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#### **ELIZABETH CITY'S** POTATO FESTIVAL SATURDAY EVENT

Mammoth Parade, Motor Boat Races, Band Concert, Ball Games Part of Cel-

Well remembering Elizabeth City's generous participation and help in gala occasions throughout the coastland, there will be a large attendance by people of the Coastland Saturday when the mammoth potato festival takes place in the metropolis of the Albemarle.

An all-day event is being arranged, topped off by the crowning of a beauty queen from the ten northeastern counties.

A manimoth parade which will extend over a mile and last for one hour and a half; motor boat races; a baseball game; band concerts on the court-house lawn; Free french-fried potatoes for all persons; diving exhibitions; marching precision and show of bands; all these and more will bring thousands of people to Elizabeth City.

## STUMPY POINT LOSES GREATLY LOVED MAN

Adolphus W. Hooper Dies Friday After Making A Trip Around the Shore

Adolphus W. Hooper, 81, one ef Stumpy Point's most beloved citizens, member of an old and prominent family died Friday afternoon. He had been for a trip along the shore to a small oyster bed, and apparently had just returned home. His wife, returning from a short visit to a neighbor, found him dead in the yard.

Mr. Hooper was known and lovthroughout Dare County, was what everyone calls a good man, and he lived a good life. He had worked hard and exercised honesty in all his dealings, and despite infirmities, continued to do a man's part in his business of fishing until a year or two ago. He had been liberal in his time and effort in behalf of community affairs, and was a loyal and true friend, always standing for what he believed right, regardless of

what others might say or do. Funeral services for Mr. Hooper were conducted Sunday morning at the Methodist Church by the pas-

tcr, Rev. Tracey Varnum. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Hooper; one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Gard of Elizabeth City; one son, Lewis Hooper of Manns Harbor: several children, great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

#### MEMORIAL POPPIES TO BLOOM TOMORROW

Poppies by the millions will America's war dead. Made of crepe Kitty Hawk school. paper, replicas of the poppies of "Flanders Fields," they will be worn throughout the United States to pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of young Americans who have given their lives in the nation's defense in three warsthe two World Wars and the present conflict in Korea.

Here in Manteo women of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets early in the morning with baskets of the little red flowers of memory. They will work throughout the day and hope to Barney Midgett, Kenneth Clay have a poppy on every lapel before Tillett, Pernell Perry and Don

Disabled veterans of both World Wars have been working for months in hospitals and convales eent workrooms making the flowers which will be worn tomorrow Mrs. Jack Wilson, Auxiliary president, estimates that more than 30,000,000 poppies have been produced for the Auxiliary, with more than 10,000 disabled men who are unable to do other work being given employment. The flowers which will be distributed here have been made at Oteen.

An army of nearly 150,000 women has been mobilized by the Auxiliary to carry out the nation-wide distribution of the poppies, Mrs. Wilson said. All will serve as unaid volunteers and all of the contributions they received in exchange for the flowers will go into the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of The American Legion bottles, a blow on the face with and Auxiliary. The money will be used to support the vast work of these organizations for the welfare of disabled veterans and veterans' families during the coming

## SUPERIOR COURT

il cases are scheduled for trial.

THE BOYS WHO LEARNED A TRADE AT HOME WITH DADDY



The two young men for whom the Coastland printshop was established, just in case they wished to learn something about the printing trade, or the newspaper business, are shown standing here with the hardlooking old guy who feels quite proud to be their parent. Reading from left to right, they are Francis Warren Meekins, who is head printer for these papers, second is Roger Preston Meekins, sophomore in State College, and last of course, the old man himself, who thought back in 1935 it might be a good idea to start a newspaper to help boost the coastland region, and particularly because there were so few opportunities for boys to get a job in those days. Hence, if a place were provided for them to work, they might naturally fall into a gainful occupation. Either one of these young fellows can walk into a printshop tures for the assembly, including anywhere in the country, and draw the pay of a highly skilled worker, and they fearned it all in the shop established by their parent. Later on we expect to present other pictures of people who help create Coastland Newspapers. This photo is by Aycock Brown.

#### KITTY HAWK HS COMMENCEMENT ON JUNE 6

The Rev. Richard L. West of Fountain, N. C., will preach the Baccalaureate sermon for the 12 members of the Kitty Hawk High School Class of 1951 in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 3, according to the commencement schedule released last week by bloom tomorrow in memory of Principal William H. West of the

> Graduation Exercises Graduation exercises will take place in the school auditorium at eight o'clock, Wednesday, June 6. The commencement address will be delivered by David Stick of Kill Devil Hills.

Class Roll Members of the Kitty Hawk Class of 1951 are: Sadie Rae Midgett, Patricia Perry, Melba Haywood. Zelda Gaimel, Iris June Gray, Mary Helen Best, Marona Scarborough, Marvin Midgett,

#### TWO WOMEN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT

of the two DeFebio cases Tuesday, Judge Baum heard testimony given by two Negro women, each of whom had charged the other with assault. To Mrs. Annie Moore's charge that she had assaulted her with a deadly weapon, specifically, a butcher knife, at the Meekins Cafe on May 19, Mrs. Alethia Collins, pleaded "Guilty of the cutting, but not with a butcher knife."

Testimony was taken from both women, Sam Moore, and three other witnesses. Mr. Kellogg secured information from them that included accounts of thrown beer a 7-Up bottle, a 21/2 inch cut in government. But I wonder how the skull and a deeply wounded hand, a six-bladed knife and ice can get up and give an accurate his court. picks in evidence all over the prem- and detailed description of the opises. The large crowd listening to erations of the Electoral College of the case was inclined to agree the United States. Not that alone with Mrs. Collins, who said, "They

looked like they was prepared."

Judge Baum found both women guilty of assault, and gave them a The May term of Superior Court choice of 30 days in jail or payin Dare County opens on Monday, ment of \$10 each and the costs of May 28, in Manteo. Eleven crim-court. Both are bound to stay out plished. Unless the average citizen, city hall Saturday night. Justice 4:05, Remarks by Dist. Gov inal cases and a full docket of civ- of court for any cause for the next

## **Dare Superior Court Clerk Outlines Office Duties and Expresses Pleasure In Work**

An Interesting Paper Read by Clerk C. S. Meekins of Manteo to the Kitty Hawk Men's Club; One of a Series of Programs to Make People Better Acquainted With Their County Government.

deals with the certainties of life. We are told that there is "nothing sure but death and taxes" and my work has largely to do with the estates of the departed and with taxes insofar as they apply to inheritance. Without being tiresome, I should

like to give you a working idea of just what a Clerk of the Superior Court does. If you have afterward a better conception of the work of this county office, I shall feel I have made some small contributIion to better citizenship. But bear in mind that I am only touching upon the high spots, so to speak. Time prevents me from going into

In so doing, I shall make frequent reference to the North Carolina Manual of Law and Forms. If you do not find the legal language of the manual exciting, let me say that it is not intended to be. In fact, there is little in the duties of a Superior Court Clerk that might be called colorful or In the interval between the trial | dramatic. I venture to say that Earl Stanley Gardner, Mary Roberts Rhinehart and other leading writers of "whodunits" have never cast a Clerk of the Superior Court in the role of a hero. Sheriffs? Yes. District Attorneys? Yes. Occasionally even a Judge. But not the custodian of records largely having to do with the administration of estates. Still information obtainable through a Superior Court is frequently mentioned in mystery novels, so perhaps we vicariously do enjoy a more or less important place in current fiction.

All of us believe that we are good citizens and that we are fully familiar with the mechanics of many of you listening to me now but scores of other questions relating to the conduct of County, State and Federal agencies and the law. We know agencies for doing certain things exist and we know also in a vague way what is accom-John Q. Public, has occasion to being drunk on the streets.

You might say that my office deal with one of these offices and its officials, his actual knowledge, tation of Governor Elect Broadway even then, may be pitifully limit- by Gov. H. B. Spruill, Windsor.

> Court in North Carolina counties is (Johnny Long, Ralph Swain, Lawelective, the clerk serves for four rence Swain, Julian Oneto; Accomyears. That I have had some ex- panist, Dick Jordan). Announceperience in my job may be seen ments, J. Gordon Kellogg, host from the fact that I have held the club. Presentation of Speaker, S. office in Dare County continuously since 1926. In December 1950 I dress, Edmund Harding, Washingbegan my seventh consecutive fourvear term.

Let me point out that the office of Clerk of the Superior Court was created by the state constitution and therefore is not subject to change by legislative acts as in the case of the other county offices which were created by statutes.

The clerk acts as judge since the abolition of the office of probate judge and all matters pending before judges of probate are transferred to clerks of the superior court. He is required to post a the faithful performance of duties of his office. Before entering upon roll Parker, Elizabeth City. 11:40, his duties, the clerk takes an oath Questions and Answers. of office before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, and the oath is duly filed Questions and Answers. 12:30. Adwith the Register of Deeds for the county.

The law provides that Clerks of the Superior Court may appoint deputies who shall be subject to all laws respecting clerks and who shall take the oath prescribed for clerks. The clerk shall be responsible for the acts of the deputies. Here I shall briefly skim over some of the powers held by a clerk.

He may issue subpoenas to compel attendance of witnesses or the production of any material pertaining to an inquiry pending in

He is empowered to administer See DUTIES, Page Eight

## JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT

Justice of the Peace Robert Ballance assessed a fine of \$15 and the costs of court against Harold Bruce Lennon after a hearing in D. Rogers, Warrenton. better known to the cartoonists as Ballance found Lennon guilty of Elect, Olin H. Broadway.

#### CANCER CRUSADE **EXCEEDS QUOTA** BY ABOUT 43%

The Annual Cancer Crusade came to a successful close in Dare County last week with total collections reaching \$285.31, according to Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., County Crusade Commander. The amount raised is most commendable, and it exceeds the county quota of \$200 by nearly 43%.

In the final week of the campaign \$65.30 was turned in to the HEARING SET JUNE county Crusade treasurer, Miss Bessie Draper, of which \$51.30 was the contribution of the Wanchese under the direction of Mrs. Pete

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR ROTARIANS' MEET JUNE 10-11

Nags Head.-Edmund Harding, noted humorist of Washington, N. C., and Dr. Sylvester Green, executive directed of the North Carolina Medical Foundation of Chapel Hill, will be the principal speakers at a two day assembly of presidents and secretaries of the 278th District Rotary International scheduled to begin here at The Carolinian on June 10, it has been announced by Robert Smith of the Manteo club, host to the assembly.

Approximately 150 persons including Rotary officials and their wives will attend the assembly.

Harding is scheduled to be intro-Elizabeth City. The nationally faformer district governor of Rotary. He will speak at the Fellowship dinner on Sunday night.

Dr. Green, also a former district governor, will be speaker at the June 11 luncheon. He will be North Carolina Wildlife Federaintroduced by Zeb Brown of Tarboro, a past district governor.

Discussions will be led by Disrict Governor Elect Olin Broad-Spruill of Windsor, the present District Governor. The host club songs by the Dare Club's quartet.

The complete program for the District Assembly follows. Sunday, June 10

3:00 p.m. Registration, Carolin-

7:00 p.m., Fellowship Dinner, Main Dining Room: Presiding, Bob Smith, Pres. Elect Host Club. Singing, Led by Charles Overman, Edenton. Invocation, Rev. Edward M. Spruill, Plymouth, Welcome, Wally McCown, host club. Response, John Greetings, Olin H. Broadway. Se-The office of Clerk of Superior lection, Manteo Rotary Quartette, Wade Marr, Elizabeth City. Adtno. Song, led by Charles Overman

Monday, June 11 9:00 a.m., Meeting of Club Presidents-Elect. "This is Your Year," E. Norfleet Gardner, Henderson, 9:15 a.m., Discussion.

9:30 a.m., adjourn.

9:15, Discussion, 9:30, adjourn, 9:50, Joint Assembly. Call to Order, Olin H. Broadway, Singing, led by Charles Overman. 10:00, Aims and Objects, Budd

E. Smith, Wake Forest. 10:20, Questions and Answers. 10:35, Club Service, Gordon

bond of not less than \$10,000 and Maddrey, Ahoskie. 10:55, Quesnot to exceed \$15,000 with the tions and Answers. 11:10 a.m. county commissioners as surety for Singing, led by Charles Overman. 11:20, Vocational service, Car-

> 11:55, Community Service, W. F. "Bill" Timberlake, Roxboro. 12:15, journ for lunch.

> 1:00 p.m., Luncheon. The Carolinian Dining Room, Singing, led by Charles Overman. Invocation, Rev. Robert Crow, Graham. Selection, Manteo Rotary Quartette. Presentation of speaker, Zeb Brinson, Tarboro. Address, "Tuned to Fundamentals," Dr. C. Sylvester Green, Chapel Hill.

2:30, Call to Order, Olin H. Broadway. Singing, led by Charles while working her garden Tues- of the second charge against De-Overman.

and Answers.

Clubs, Sherwood Roberson, Rober- eighth bone fracture. When Wedsonville. 3:25, Questions and An- nesday morning came, she decided a statement which sought to clar-The Student Exchange 3:35,

Fund, John Park, Raleigh. 3:45, Our Rotary Magazine,

# JUDGE SENTENCES DeFEBIO TO ROADS ON TWO COUNTS IN TUESDAY COURT TRIALS

DeFebio Determines Thursday to Appeal Three Verdicts to Superior Court.

# **HUNTIN', TRAPPIN'** 8TH IN EDENTON

community, where the Crusade was Tentative Opening Dates and Bag Limits Announced by Wildlife Resources Commission

> In an effort to give Tar Heel sportsmen a better opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the setting of the 1951-1952 hunting season, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has adopted a plan whereby tentative regulations have been set up and which will be presented to sportsmen at a series of public hearings to be held in each of the nine Commission districts, according to Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

The recommendations are based on reports, records, and opinions of Commission field personnel, and also on what is believed to be the general opinion of many sportsmen throughout the State, Patton said, and due regard was given to duced by Rotarian Wade Marr of the differences in distribution, abundance, economic value, and mous Washington humorist is a breeding habits of game species throughout the three physiographic regions of the State: Coastal Plains, Piedmont, and Mountain.

Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, Vice-President Eastern tion, calls attention of interested parties to the meetings.

The hearing for residents of the First District will be held at the way of Henderson and H. B. courthouse in Edenton at 10 a.m. June 8.

Following the series of public meetings, the Commission will meet on June 13 to set the official 1951-52 hunting regulations. These regulations will be printed and distributed to license dealers by August 1 when the hunting licenses and combination hunting and fish-

ing licenses go into effect. Following are the proposed seasons and bag limits in the First District:

BEAR: October 15-January 1 Bag limits will be 2 daily, 2 in possession, with no season limit. DEER: (White-Tail) Only male deer with antlers 3 inches or more in length may be taken. All counties and parts of counties not list- regards the compulsory school law ed below are closed to deer hunt-

October 15-Jan. 1 in Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Martin, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, except that it was 6:15 p.m. The first trial bein Hatteras Township, Dare Coun- gan at 2 o'clock. ty, the open season will be November 1 through November 30. (In Atlantic Township and Roanoke Island, Dare County, there will be

no open season on deer). and 1 per season.

February 15.

There will be no restrictions on the number that may be taken, witnesses was brief. Mr. Kellogg except that in and west of Cas- elicited from each of them testiwell, Alamance, Randolph, Mont- mony to the effect that the chilgomery, and Anson Counties, the dren had not been in school durbag limit on raccoons will be 1 ing the time specified in the charge. per day, with no possession or sea-

RABBITS: November 22-January 31. Bag limits will be 5 daily, is the only place that children can 10 in possession, and 75 per sea-

SQUIRRELS: October 15-January 1. Bag limits will be 8 daily, See HUNTING, Page Eight

## MRS. LUCETTA MONTAGUE

A beloved old lady of Wanchese, day afternoon, tripped over a Febio. 2:40, International Service, J. C. stump and broke her ankle. Mrs. Cooper, Henderson. 2:55, Questions Lucetta Montague, 82, who deliv- ter the court ruled against DeFeered 900 babies in Dare County bio on a matter of procedure. 3:10, The Organization of New before retiring, had suffered her her daughter, Mrs. Opnera Dan-iels, in Wanchese, where she re-taught by the practical applica-sides. See DeFEBIO, Page Eight

Frank J. DeFebio was found guilty by Judge W. F. Baum in recorder's court in Manteo at the end of each of two separate trials.

He was charged in the first case with having wilfully violated the state compulsory school attendance laws, specifically with failure to send his two minor children of school age, Theodore Thomas and Dennis DeFebio, to school from the 26th day of January until the date when the welfare department took custody of the children.

Mrs. Frank DeFebio said at the Times office just before press-time Thursday that her husband had decided to appeal to the superior court the two decisions reached in recorder's court here Tuesday.

Also to be appealed is Juvenile Court Judge C. S. Meekins decision to make the three De-Febio children wards of the

Judge Baum handed down a sentence of 30 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 and the costs of court.

The convicted man stated after hearing the sentence, "I do not feel that I would be honest with myself if I paid that fine . . . I will not feel that I can give forced labor to any state, Germany, Russia, Italy or the United States."

Appeal? After the first trial Mr. DeFebio at first said he would appeal

the Court's judgment. Later, the appeal to superior court was withdrawn, Mrs. DeFebio said. The charge in the second case against DeFebio was vagrancy; the complaint read to the court by Solicitor Martin Kellogg charged the defendant with being idle,

without property and living upon the earnings of his wife. After reading the law on vagrancy to the crowded courtroom, Judge Baum said that the evidence presented by the state was not disproven by the testimony presented by the defense, that he was therefore guilty of vagrancy and ruled that DeFebio must

serve a 30-day road sentence. Immediately after the second trial, Mr. and Mrs. DeFebio declined to offer testimony (although Mr. DeFebio did read a brief paper which detailed his position as and his theory of raising his children) in the Juvenile Court hearing postponed from last Friday. Judge C. S. Meekins adjourned the hearing once more, saying that he wished to talk to the chil-

dren before giving his decision. By the time the third proceeding was concluded in the clerk's office,

School Law Case In the school attendance case,

the state called R. I. Leake, county school superintendent, Principal W. H. West and Mrs. Atkins of Bag limits will be 1 daily, 1 in Kitty Hawk School, Mrs. T. S. possession, and 2 per season, ex- Meekins, Jr., county welfare officept in Wildlife Resources Com- cver, and Sheriff Frank Cahoon to mission District 7, 8 and 9, the bag give testimony. Carl Salinger, who limit is 1 per day, 1 in possession, is caretaker of the abandoned Coast Guard Station near Duck RACCOON AND OPOSSUM: where the DeFebios had their (With gun and dogs) October 15- home, was called but did not appear to testify.

Questioning of the prosecuting In cross-examination, Mr. DeFebio asked each witness the same question: "Do you feel that school learn?" All witnesses replied negatively.

Mr. DeFebio called his wife Theo T. DeFebio and David Stick of Kill Devil Hills as witnesses. Mr. Stick replied affirmatively to DeFebio's questions, "Do you think our intentions are sincere?" and 82, AND BREAKS ANKLE retired from the stand when it became clear that his testimony would be useful only in the trial

Mrs. DeFebio did not testify af-

DeFebio's Statement After being sworn, DeFebio read she ought to do something about it, ify his position in regard to the so in Twiford's ambulance, she school laws. "It is our desire that went up to Jarvisburg, to get Dr. our children apply the principles Wright to set her ankle. She is of God to everyday living," he be-now taking it easy at the home of gan. Then he explained that he beher daughter, Mrs. Ophelia Dan- lieved the children could best be