream and bass.

This natural fish-culture program, whereby the State hopes to redevelop her game fish so that there will be more fish for fishermen, will be unique in the United States. It will get underway on January 1, 1936.

In the Eastern section of the State, there are a number of clearwater streams which are the ideal habitat of numerous varieties of smaller game fish. But these streams are fished, and fished hard, by an ever-increasing number of anglers and sportsmen, with the result that the number of game fish is constantly diminishing.

Natural Restocking
The plan itself is simple, but all fish experts apparently are agreed that it is practical and will be productive of the desired results. The plan, since artificial restocking of the Eastern streams is impractical, resolves itself around natural restocking.

This is to be accomplished, according to the plan as outlined by Commissioner Chalk, by blocking off sections of certain streams for an entire year, so that brook-stock may spawn without any sort of disturbance. "There is plenty of brook-stock in each of these streams," Commissioner Chalk said, "and if the spawning is allowed to go on undisturbed, the streams will be restocked every year by the blocking off of one small section."

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Many a man feels like kicking himself who wouldn't let anyone else do it.

Beach Erosion Work To Be Started Soon

Representative Lindsay Warren this week had another conference with Harry Hopkins, Relief Administrator, in reference to his beach erosion project on the North Carolina coast extending from the Virginia line to Cape Lookout.

Mr. Warren stated he was authorized by Mr. Hopkins to announce that the project had his full approval and that it would be pushed to an immediate consummation. It will call for approximately One Million Dollars and will not come out of North Carolina's allotment of WPA funds. Eighteen hundred white transients will be used and eight camps constructed, five of which will be in Mr. Warren's district and three in Mr. Barden's, the latter strongly endorsing the project.

The proposal was first presented by Mr. Warren to Mr. Hopkins three weeks ago who called for detailed information. R. Bruce Etheridge, Director of Conservation and Development, caused a preliminary survey to be made and went to Washington with facts and figures. This is looked upon as one of the most worthwhile and necessary projects that could come to North Carolina, and will mean the saving from destruction of what is known as the Banks. It is estimated that the work will require two years time. It is proposed to build a sand fence the entire length of the beach, against which the wind will blow the sand. After that the mound will be grassed in a systematic mode of sand fixation.

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Four Contestants Pass Million Up With Closing Date Near Vote Mark As Contest Heats

Voting hits new high levels in THE INDEPENDENT'S Subscription Campaign this week, the four leaders all passing the million mark with some thousands to spare. Mrs. B. Ray Cohoon repeats to win the week's special cash prize of \$5. Another \$5 prize will go Saturday to the contestant turning in the greatest amount of cash subscription business this week.

Those who have been "wanting to see voting" will get their fill before this campaign is done. Some of them likely will be surprised. A total of 960,000 votes were printed to the credit of eight contestants registering gains during the past seven-day period.

"Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown" and while Mrs. Will Godfrey has maintained the leadership right straight through the campaign, she has worthy competition, and Mrs. B. Ray Cohoon, Mrs. John A. Holmes, and Mrs. Mary Jennings all press her hard. Confidence is a good thing, but "over-confidence" has lost many a race. One or two contestants have just that falling. With the race workers are on the down-hill side of slack one's efforts.

Any reader who has promised a contestant a subscription or renewal should make good that promise NOW. Time is shortening up, and ending August 24, NOW is no time to the campaign.

Prizes are: Choice of an \$895 Dodge Four Door Sedan, an \$805 Pontiac Two Door Sedan, a \$794 Master Chevrolet Four Door Sedan, a \$785 Ford V-8 Four Door Touring Sedan or \$700 Cash as first prize; Second award is \$300 Cash; Third award is \$75 Cash; Fourth ward is \$25 Cash. Contestants are getting within smelling range of these prizes, and to come in under the wire as winner of any prize means a genuine battle from now on.

Following are the standings:
Mrs. Will Godfrey, 1,015,000
Shiloh, 1,015,000

Guides Fear Worst Hunting Season in History as Result Of New "Drastic Regulations"

For Sale—Thousands of live decoy geese and ducks, priced reasonably. Forced sale. Reason: The use of live decoys in hunting migratory wildfowl during the 1935-36 season is prohibited under the new regulations announced last week by J. N. "Ding" Darling, chief of the Biological Survey. And this is but one of several of the "most drastic regulations in the history of American wild-fowling."

Guides and sportsmen in this section, notably in Dare and Currituck, own thousands of live decoy ducks and geese which they use to attract the wild species of these migratory waterfowl as they are passing over this section on their annual Southward flight. Forbidden to use these decoys during the coming season, and far from certain that they ever will be allowed to use them again, many of the owners of decoys hereabouts will be anxious to dispose of their decoy ducks and geese. Which makes it quite probable that the tables of Elizabeth Citizens will be graced by more ducks and geese during the coming fall and winter than in a good many years.

This year's duck hunting season, regarded by conservation officials as being the only alternative to an absolutely closed season, will last for 30 days only. In the Southern zone, which includes the states South of Maryland, the season opens November 20 and closes December 19.

So far as this section is concerned, such a season is practically equivalent to a closed season. In the event of a late fall, which is usual hereabouts, few ducks and geese will reach this section before the middle of December. Besides, the mild weather that usually prevails in this section between November 20 and December 19 is far from being conducive to duck hunting.

Another drastic restriction to be in force this season is a change in the daily bag limit on ducks from 12 to 10, and a change in the possession limit from 24 to 10. Last season the daily limit was 12, and the possession limit was two days' bag limit.

Another change in the regulations that will be highly displeasing to many hunters is a restriction on the use of automatic shotguns. Heretofore, a hunter could load an automatic with five shells and fire the entire load into a flock of ducks or geese as fast as he could pull the trigger.

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TALK LIKE THIS COULD PUT MR. WOOD ON SPOT

Friends of Julien Wood, Sr., of Edenton, First District member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission may unwittingly be putting Commissioner Wood in an unfavorable light by voicing the assumption that Mr. Wood favors or will favor the construction of a bridge over Albemarle Sound from a point near Mackeys in Washington County to Sandy Point, in Chowan County.

It happens that Mr. Wood and his brother Harold G. Wood have extensive real estate interests that would be benefited by a bridge at Sandy Point. Commissioner Wood owns an 825-acre tract known as Athol, a 900-acre tract known as Mulberry Hill, and an 800-acre tract that is mostly under water. All of this is located near Sandy Point and would be touched or traversed by the highway that would have to be built from Sandy Point to Edenton in the event that a highway bridge is built at Sandy Point. Furthermore, Mr. Wood's brother, Harold G. Wood, owns a 700-acre farm right at Sandy Point.

Land properly owned by Commissioner Wood and his brother, now listed on the county tax abstracts at upwards of \$56,000, would undoubtedly increase in value to the extent of thousands of dollars if a bridge were to be built across Albemarle Sound to Sandy Point, and a road constructed from Sandy Point to Edenton.

The statement has been freely made here that Mr. Wood had advocated the Mackeys-Sandy Point route. Those who know Mr. Wood's reputation for sincerity, integrity and good judgment questioned the statement. In a telephone conversation with W. O. Saunders Wednesday afternoon Mr. Wood assured the senior editor of this newspaper that he had made no such commitment and had advocated no particular location for the much discussed bridge. And so that's that.

Two Locations
Outside of Edenton, there are few proponents of the Sandy Point location. Pasquotank, Perquimans, Hyde, Tyrrell and most of Washington County favor the alternative location between Deweys Point in Tyrrell

This Looks As If the State Has About Abandoned Idea of Bridging Albemarle Sound

Dare County Asked to Withdraw Demand For Stumpy Point-Manns Harbor Road In Favor of a Bridge Over Alligator River

That the State Highway & Public Works Commission is not seriously interested at this time in bridging Albemarle Sound at any point, but is nursing an ambition to bridge the Alligator River between Fort Landing and East Lake, giving the State an east and west route to and from Roanoke Island and the Dare coast, is indicated in the following report to this newspaper.

By I. P. Davis

County to Reid Point in Perquimans County. This bridge would be perhaps two miles longer than the other, but the shallow depth of the Sound at this point would enable the construction of causeways for a considerable portion of the distance, whereas the Sandy Point location would have to be bridged almost in its entirety. The distance across the sound at the former point is 6.70 miles, while the distance at the other point is 4.37 miles.

The Tyrrell-Perquimans location is deemed more practicable, tho, because it will serve the greater number of people and a greater area. It will provide farmers, fishermen and oystermen of Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties with an almost straight route to Elizabeth City, Norfolk and the Northern markets, cutting off as much as 100 miles for much of that section. On the other hand, those opposed to the Sandy Point location claim that a bridge at this point would be of no great benefit except as a means of developing Edenton's trade territory.

PHILANDERER IS SHOT

Over in Chowan County, near Edenton, an Edenton youth was shot twice last week by the irate husband of a young married woman to whom he had been paying clandestine attention. The young man was not seriously wounded. Details of the shootings are vague.

The fellow who wouldn't think of asking a merchant to throw in a pair of socks when he buys a pair of shoes, has no compunction about asking the newspaper for a lot of free advertising.



"I see by the papers that a bill has been introduced in Congress to provide for the coinage of one mill and half cent pieces," said the Soda Jerker to his friend the Bank Clerk.

"Yes," replied the Bank Clerk, "just as if bank tellers don't have enough trouble counting small change now!"

"Then you don't think much of the proposition to give us coins suited to the payment of the sales tax?" inquired the Soda Jerker.

"That feature of it is all right," admitted the Bank Clerk, "but I am thinking of the infernal nuisance of having to count a thousand little coins to give some one a dollar change. Our change holders that count coins automatically are not equipped to handle anything less than a cent."

"Sorry for you and the rest of the bunch in the bank," said the Soda Jerker, "but I think the new fractional currency bill is one of the best things yet. I'm darned tired of paying a ten per cent sales tax."

"I never heard of a ten per cent sales tax," said the Bank Clerk.

"Well, it amounts to just that every time you make a single ten cent purchase in any store in North Carolina," said the Soda Jerker. "Why, man alive, the five and ten cent stores are reaping a harvest of the sales tax. Every time you make a single purchase of 10 cents in a five-and-ten store, or any other store for that matter, you are taxed one cent for sales tax. If that ain't collecting a ten per cent sales tax, I'll eat my hat. Of course, if you have so much as 50 cents to spend, the store collects only two cents sales tax. But that amounts to a four per cent sales tax, or as much as the banks used to allow you for interest."

"Now if Congress will give us those one mill pieces, a fellow can walk into a store, make a ten cent purchase and throw down three tenths of a cent for the sales tax and not feel that he is being robbed of seven tenths of one cent for the enrichment of the chain store."

"If you don't think the plain folks out of whose pockets the sales tax is collected won't welcome the one mill coins, you don't know plain folks."

The Tragic Story of a Youth Whose First Love Turned Out To Be Deceitful Gold-digger

Some of mankind's greatest achievements have been accomplished thru woman's aid and inspiration. Contravise, women have driven many men to despondency, thievery, insanity, degradation and suicide. A good example of a woman's, or a girl's, disastrous effect upon a male has occurred over in Perquimans County.

Richard Mansfield, 25-year-old Yeopim Station youth, has tried to take his own life no less than four times within a period of six months, simply because a girl on whom he had wasted his money and affection for some time proved to be deceitful and unappreciative.

The girl is Mary Wilma Farmer, attractive 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Farmer of the Bethel section of Perquimans County. Young Mansfield became attracted to her about two years ago, when she was 16. Up to that time girls had not figured in Mansfield's life, but Mary Wilma appealed to him strongly, and he began to court her.

For more than a year they saw each other nearly every night, and he finally asked her to marry him. She accepted the proposal, and he gave her an engagement ring, also purchasing the ring imposed something of a strain on his limited and hard-earned income.

Meanwhile, the girl had not stopped going with other boys. Nights that she was not with Richard, she usually was with some other fellow. Richard didn't think much of this, and he told her so, but she kept it up.

Last winter, Richard rented a little bungalow in the neighborhood. His mother died when he was a small child, and his father went to Richmond to work, leaving Richard with kind neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Thatch, who raised him from the time he was about six years old. He felt that he had enjoyed the Thatch's hospitality long enough, and besides, he probably would be

getting married in the spring. So he rented a bungalow. Meanwhile Mary Wilma had been corresponding with a Perquimans County youth in the Coast Guard Service—a former swimmer—and she told Richard that this boy was coming home on leave and that he probably would be the cause of a split between them. Richard begged her not to go out with the other boy when he came home, pointing out to her that he was renting a bungalow and that they could get married in a short while. She promised him that she wouldn't give the other boy a date, but she gave him several while he was home. In fact, they rode past Richard's bungalow the very day he was moving into it.

This deceit and faithlessness was too much for the boy. To think that the only girl he had ever been with—the girl he loved and was planning to marry—would lie to him and treat him in such a manner. He got hold of a pistol and was going to blow his brains out, but someone walked into the room where he was and took the pistol away from him. A few days later he tried to hang himself, and again his attempt was frustrated.

Mary Wilma promised him that she would do better thereafter, so he went to Norfolk and got a job in the Navy Yard. Each Friday when he got his pay envelope, he immediately sat down and mailed half his pay to his girl. Occasionally, when he went home for a week end, he delivered the money to her

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On the heels of an understood assurance from the State Highway and Public Works Commission that the Stumpy Point-Manns Harbor highway would be started within sixty days, appears the ghost of another county ambition that may or may not be realized, but which has in either event the probabilities of stopping the Stumpy Point-Manns Harbor road.

This is the sentiment of several leaders, who have been active for the past several years for the Mann's Harbor-Stumpy Point connecting link in the chain of coastal highways passing through this county "Frankly," one leader is overheard to say, "Dare County has no continuous highway that passes through it."

There are those who have come forward now with a proposal that the State first build a bridge across the Alligator River, and they have brought over to their side a number of those who were two weeks ago favorable to the Mann's Harbor-Stumpy Point road in preference at this time to any road in Dare County.

These persons have the interest of the county at heart. There is no doubt as to their good intentions, according to reports, but the claim is that they are confusing a State obligation to itself and State obligation to Dare County people. Those who are standing tight for the road are highly in favor of a bridge over the Alligator River. In fact they say the bridge across the river will be of a greater future value probably than the road will be between the two little villages on the west side of Croatan Sound.

These men feel, however, according to their expressions, that the State owes the bridge across the river to the entire State, as it will be of greater benefit to the people of Charlotte, Raleigh, Winston Salem, Greensboro and other places in the central and western part of the state than it is to Dare County people directly. On the road side, they claim that the State owes to Dare County the connecting link between Mann's Harbor and Stumpy Point, because it is a direct benefit to the county. It is also argued on behalf of this road that it will be of great benefit to that section of the State immediately south and southwest of Dare.

There are those who contend that the surrender of the Roanoke Sound bridge to the State was done with an unconditional agreement, verbal, that the State begin work on the Stumpy Point road within a reasonable length of time. Press reports that went out after the visit of Chairman Waynick and Attorney Roos and their conference at the Nags Head with the county commissioners to that effect have been controverted.

The county released the Roanoke Sound bridge for several thousand dollars less than its cost or the value of the bonds outstanding against it. The commissioners who have been talked with by The Independent representative, say they did so absolutely in favor of the road between Mann's Harbor and Stumpy Point and the road in Collington village from the beach highway. They claim that there was no doubt in their minds of a distinct promise of these two roads.

The visit of Chairman Waynick, and Commissioners Woodard, Miller, and Harrison last week was expected to bring forth the statement from them that the road to Stumpy Point would be let at the next letting. Now, there has developed the whost of a bridge argument that may stifle the prospects for the connected road. The Stumpy Point people have not been talked with, but it is learned that a number of citizens of Mann's Harbor and East Lake are in favor of the bridge.

"Surely, we are all in favor of a bridge across the Alligator River," one prominent citizen said. "But we cannot release the State from its agreement to give us the road on the west side of the sound. It is a moral obligation not only of the county to these people, but it is an

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