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## SIX DRAW FINES FOR DISTURBING BUXTON SCHOOL

### Youths on Rampage Assault Principal; Plead Guilty in Dare Court

Six young men ranging in age from 17 to 21, pleaded guilty in Judge's Court Tuesday to charges growing out of a disturbance they created on the school grounds at Buxton, Cape Hatteras, last week, and were fined by Judge Baum. They drew suspended sentences.

The principal, C. E. Word, brought the charges to which the sextette pleaded guilty. Evidence showed that their disorderly conduct forced the closing of the school for the balance of the day. David Barnette, who was charged with assaulting Mr. Word, when he attempted to get the party off the school premises, and with being drunk and disorderly and creating a disturbance, was fined \$25 and the costs of court, and was given a six months probation, suspended on condition he keep off the school premises for the balance of the term.

Ronald Midgett, for aiding and abetting this affair, and for driving an automobile without proper license plate, also got a 30-day suspended sentence and was fined \$15 and costs.

Donnie Gray, for disturbing and interrupting the school, was fined \$5 and costs. Joseph Farrow and Darrell Austin, for aiding and abetting this disturbance each were fined \$5 and costs.

Larry Farrow, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$15 and costs and got a 30-day suspended sentence.

Roger Hammond, member of a Coast Guard crew, was fined \$45 and costs and given a 30-day suspended sentence for speeding at 75 miles per hour, and having no operator's license.

## STUMPY POINT TEEN AGE CLUB IS SPONSORED

### Junior Choir May Grow Out of Recreation Project of Home Demonstration Club

Stumpy Point. — Sponsored by Home Demonstration club, a Teen Age club was organized Friday night, the first facility of its kind to be provided for Stumpy Point young people.

Adopted by the women as their project for the year, the teen age group will be supervised in its weekly Friday night meetings. If enough interest is shown, the group may meet more often in the summer.

The new club is expected to meet some of the recreation needs of the younger group. The movie in Engelhard, 26 miles away, is the only entertainment the young people have and not all of them have the opportunity to attend that.

The Home Demonstration club has asked for contributions of games and for money to buy some of the things needed to make the recreation center interesting to the teen agers.

Stumpy Point principal, Mrs. Ruby Gray, will serve as house mother. In addition, two club members will assist her each Friday in supervising activities.

One of the first projects for the younger group will be formation of a junior choir. Some training in crafts also will be offered. For this the help of the men of the community will be asked. The choir suggestion came from a district meeting which Mrs. Eloise Monette recently attended in Edenton.

The Home Demonstration club, of which Mrs. Woodrow Best is president, had as its project removal of a partition in the school lunchroom, to provide a large area. Although this has been used thus far only for Ruritan and Home Demonstration meetings, it will now open to the teen agers.

## RUPERT PUGH, GULROCK MAN DIES MONDAY; BURIED WED.

Rupert Pugh, 69, a native of Gulrock, Hyde County, died in the Belhaven hospital following a heart attack, at ten p.m. Monday, after many years he was in business at Last Chance, and resided in this section of Hyde County. He is survived by five sons. One brother, Joe Pugh, of Gulrock; five sisters, Mrs. E. T. Cutrell and Mrs. Charlie Haynes of Lake Landing, Mrs. Lida Payne and Mrs. Agnes Gibbs of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. G. C. Cutrell of Middletown.

Funeral and burial were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Gulrock.

## THE MANN'S TWO SONS LIKE ARMY LIFE



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mann of Manns Harbor have good reason to be pleased with the progress of their two sons who had taken Army life for a career. Carl J. is married, and well anchored with a family, and has them with him in France.

Carl J. Mann has been in Uncle Sam's Army ten years. He entered the service in 1943 and took his first training at Greensboro with the Army Air Force, being discharged from the Air Force in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant. In June 1947 he re-enlisted in the regular Army, deciding that Army life was best of all. In 1948 he went to San Jose, Canal Zone, with the Chemical Corp. on a secret mission then to Panama to await a transfer to St. Thomas, Virgin Island the same year. His wife and children joined him there for two years. In 1950 he was returned to the states, where he served one year in New Orleans in charge of the photo lab at the point of embarkation, and while there was rated to Second Lieutenant. He went then to Fort Eustis, Va. with the 55th Heavy Truck Company, and with the same outfit, went to Landes de Bussac, France, where he is now stationed. His family joined him a year ago. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant in November last. See MANN'S, Page Four

## HOUNDS TREE ONE FOX; CATCH THREE AND CHASE MORE

Treeing one fox in top of 20 foot myrtle bush near Nags Head, Hatteras highway at Bodie Island highlighted the fifth annual Valentine Season Fox Hunt which began Thursday morning and will continue through Saturday. Two packs of Walker hounds, owned by the Watkins brothers of Oxford, Jeff Coats and Ed Lamb of Rocky Mount, jumped about 15 foxes during the first morning of hunt.

The hounds were followed by a gallery of some 30 or more hunters. Three foxes were bagged during the first morning hunt, but the one chased up a tree provided more excitement.

The trees for also provided excellent picture material for newsmen and for Scott Seegers, an Arlington, Va., free-lancer covering the hunt this year on assignment from Parade Magazine, a Sunday newspaper supplement. See HUNT, Page Four

## AGED ENGELHARD MAN DIES MONDAY NIGHT

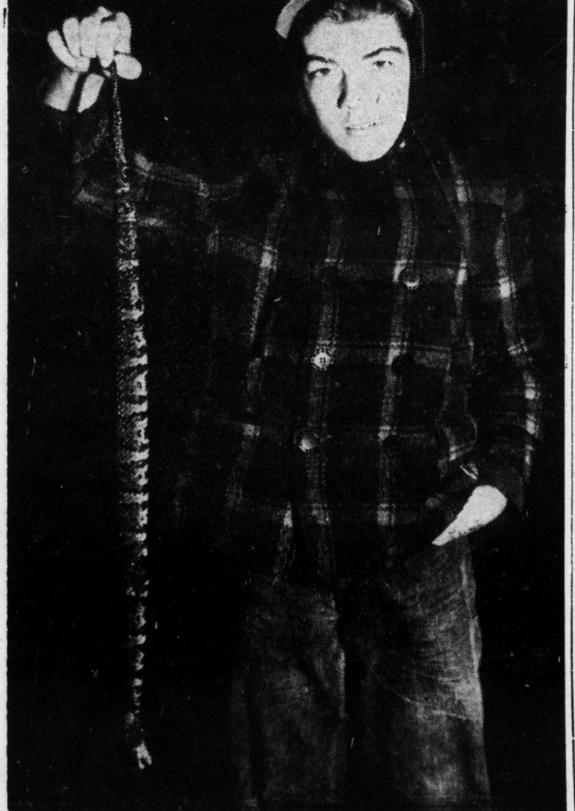
Funeral services for W. Richard Midgett, 89, prominent citizen of Engelhard in Hyde County, who died at his home Monday night after a short illness were conducted Wednesday at noon and interment was in the Fulford Cemetery. He was a member of the Christian church. He was a lifelong resident of Hyde County, the son of the late John and Mrs. Midgett. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. C. Lee Gibbs of Engelhard; a son, Charlie Midgett of Washington; a sister, Mrs. Molly Sadler of Lake Landing; He was a well-known and highly respected citizen. The Berry Company, funeral directors.

## MRS. MARY TOLAR MIDGETT

Mrs. Mary Tolar Midgett, 89, died Thursday afternoon at Wanchese, where she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Bart Garrison. Born September 9, 1863, Mrs. Midgett was the daughter of the late T. T. and Bessie Ansel Tolar of Wanchese and the widow of the late C. N. Midgett. She is survived by one half-brother, John Tolar, of Wanchese; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. C. W. Guthrie, pastor of the Wanchese Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

## BOY SLAYS SNAKE AND SAVES A LIFE



HARRY NIZER, 13 of Roanoke Island whose quick wit caused him to slay a cotton mouth moccasin which had bitten James Midgett, a playmate last week, and to put a tourniquet on the wound to stop the circulation of poison. Harry is shown holding the snake. Photo by Aycock Brown.

## CARRIES FAME OF OUTER BANKS TO GARDEN CLUBS

### Stratton Predicts 200,000 Additional Visitors to Outer Banks to See Park

A. C. Stratton, administrator for the Cape Hatteras Seashore, spread the praises of the area Tuesday when he spoke before some 500 women, attending the South Atlantic Regional Council of Garden clubs at Pinehurst. In this large group, were delegates from 11 southern states.

Stratton predicted 200,000 more visitors will tour the state's Outer Banks annually when the park is completed. He explained plans for recreation, including boating and fishing, and for other activities in the area, such as botanical studies.

He noted that in the 1930's the picturesque Outer Banks were on the verge of being lost because of erosion damage. However, soil erosion and other conservation methods have stopped this threat.

It is now the goal of the Cape Hatteras project, Stratton continued, to preserve the Outer Banks in their natural condition.

When completed the Cape Hatteras project will be the only national seashore park in the U. S. Park System, Stratton said. Plans for the big project, covering more than 30,000 acres and being developed at a cost of \$1,236,000, include a museum to relate the story of the sea and the heroic people who have inhabited the Banks since the early colonial days of Virginia Dare, Stratton reported.

Stratton's address at a luncheon meeting of the host North Carolina Garden Club, was a highlight of the opening day. The South Atlantic Region has more than one-third of the national council's membership.

Mrs. Karl Bickel of Sarasota, Fla., regional president, reported that the South Atlantic Region's junior membership now totals more than 33,000. She presided over sessions this afternoon at which state presidents gave their annual reports.

## MORE ACCOMMODATIONS RISING ON THE BANKS

### Tourist Courts and Cafes at Buxton Under Construction; Others Being Planned

Tourist courts and cafes continue to rise on Hatteras Island, so confident are the people that a big tourist business is on its way. If the history of National Parks is repeated, then there will be business in providing food and lodging for visitors.

George Fuller, enterprising merchant of Buxton, is now constructing a cafe to seat 75 persons at Cape Hatteras. Mr. Fuller owns a new cottage court completed last year.

Walter D. Barnett, well-known native of Cape Hatteras, retired Coast Guardsman, and who owns considerable real estate in Norfolk, is to erect four cottages to be known as Orange Blossom Inn. These will be near the old home of his father and mother, the late W. Lorin Barnett. His mother, Mrs. Lonie Barnett, lives there now.

## DARE MEN FIGHTING IN KOREAN WATERS

Two Dare County men, Clarence J. Hassell, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hassell, and husband of Mrs. Shirley M. Hassell, all of Manns Harbor, and Charlie V. Scarborough, steward, USN, husband of Mrs. Myrtle F. Scarborough of Manteo, are serving aboard the battleship USS Missouri, on her second tour of duty with United Nations forces in Korean waters.

## HATTERAS MAN, BOATSWAIN, TAKES AMPHIBIOUS COURSE

Little Creek, Va. (FHTNC)—Lester B. Ballance, boatswain's mate second class, USN, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ballance of Hatteras, was among the 90 men qualified as assault boat coxswains in a course conducted at the Naval Amphibious Base, by the Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force.

The new coxswains will be attached to Boat Unit 2, a large detachment which provides small landing craft and crews for amphibious landings. This unit is normally based at Little Creek, but can be embarked aboard landing ships, attack transports or attack cargo ships for maneuvers or actual landings.

In order to qualify as an assault boat coxswain, candidates must be able to pilot boats up to 28 tons through surf onto beachheads. The largest landing craft the coxswains are taught to maneuver can carry 25-ton tanks or 120 combat-equipped foot soldiers.

## MANNS HARBOR SOLDIER LIKES LIFE IN BRITAIN



Wildon Burton Craddock is finding life much different, living over in England where he is Staff Sergeant with the 49th Squadron, Air Force. He is 21 years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Craddock of Manns Harbor. Distance didn't keep him from coming home Christmas; he came to America by airliner to visit his parents. He is now stationed in Sculthorpe, England.

## SEPTIC TANK RULES ADOPTED FOR 2 COUNTIES

### Permits to Be Issued to Avoid Cost of Uncovering Systems for Inspection

The Currituck-Dare district board of health, meeting recently, adopted regulations governing design, construction and use of septic tank sewage disposal systems in the two counties.

In the past, Dr. W. W. Johnston, health officer, explained, builders have constructed septic tank systems according to their own ideas, with little or no supervision. In the sandy soil on the beach, however, and the proximity of houses on small lots, the problem of maintaining a safe water supply has become more pressing. Water samples taken in the summer of 1952 showed water pollution in many cases.

To safeguard the water supply for the beach, the board has asked public cooperation in securing permits. See TANK, Page Four

## WANCHESE MAN HAS A CLOSE CALL AT CANAL

Luther Midgett of Wanchese had a close call Saturday night when his truck shot across the road and headed for the canal on the south side of U. S. 158 near its intersection two miles south of Manteo. All that saved him from going into deep water was a small pine tree that stopped the truck. A passerby extricated him from his imprisonment in the truck. Many accidents have occurred on this road, including several deaths.

## ENGELHARD POWER MAN ROTARY DIST. GOVERNOR



ROTARIANS throughout Eastern North Carolina were genuinely elated upon news of the election Monday of P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard to the post of Governor of the 189th Rotary District in N. C. Mr. Midgett, who is in the electrical power business in Engelhard, is a native of Wanchese, formerly taught school at Hatteras; is a 1922 Duke graduate, generous civic leader, and for 25 or more years has been a moving spirit in Rotary, having been an organizer of the Engelhard club which sponsored his candidacy for the Governorship. He has been an active leader in many civic and religious causes. His wife is the former Virginia Brittain of Suffolk. He has four children.

## McNABB IN HOSPITAL

Lt. George McNabb, USN (Ret.) is in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N. C., where he has undergone an operation on his throat. Lt. McNabb is expected to be a patient at the hospital for the next three weeks. He formerly lived in Manteo and Cape Hatteras, but the family now resides in Portsmouth, Va.

## HYDE POWER SYSTEM TO BE ENERGIZED BY 33,000 VOLT LINE IN TYRRELL OF VEPCO

### Pamlico Power and Light Company Makes Contract Which Will Assure Consumers in Two Counties of Unlimited Source of Energy; Line Through Tyrrell to Cost \$168,000, and Hyde County Connections \$60,000 More.

Expenditure of a quarter million dollars is contemplated soon which will give Hyde County consumers of the Pamlico Ice & Light Co. at Engelhard the advantage of an unlimited supply of power. The Virginia Electric and Power Company will build a 33,000 volt transmission line from Columbia to the Tyrrell County line north of Fairfield at a cost of \$168,000. The Engelhard Company will spend some \$60,000 to modernize its lines and to connect with the Vepco line south of Kilkenny.

The new source of energy will supplant the operation of the six oil operated motors in Engelhard, which supply upwards of 1,000 KVA to the 1,200 customers in Hyde County, and the Dare County communities of Stumpy Point and Manns Harbor.

Company officials said this week they are hopeful of putting the new system into service by mid-summer, which is the peak season. The move of the Pamlico Power & Light Co. is in line with the growing trend to hook on to super power lines, where current can be bought for much less than it may be generated in the smaller plants. Usually the rate to an operation of like size is one cent and two mills per kw. The town of Belhaven has recently entered into a similar contract with Vepco for 20 years. Present costs of manufacture in plants of the type used in the smaller system run at 2 cents and up per kw.

A great advantage of the new system of electrical distribution is that customers may be assured of any needed amount of current. No industry need fear a shortage of power, should it desire to locate in Hyde County.

The Engelhard plant is the product of the vision and energy of P. D. Midgett, Jr., who established the business in 1935 and began operation with seven customers. The business has grown through the years from one motor to seven; the lines have been extended over most of Hyde County and to Stumpy Point and to Manns Harbor in Dare and now serves 1,200 consumers.

## ROADS ARE WATERWAYS ON HATTERAS ISLAND

The heavy rains of early February have frequently covered most of the new paved highway between Hatteras village and Oregon Inlet, but the water soon drained off, and at no time was traffic halted.

In Hatteras village, however, it has been a different story with the dirt roads through residential areas. Heavy rains on the week end made the roads impassable. Some of the holes in the village roads had two and three feet of water.

During early January when the rains flooded the Hatteras roads it was necessary to mark the shallow water with bushes and discarded Christmas trees so motorists might avoid drowning their motors.

"A group of Hatteras citizens met with officials of the highway commission recently asking for better maintenance of the village roads," said Dan Q. Oden, local merchant. "But they made no definite promises to do anything but did indicate that probably by summer improvements may be made."

Some residents have charged the highway commission with building paved roads in less populated areas of the county in recent months while densely populated residential areas of Hatteras were overlooked. One spokesman charged that "favoritism" had been shown in building paved roads in the vicinity of properties owned by "politicians" on Roanoke Island during the past year while more thickly populated communities such as Hatteras having only difficult sand trails had been overlooked.

The chief reason for failure to report is attributed by John Ferebee, chairman of the local board, to carelessness about leaving the proper address with the board. Mr. Ferebee stresses the importance of sending a change of address immediately upon making such change.

## ANGLERS MAKE SPORTSFISHING RESERVATIONS

Under normal conditions the first channel bass of the 1953 season will not be taken with rod and reel from Dare coastal waters until around April 1, eight weeks from now, but already anglers are making reservations in local and beach hotels with their arrival date concurring with the arrival of the channel bass.

A survey of hotel and tourist facilities on the week end made by Dare County Tourist Bureau indicated that more persons had made reservations for fishing here during the mid-Spring run of channel bass than in the history of the county.

"Channel bass is not the only fish that is resulting in current reservations from anglers," said L. L. Swain, chairman of the Tourist Bureau's board of directors. Quite a number of persons have requested they be notified when fresh water fish start biting."

Usually the first fresh water fish, (large mouth bass) are taken with rod and reel about March 15, it was stated. Large mouth bass are taken in the fresh ponds of the Outer Banks from Duck and Kitty Hawk to Buxton on Cape Hatteras. Kitty Hawk Bay and Colington Island bays seem to attract more fresh water anglers than anywhere else in the county.

"Fresh water fishermen also find the fishing good in the roadside canals and lakes of the Dare mainland. The waters of the mainland have been stocked at regular intervals by the Wildlife Resources Commission in recent years.

Channel bass appear simultaneous. See ANGLERS, Page Four

## BOY SCOUTS PRESENT BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM

### Manteo PTA Hears Talks From Youngsters Instructed by Patrolman Holt

Manteo Boy Scouts presented a program on Bicycle Safety to the Manteo Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday afternoon at the February meeting in the school auditorium. The boys had been instructed by Patrolman R. C. Holt, and the scout group was represented by Raymond Wescott, Jr., Lloyd Wescott, Danny Moulson and Frankie White.

Mrs. Edna Bell gave a talk on the meaning of Founder's Day. The PTA voted to complete payment on the school typewriters and announced that the new primary school piano, which was presented to the school by the organization as a tribute to Miss Bonnybel Evans, retired Manteo primary teacher, had been installed in the new building and was already in use.

The following nominating committee was appointed by Mrs. Raymond Wescott, president: Mrs. Kenneth Ward, Mrs. Nevin Wescott and Mrs. R. D. Sawyer.

## LEAVE FOR PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS AT FORT BRAGG

A number of Dare County boys left this week for pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg. They included Stanley Tillet, Nags Head; Norman Ward, Manteo; Thomas Cannady, Manteo; Erbe Gallop, Wanchese; Alton Gard, Jr., Manns Harbor; Harrie Willis, Frisco; Harris Pledger, Manteo; Lloyd Pendleton, Manteo, and Reginald Midgett, Manteo. The last-named was a volunteer.

Harley Murphy of Kill Devil Hills was transferred to Wyoming, Delaware, and will be sent from that selective service office. Dave Coldiron, who has been living at Kitty Hawk, was transferred to the local board from Annapolis, Md.

Failing to report were Raymond Miller, Buxton; and Julian Midgett, Manteo.