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2nd DEGREE PLEA DRAWS TERM OF 8 TO 10 YEARS

Dare Term of Court Lasts Only
One Day; Unusual Features Noted

John Davis Scarborough, pleaded guilty to second degree murder of Ephraim Daniels Jr., and was sentenced to not less than eight nor more than ten years in State's prison, by Judge Chester Morris, who presided over the term of Dare County which lasted only a day.

The Judge closer court Monday afternoon and returned to the bedside of his father who died the same evening after a long illness in Gates County. Several cases were disposed of; others were carried over.

Scarborough was tried in May court, and after a long trial, and much expense to the county, a hung jury resulted in a mistrial. This week he pleaded guilty of second degree murder.

Melvin Leon Evans of Currituck, who had twice been tried, and twice freed because of hung juries in Dare, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and his plea was accepted. He had previously been charged with driving while drunk. It has cost several hundred dollars to try his case, due to inability of juries to agree. The court ordered him to pay up to \$175 of the court costs and to be under good behavior for two years under penalty of a 60 day road sentence.

The case of Roy Ambrose was continued. He is charged with violating game laws.

Clayton Bowser and Frank Stewart had been sent up by Reorders Judge W.F. Baum on the ground that the \$60 they were alleged to have stolen is beyond his jurisdiction to try, but the court sent the case back to Judge Baum, as this limit has now been raised to \$100 which he may try.

Jerry Bell McCleave lost out by appealing from Judge Baum's decision which was a simple 60-day suspended sentence, for operating a car after his license had been suspended. Judge Morris See COURT, Page Eight

ADJOINING OWNERS SEEK NEW SURVEY AT HEALTH CENTER

An appeal on the part of several adjoining property owners, to the Dare County Board of Commissioners for a new survey in establishing lines of the Cape Hatteras Health Center, will come before the Board on November 8th. Among these property owners are C. H. Whedbee and his sister, Mrs. George Gaskins, L. D. Midgett and Mrs. Martha Barnett, and some of them claim they will lose valuable land if a survey stands, this survey having been made in 1954 giving an advantage, they allege, to E. P. White of Buxton, who is one of the commissioners.

The Cape Hatteras Health Center property was conveyed to the county by the U. S. Government some six years ago, to enable the establishment of a public infirmary which has rendered a valuable service to the people. Now that land is more valuable, nearby owners are more particular about their lines. Some of the adjoining owners feel that the survey directed by the Commissioners last year gives Mr. White, who is now one of the members of the Board, a decided advantage, being some 135 feet at the expense of the neighbors. It looks like still more expense for the taxpayers to assume, before a satisfactory survey will be made.

ROBERT CLAY TILLET

Robert Clay Tillett, two-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clay Tillett, died Saturday in the Langley Air Force Base Hospital.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandparents, Alton Clay Tillett, of Kitty Hawk, and Mrs. Edna Bell Stone, of Norfolk; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. of Eureka, Calif.; paternal grandmothers, Mrs. Lenora Tillett, of Kitty Hawk, and Mrs. Jennie Waterfield, of Aydlett; maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Zachary, of Vacaville, Calif.

Funeral services were held Wednesday and burial was in the Austin Cemetery.

HATTERAS ME. REVIVAL

The Rev. Tommy Tyson of Goldsboro will be the visiting preacher at the Hatteras Methodist Church revival services starting November 2.

Services will start at 7:30 p.m. and all are invited to come.

FIVE GENERATIONS IN THIS MANTEO GROUP



—Dan Morrill Photo, Manteo.

FIVE GENERATIONS are shown in this family group headed by Capt. Columbus Midgett of Manteo, whose 89th birthday occurred this month. Reading from left to right, Mrs. Andrew Tillett; Capt. Midgett; Charles F. Midgett, son of Capt. Midgett and father of Mrs. Tillett. In the front are Jack Columbus Tillett, son of Mrs. Tillett, holding his baby daughter, Jacquelyn.

WSCS GROUPS TO ASSEMBLE TUES. MANTEO CHURCH

Noted Field Worker to Address
Methodist Women November First at Mt. Olivet

Mrs. W. B. Landrum of Little Rock, Ark. is to be the principal speaker next Tuesday when the Outer Banks Group will join with the rest of Dare County, and the Pas-Cur-Cam Group in a sub-district meeting of the WSCS at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo.

Registration will begin at 9:30 and until 10 a.m. when the Manteo host group will serve coffee. Mrs. Landrum has been on the National staff of the Woman's Division since 1947 and is widely experienced as District, Conference and Jurisdiction officer. The theme of the meeting will be "Building a better World."

Mrs. Herbert Morrison of Kill Devil Hills, and Mrs. Mabel Meekins of Avon will preside at the morning and afternoon sessions, respectively. Luncheon at \$1 will be available from 12 to one p.m. The afternoon session will convene at 2:30.

The Pas-Cur-Cam group will be led by Mrs. Leslie Wood of Elizabeth City. All preachers and visitors are cordially invited.

PARTY TIME

The Manteo Woman's Club is having a party for the young men and women of the community, 65 and over, on Tuesday, November 8 at the Educational Building of the Methodist Church. There will be eats and entertainment for all.

All who qualify are invited and if you need transportation to the party call Mrs. Grace Davis and transportation will be arranged for you.

LOOK AT YOUR DARE COUNTY TAX NOTICES

Dare County taxpayers are getting their tax notices this week. They are beginning to see a little more clearly what we have been telling them about. On Roanoke Island they find this year's taxes a third higher than last year's. Almost as bad elsewhere in the county.

Study these tax notices well. Clearly, there is a rank injustice to the people when such things happen at a time when property has grown so rapidly. The tax burden is not being fairly distributed. The county business is poorly managed. And yet right now, the County Board is making ready to hold another election, on the same subject of issuing jail bonds, which cost the people \$3,000 in July, and was turned down by a two to one vote.

There has to be another day sometime. It would be timely now for citizens to get together, and organize a taxpayers' association to combat what is growing into an intolerable situation.

REPAIRS URGED BY GRAND JURY FOR DARE BUILDINGS

Good Care For County Records Recommended; Schools Need Repairs

Despite appeals made by local officials to get Judge Morris to tell the Grand Jury how bad the county needs a new courthouse and jail, that body this week in its report did not take his charge too seriously and failed to recommend more than repairs to the present structure.

It also recommended many repairs to a lot of other buildings in the county which it appears are being neglected and allowed to run down. Geo. W. Ambrose of East Lake was appointed foreman by Clerk of Court C. S. Meekins and J. W. Davis of Wanchese was elected Clerk to the Grand Jury.

The report indicated that a lot of money ought to be spent on the Kitty Hawk school including a storage room, larger bath rooms, lights and heater in music room, first grade room repairs, leaky rooms repaired and paint inside throughout the building.

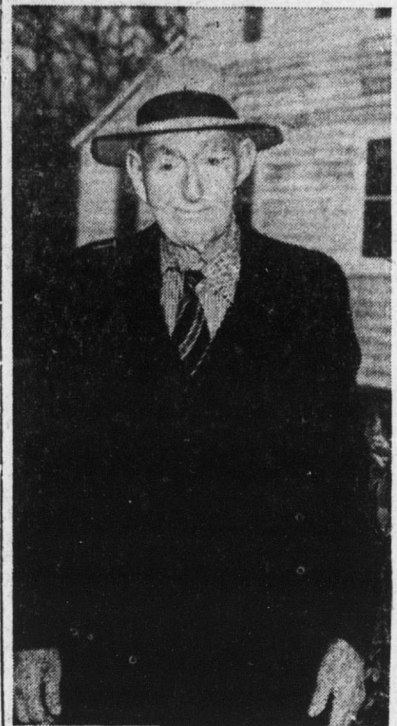
The brand new Negro school is leaking, and needs window panes and celotex ceiling replaced.

The Manteo white school has a leaky roof. The Wanchese school needs a new wiring system because the "current delivered to the school is so low." It needs water pipes covered and holes filled in the front yard.

The Manteo gymnasium, and the community building are mighty badly in need of repairs, the report stated. Good care of the county records was urged.

Others serving on the Grand Jury were Lundy Twiford of East Lake; Henry Beasley of Colington; Charlie Spruill of Duck; Zeke Midgett, Wayne Parker and M. M. Meekins of Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Aleta Pinner, John T. and John W. Ambrose of Manns Harbor; See REPAIRS, Page Eight

DARE COUNTY'S OLDEST MAN 94 ON OCTOBER 25



WILLIAM A. PERRY of Kitty Hawk is Dare County's oldest man and a highly beloved citizen, active and still fishing nets in Currituck Sound. He thinks nothing of going out alone in his boat. In honor of his birthday, his children gave him a dinner on Saturday preceding the event, which was Tuesday of this week. In addition to the several relatives, the Methodist minister, Rev. W. B. Gregory attended. He received a huge basket of groceries and many useful gifts and cards. He is a wonderful old man, although his years are beginning to tell on him. All friends hope he will reach 100 at least.

Mr. Perry was born at Newbern's landing in Currituck October 25, 1861. He used to help his father run a grist mill. He has been married three times, and has also lived at Point Harbor, Colington and Columbia. He has spent his See PERRY, Page Eight

30 FISHING CLUBS IN NAGS HEAD'S TWO-DAY TOURNEY

Two-Day Event Begins Friday
Morning With Headquarters
at Jennette's Pier

By AYCOCK BROWN

Thirty fishing clubs from Wilmington, N. C. to Brooklyn, N. Y., had registered yesterday for the fourth annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament which begins Friday morning and continues through Sunday, October 30.

"At least two and possibly a half dozen more clubs will have teams registered before the starting signal begins the first of four sessions of team competition scheduled for Friday and Saturday," said H. W. Shaner of Margate City, N. J., who is here again this year to direct the piscatorial classic.

Team competition will be held between 8 and 11 a.m., and 2 and 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday evening part of the trophies and prizes, with total value of more than one thousand dollars will be awarded at the annual banquet scheduled to be held at The Carolinian, social headquarters of the event.

Then on Sunday, individual competition for all anglers who wish to participate will be held with prizes to be awarded Sunday evening.

Fishing headquarters will be at Jennette's fishing Pier with fishing areas along the beaches of Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk.

The tournament is sponsored by the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club under auspices of the Association of Surf Anglers Clubs, an international organization. Warren H. Jennette Jr., is president of the sponsoring club with Comdr. W. A. Williams as vice president and Major J. L. Murphy, secretary-treasurer. Chairmen of the Tourney committees includes beside Shaner, Julian Oneto, Pat Bayne and James Scarborough. Oneto is chairman of the Tourney dinner arrangements committee, and other officials include Dan Harris, transportation committee, Warren Jennette weightmaster and Lucille S. Puffer, reception committee.

Teams that had registered by Thursday noon included: Anglers Club, Margate, N. J.; Anchor Club, Nags Head; Beachcombers Club, Staten Island; Cornwall Club, Cornwall Heights, Penna.; Elizabeth City Fishing Club, Elizabeth City, N. J.; Farragut Rod and Gun Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Holmesburg Fishing Club, Holmesburg, Penna.; Island Anglers Club, Rocky Mount; Long Beach Island Fishing Club, Harvey Cedars, N. J.; Lynhaven Club, Lynhaven, Va.; Merchantsville, N. J. Fishing Club; Margate City, N. J. Casting Club; Ocean City, N. J. Club; Penn Mutual Anglers Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pennsylvania State Association, Philadelphia; Pennsauken Sportsman Club, Pennsauken, N. J.; Sandbridge, Va. Club; South Jersey Anglers Club of Margate City; Spinmasters Club of Danville, Va.; Stone Harbor, N. J. Club; Tidewater Anglers Club, Norfolk; Virginia Gentleman's Fishing Club, Alexandria, Va.; Virginia Beach, Va., Fishing Club; Woman's Surf Anglers Club of N. J.; West Philadelphia Anglers Club, Philadelphia; Barrington Rod and Gun Club, Audubon, N. J. and the New Hanover Fishing Club, Wilmington, N. C.

SUB-DISTRICT MYF

The Dare Sub-District of Methodist Youth Fellowship is to meet at the Manteo Methodist Church, Saturday, November 5, at 11 a.m.

Young people from Manteo, Wanchese, Kitty Hawk, Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point and adults interested in youth work are invited to the meeting.

BELOVED MANTEO COUPLE MARRIED 50 YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Amasa J. Willis of Manteo, who observed their Golden Wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Hazel Twyne, in Manteo.

Mrs. Willis, the former Dora Lee Tillett of Wanchese, and Mr. Willis were married October 18th, 1905 by the Rev. C. R. Taylor at the home of Mrs. Willis.

The Anniversary was quietly celebrated with a few friends calling during the day; it was also Mr. Willis' 75th birthday. Mr. Willis is a native of Hatteras, but has made his home on Roanoke Island for 50 years, except for a period of 5 years during which he resided in Norfolk. For the past several months both he and Mrs. Willis have made their home with their daughter and only child, Mrs. Hazel Twyne. They have two grandchildren, Sam Midgett, Jr., who is living in San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. Marjlene Thomas, who lives in Burlington, N. C.

ROBERT C. ROLLINSON DIES IN A RALEIGH HOSPITAL

Robert Crisp Rollinson, 53, died Tuesday in a Raleigh hospital after a lingering illness. He was a native of Frisco, Dare County, and had resided there and at Buxton all his life. He had served in the Coast Guard for several years. He was the son of F. J. and Bethany Rollinson and husband of Mrs. Patricia Rollinson. Surviving besides his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Peggy Gilbert of Springdale, Mrs. Shirley O'Neal of Norfolk, Betty Gay Rollinson of Frisco; three sons, Robert Crisp Rollinson Jr. of Norfolk, Victor Rollinson and John Boyd Rollinson of Buxton; one brother, Leonard V. Rollinson of Frisco; and one sister, Mrs. Erskine Oden of Nags Head.

THE SIZE OF YOUR HEART

It isn't the size of your house so much
That matters so much at all
It's the gentle hand and its loving touch,
That maketh it great or small.
The friends who come and the hour they go,
Who out of your house depart,
Will judge it not by the style you show
It's all in the size of your heart.
It isn't the size of your head so much,
It isn't the wealth you found
That will make you happy — it's how you touch
The lives that are all around.
For making money is not so hard—
To live life well is an art:
How men love you, how men regard,
Is all in the size of your heart.

—Unknown

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA PLANNED BY MANTEO METHODISTS

The community Christmas Cantata to be presented December 18, 1955 is to be started on Wednesday night, November 2, at 9:00, meeting at the Methodist church in Manteo. This time was set because it allows those in the various churches to attend their prayer services and their choir rehearsals. The practice for the cantata is to be limited to one hour and everyone is invited to come out and help make this community affair a success. It is the first time that such an effort has been made in the community and every church is invited to bring its choir and help. The cantata will be under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Meekins with Mrs. Rennie Williamson at the organ. The title of the cantata is "The Nativity" and it is a musical production which will last about an hour with the whole worship program included. The arranger for the cantata is Eric Thiman and it contains special solos for all parts with especial emphasis on the tenor and soprano. There is great need for bass voices along with a special need for alto solo voices. The sopranos and tenors will want some strong voices to carry the musical along.

All churches and pastors have a special invitation to join with the other churches. Pastors and leaders are urged to announce this and to urge their people to assist in making it a great project for the community and county, says the committee.

CECIL M. SIMPSON 73 DIES IN MANTEO

Cecil Mortimer Simpson 73, a resident of Manteo for the past 12 years, died suddenly at his home on Main Street Monday night at 9:15. He was a longtime resident of Pea Ridge, Washington County, but was born in Edenton Feb. 2, 1872, son of William S. and Eugenia Gaskins Simpson. He was a retired farmer and fisherman. In Manteo he had many friends, and he was noted for the excellent garden he maintained at his home.

He is survived by his wife, the former Orenda Midgett; by three sons, Henry A. Simpson of Plymouth, Cecil Odell Simpson of Washington, D. C., and Howard E. Simpson of Roper; two daughters, Mrs. Evia Tarkington of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Mamie Brickhouse of Columbia, by 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Manteo Baptist Church. The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo, by the pastor, Rev. L. E. Aitken and Rev. Henry V. Napier of the Baptist Church. Burial was in the Manteo cemetery.

YACHT DAMAGED MONDAY, BEACHED AT ALLIGATOR

The yacht Ilene was beached Monday after striking a submerged object on the west side of Alligator River. The Florida bound vessel will be repaired. None of the occupants were hurt.

APPROVAL SOUGHT TO BOND DARE CO. FOR \$30,000.00

Commissioners Seek Another Election
After State Advisory
Commission Gives
Approval

The Dare County Board of Commissioners has published notice that it will ask the County Government Advisory Commission in Raleigh for approval to issue \$35,000 in bonds to add to other money the county now has to build a jail at Hatteras and at Manteo.

Unless the citizens of the county make successful objection to the commission against this proposal, the county board will hold another election. Similar approval was gotten in July, and an election held, and the people voted down the project two to one but some \$3,000 of the people's money was wasted.

So far as can be determined at this time, the people are still in the mood not to approve the wasteful courthouse and jail scheme as outlined. Many people are in a belligerent frame of mind over the persistence of the board in so lightly passing over the vote held; over the waste of money in making plans and holding an election, when the citizens have expressed their will.

Most citizens appear to be disgusted with the action of the board in going ahead on this project when they have already raised taxes outrageously this year, and have already had the brass to put on an extra jail and courthouse tax, as may be seen by the tax notices now being mailed out.

There is some talk of calling a mass meeting with the view of organizing a sufficient number of taxpayers who will finance a court battle against the waste and extravagance now in vogue in Dare County.

Due in part to these high taxes, and the possibility of putting on more for the courthouse and jail in Manteo, many people who have been interested in acquiring extra school facilities are beginning to fear the voters will not approve those either.

Citizens of Kitty Hawk are trying to get their people to vote a \$200,000 bond issue on their township alone, in order to build a high See BONDS, Page Eight

ISLAND STUDENTS CONCLUDE ANNUAL WASHINGTON TRIP

Ocracoke Seniors and Juniors
Didn't Wait For Spring This
Season For Trip to
Capital

Seniors and Juniors of Ocracoke High School are back from a delightful visit in Washington, D. C. They were accompanied by Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler of the Ocracoke school faculty. For several years it has been a custom for seniors and juniors to visit Washington, D. C., but previously the trips have always been made in March or April. The group found Washington far cooler and far less crowded in mid-October. They visited the Capitol, the Supreme Court which was in session, the Washington Monument, Lee Mansion and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, the Museum of Natural History, the Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian group, the F.B.I., the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Aquarium in the Commerce Building, the Washington Cathedral, the Archives Building, and for lighter diversion the airport, the zoo, Cross Creek Park, Hains Park, and several good movies.

They were delightfully entertained by Washington friends who are Ocracoke enthusiasts. They enjoyed Sunday dinner at the airport with Mrs. Charles Runyon, Nina, John, and Anne Runyon and visited that evening at the Runyon home in Georgetown. Mrs. G. H. Klineck took them to several interesting places in her car on Tuesday and entertained them at a Hot Shoppe Restaurant. They were entertained at the Peking Restaurant at an all-Chinese dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. John Beal, and children, all of whom have enjoyed Ocracoke summer vacations during the past two years. It was delightful to renew friendships, made at Ocracoke, in Washington. H. W. O'Neal, a native of Ocracoke who works in Washington, gave the group a delightful S & W dinner and an evening at the movies with "Francis joins the Navy" as one of the features.

Mrs. Rondthaler visited friends in the Department of the Interior and had the opportunity to meet See STUDENTS, Page Eight