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## BOUND OVER TO MAY COURT FOR STORE BREAKING

Three Heard in Hyde Monday  
for Robbery of Spencer's  
Engelhard Store

Three young men were bound over Monday to the May term of Superior Court in Hyde County after being heard by Recorder's Judge Joe Simmons on a charge of breaking into the store of R. S. Spencer of Engelhard on Monday night, October 27th. Their bonds were set at \$500 each for appearance next May. One of the defendants, Lawrence Gray, had furnished bond prior to the hearing.

The value of the goods stolen was estimated at \$500. The other two men were Carol Gibbs, formerly of Engelhard and Edward Beach of Norfolk. They had no bond at the time of the trial.

The three men, who later admitted the deed, went into Mr. Spencer's store in the early morning hours of Tuesday, and got the merchandise which they had planned to sell. By 5 a. m. they had gotten as far as Edenton, but there a burned-out tail-light resulted in their being stopped, and a suspicious officer, after seeing the clothes in the back of their car, got an admission of their origin. He promptly notified the Sheriff of Hyde County who came for the three men, returned the clothing to the owner, and got the admission of the boys that they went in the store, but had been drinking at the time of the theft.

## ENGELHARD ROTARIANS BOOSTING P. D. MIDGETT



P. D. MIDGETT, JR., business man and community leader of Engelhard, is being advocated earnestly and vigorously by the Engelhard Rotary Club for District Governor of the 278th District, in the coming year 1953-54. Mr. Midgett is well-known in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia for his wholehearted civic work and general public spiritedness. He is the son of the late P. D. and Mattie Midgett of Wanchese, where three sisters now reside. He has been a Rotarian for more than 20 years, and was the prime organizer of the club at Engelhard where he established himself in business 18 years ago, pioneering in the development of an ice and electric light business, which now serves the greater part of the Hyde mainland, and part of Dare County, and of which he is president and manager. He graduated from Duke in 1922, taught school at Hatteras, worked for the University of North Carolina, the Durham Morning Herald, the Duke Power Company and the VEPCo at Suffolk, where he was assistant sales manager, prior to coming to Hyde County. As a Rotarian, he has been president three times of his home club; he has served both as President and Vice-President of the Southern Albatross Association; trustee and steward of the local Methodist Church, Bible class teacher, and is now District Steward in the N. C. Conference. He has served in numerous public service capacities in addition to the above, including the County Ration Board, the National War Fund Chairmanship, the Polio Foundation Chairmanship; Member USO Committee, etc., and is now a director of the National Conference of Small Businesses. His wife is the former Virginia Brittain of Suffolk. Children are Martha and Bernard in the Engelhard School, P. D. III, who is a Duke graduate and now associated with his father in business, and George, another Duke graduate who is with Duke Power Co. in Durham. He has served on numerous regional Rotary committees, and on the programs of district assemblies, as chairman and worker on many occasions. He has also served as chairman of the Legislative Advisory Commission of the Institute of Fisheries Research of the University of N. C.

The Manteo Club near Mr. Midgett's old home community on Roanoke Island has endorsed him for this honor. He is being liberally supported by clubs throughout the area.

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## SCOUTS THRILLED BY VISIT TO THE "OUTER BANKS"

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL  
BUGTON ON CAPE HATTERAS, Nov. 11.—Since there is a paved road there is never any predicting what will come rolling down it and this week end Hatteras Island got its first glimpse of a species called Boy Scouts of America when about 100 of them from the Tidewater Council which centers in Norfolk and covers the Albemarle area of North Carolina, came down for a go at exploration.

Native youths came out from their villages and looked at them, from a distance at first and then at closer range, and yet closer when they caught sight of a football being fondled in the company street. That did it. The native youths entered the camp and presently they were mixed up in their very first football game—and this is probably the most fanatical football country in America.

Things went on from there. Before nightfall the visiting Scouts were over in Buxton village, gathered at the school house where the PTA, mothers mostly of the local youths, were dishing out ice cream and cake and everybody was talking about organizing a troop or two of Scouts for Hatteras Island. And by bed time nobody could have told resident boy from visiting boy except the natives were trying to trade them out of the football.

Between times the visiting Scouts explored the Island as well as they could. They climbed the tallest lighthouse in the world and marvelled at what they saw. They dipped themselves in the Atlantic Ocean on the warm side of the Point — and they explored the grave of the six members of the crew of the USS Monitor who washed ashore and were buried here.

Also they were shown orange trees and grapefruit trees with fruit and blooms on them. They saw a pair of 35-pound drum hauled out of the ocean on the Point and they discovered the burial place of a large whale and excavated a joint or tow of its backbone to carry back to their several troop headquarters by way of decoration and trophy. Altogether they got in about as busy a week end as any expedition has been through with.

Camp was established in the level area between Byram Hill and the U. S. Coast Guard station and they found firewood handy in the hundreds of pine trees that were killed by the fire that swept the Cape Hatteras park area in 1950. Stunt-night was staged around a massive bonfire Saturday night and on Sunday morning religious services were held with the Rev. Mr. Rayle, pastor of the Assembly Church in Buxton as leader. Rayle is the choice of the youngsters of the community for scout-master for the proposed troop on the Outer Banks.

Advance arrangements for the encampment were made by Field Executive Raymond F. Heck, Jr., of Elizabeth City and the participating troops were brought down in four massive trucks put at their disposal by the National Guard Service Company in Elizabeth City. These were the first of the Army's big trucks seen on the Island and they negotiated the sandy road between the highway and the camp site without difficulty.

## HELPLESS AT HOME YET HE FINDS CAUSE FOR THANKS

Paralyzed and helpless, but with ever a cheerful mien, John Toler, who recently sold his old home place at Skyeo, and moved down the road to Wanchese where he built a new home, would do anyone good to visit him. John, who like his father, a seafaring man who "rounded the horn" in a sailing vessel in 1849, gave up the sea but only because of illness. Few men are more beloved than John Toler. He remembers on Armistice Day 1918 he was four days bound out of France for the USA. He has a great memory, has John. For instance on most any given anniversary he can tell you what he did many years ago. He recalls that for Thanksgiving 1916 he had at lunch, hog chitterlings and sweet potatoes. It was the day he first left home, to become a crew member of the Diamond Shoals lightship. He is a faithful reader of the Coastland Times, and like many another reader, tells us he especially enjoyed last week's editorial. All of us ought to go to see John more often. Despite his misfortunes, he would cheer us instead of drawing on us for encouragement. John is 56 years old.

REMEMBER YOUR  
OVERSEAS GIFT  
TO SOLDIERS  
MUST BE MAILED  
NOT LATER THAN  
NOVEMBER 15th

## OCRACOKE GIRL TELLS OF VISITS AMONG BRITISH

Fannie Pearl Fulcher Saw  
Relatives of War Victims  
Buried on Ocracoke

The trip of Miss Fannie Pearl Fulcher of Raleigh, formerly of Ocracoke, to England where she visited relatives of victims of the war who met death in a torpedoed ship off Ocracoke and who are buried on that island, is featured in last week's issue of the Ocracoke School news, a highly entertaining and informative bulletin.

Miss Fulcher, who is now back home in Raleigh wrote at the request of the pupils, who have published a footnote at the bottom of the story. Miss Fulcher's account is as follows:

I am glad to send you a brief account of my European trip for your school paper. As you suggested, I am sure the readers will be most interested in my visit with the Cunninghams. The people of Ocracoke should know too that the hospitality extended me by the whole family was their way of showing appreciation for all that was done for Lt. Cunningham.

My Voyage across the Atlantic on the "Queen Elizabeth" was pleasant and interesting. Most of the days were clear and calm, so see VISITS, Page Eight

## STRIPED BASS CATCHES AMAZE OLDEST NATIVES OF DARE COUNTY COAST

Wanchese, N. C.—Striped bass or rockfish catches made by anglers trolling in the waters of lower Croatan Sound during the past 10 days, still amaze the oldest natives of this Roanoke Island community. They say there have never been so many fish of this species taken with rod and reel along the Dare coast during their lifetime.

Catches during the past week end were slightly smaller than on November 2nd and 3rd, when the average per boat was well over 100 fish. On Sunday, for instance, anglers aboard party boats or in skiffs pushed by outboard motors, averaged only 50 to 100 fish per boat.

The strippers average from two to eight pounds and some scaling at 10 pounds have been taken. Bucktail lures are used more than any other kind, although some anglers swear by spoons and especially Huntington dories and they catch plenty of fish.

K. C. Bowers, E. J. Pearia, E. B. Mellon, John Childris and J. P. Hampshire of Norfolk made one of the best catches Sunday. Trolling with Capt. Gilbert Tillett from aboard his charter boat Bumbaloo, 85 strippers were taken in about six hours.

## ALLEGED ASSAULT WITH RIFLE BY MRS. TWIFORD

Mrs. Ethel Twiford of East Lake appealed from a fine of \$10 and costs imposed in Dare Recorder's Court Tuesday by Judge W. F. Baum. The charge was brought by Hubert Ambrose, a neighbor, who alleged that Mrs. Twiford had fired a rifle at him while he was in the woods. His cousin, Irvin Ambrose, was the principal witness.

Mrs. Twiford pleaded not guilty and insisted that she had only been shooting at some hawks which had bothered her chickens. The alleged offense occurred October 17th. She was represented by Forrest Dunstan of Elizabeth City.

## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Effective at once, copy sent to this newspaper for publication written in pencil will be thrown in the waste basket. There are many good reasons for this, but two of them suffice: It is too difficult to set without the typesetter being unable to decipher and it is too difficult to edit. Further, it embarrasses us to print names incorrectly in the paper as a result of these difficulties. Copy unless typewritten, must be written in ink. We wish to print all the news possible, but we cannot do the impossible.

## THEY BROUGHT THE RIVER TO THEIR DOOR



C. W. PRITCHETT and son Morris B. Pritchett of Alligator, Tyrrell County, are setting a new pace in Tyrrell by developing accommodations for tourists, fishermen and hunters on U. S. 64 half way between Columbia and Sandy Point. The East and West bound traffic on this highway which connects the Dare County Seashore with the longest transcontinental Federal highway in the county has been growing all the time. So father and son Pritchett have seen a growing business, and are preparing to handle it. They have brought the deep waters of Alligator Creek up to their door. A channel 600 yards long has recently been completed, whereby yachts may come up to the highway. Facilities for hauling boats out of the water for repairs have been provided. More and more things are being planned by these men, who have been identified with business in this section for many years.

## BUNDY PAYS TRIBUTE TO DARE SHRINE CLUB

Past Grand Master Addresses  
Masonic Group of 250 on George  
Washington, Near Manteo  
Saturday Night

Speaking for a half an hour on George Washington, the man and the mason, W. J. Bundy of Greenville helped a group of about 250 celebrate the 200th anniversary of George Washington's admission to Masonry, in the Shrine home near Manteo Saturday night.

Bundy, who was guest speaker for members of Manteo and Wanchese Lodges and their wives, is past potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple, and Past Grand Master of North Carolina Masons. He paid high tribute to the Shrine Club which he said was the finest achievement of its kind in Eastern North Carolina.

Melvin R. Daniels was Master of Ceremonies, Robert Midgett with Dick Jordan at the Piano led the group singing. Invocation and benediction was by Glenn Bonner, Master of Manteo Lodge. The dinner was served by the Manteo Shrinettes.

## BUXTON WOODS BUCK WEIGHED 76 POUNDS

Hatteras.—Oliver O'Neal, local resident, displayed for news photographers here on Saturday, a 76-pound deer he had killed the previous day in the Cape Hatteras Woods near Buxton. It was one of several bagged by hunters since the season opened November 1.

O'Neal was hunting with Clarence Jennette, Buxton, Delmar Willis, Frisco and Lee Peele and Lloyd Styron of Hatteras. They were using beagles to chase the deer and one other buck was killed during the day's hunt.

The little buck which O'Neal killed was about the same size as a shepard dog. It was one of the species which some local residents compare to the "toy deer" of the Florida Keys. Styron stated that deer were plentiful in Cape Woods this year and that he estimated there were 400 of the animals, dwarfed by interbreeding through, in the Cape Woods of Buxton this season. Others had placed the deer population of the coastal forest at about 50 to 100 and the State Wildlife Resources Commission last year estimated there were probably 200 of the animals in this wooded area of lower Hatteras Island.

## FERRY SERVICE ADVOCATED FOR OCRACOKE ISLE

Swan Quarter and Carteret  
County Interests Look  
Longingly Towards It

A lot of talk has come up about establishing an automobile ferry to Ocracoke Island. Folks on the mainland of Hyde County, to which Ocracoke Island belongs politically, say that a ferry should be established between Ocracoke and Swan Quarter.

Carteret County interests throw cold water on the proposal, and salty cold water at that. They say it just wouldn't do, that the ferry for Ocracokers properly should terminate at Atlantic or Cedar Island in their county. There is a whole lot to be said both ways, but when it is summed up, it may be that neither group is seeking the most expedient and useful outlet. We shall see, but first we will quote what the Carteret County News-Times has to say about it: Swan Quarter Route Would Defeat Purposes of Ferry

"Human nature being what it is, it is understandable that residents of Hyde County want the proposed car ferry from Ocracoke to go to the mainland of their county rather than to Cedar Island or Atlantic. Some serious thought, however, should convince them that such a route would defeat the purpose of the ferry.

"The Hyde countians base their claim for the ferry on the fact that Ocracoke is in Hyde County. They, naturally, feel that any business brought by the ferry should go to Hyde county.

"The purpose of the ferry, however, is to benefit the entire coastal area, not just one county. The ferry from Ocracoke to Cedar Island or Atlantic would connect with U. S. 70 and provide a coastal highway from Virginia to South Carolina.

"Such a highway would bring increased tourist traffic to the entire coastal area. Ocracoke would benefit as well as the other communities along the proposed route.

"Routing these tourists through Hyde County would decrease the traffic along the highway. The inconvenience would be great enough to discourage motorists from using the road. While all of Hyde county would then benefit from the tourist traffic, there would be much less of it.

"Hyde county, or at least a part of it, will benefit from the proposed coastal highway. This, in the long run, will be better for the county than a short period of increased prosperity. A little thought should convince the residents of this."

## Northern Route Advocated

Now there is a large group of people, including many from Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands who think a proposed ferry across the long expanse of briny, and often rough water would never develop into a worthwhile project. They say the logical outlet now is for Ocracokers to come across Hatteras Inlet by ferry, and continue without interruption to wherever they want to go. Here are some see FERRY, Page Eight

## HEARING IN MANTEO ON SANITATION PROBLEMS

On November 20th, next Thursday at the Community Building in Manteo at 7:30 p. m. there will be a mass meeting held by your local health department for all those who are concerned with the sanitation problems confronting both Dare and Currituck Counties. As a result of finding many polluted water supplies which range from Hatteras to Moyock, the Currituck-Dare District Health Department deems it vitally necessary to discuss ways and means of combating a potential enemy that could easily spell disaster for our resort areas, according to Dean Futrell, district sanitarian, who says:

"During the course of this meeting, the septic tank ordinance which was adopted by the Currituck-Dare District Health Department for the express purpose of supervising the installation of all septic tanks will be discussed. Walter C. Lackey, who is with the N. C. State Board of Health, will be present and will assist in the discussions.

"It is urged that all those who are engaged in the plumbing industry be present, for we firmly believe that an alignment of plumbers and health department personnel is of the utmost importance.

"We are well aware of the fact that a water plant is needed on the beach, but until we can acquire one, we must all be comrades-in-arms, and work together for the betterment of our communities."