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## USUAL FALL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES MONDAY

### Large Criminal Docket in Dare County May Bar Trial of Civil Cases

There are enough criminal cases on the docket for the usual fall term of Dare County Superior court which convenes Monday of next week, October 22, that civil cases may not be reached. Some of these cases came up from last Spring's court as a result of mistrials. Mistrials and hung juries are costly to the taxpayers, and result from weak and incompetent juries in some cases, the result of poorly selected jury lists. In Dare County jury lists are not kept up to date, nor purged of people who are obviously incompetent physically and mentally to serve. When court day comes, so many of this list has been excused that it is necessary to pick up talismen from the spectators, some of whom from time to time are planted especially to be put on the jury.

A heavy expense will result next week, if the trial is held, to again try Thurston Gray for the felonious burning of woodlands in Dare County. In the former trial, the jury didn't agree on a verdict. Gray is now under arrest again to be tried for damaging nets of Alton Best of Stumpy Point, and for other offenses. Buren Gray, his companion in this latter case is to be tried also, but he was acquitted last year of helping to burn the woodlands.

Three cases against George R. Fearing of Kitty Hawk in which he is charged with violating laws regulating sale of beer are to come up. Fearing appealed from the \$300 fine imposed in Recorder's Court.

Norman S. Ward, Herbert Bowser, are charged with failure to support illegitimate children; Paul Davenport and Joe White Jr. are to be tried for breaking in the Dare County Ice Co. office and stealing a cash register. H. B. Zackrisson is charged with breaking in at Nags Head with intent to steal an auto. Balfour Wescott, Julian Clark are to be tried for drunken driving. Claude A. Maynard is to be tried for breaking out of a prison camp. Willis Wilson for having liquor for sale. See COURT, Page Four

## ANDY GRIFFITH SIGNS WITH WARNER BROTHERS FOR "SERGEANTS" ROLE

Finally Andy Griffith, star on Broadway of "No Time For Sergeants," was nailed down by Jack Warner for the lead in Warner Brothers picture version of the play, in which the former Lost Colony "Sir Walter Raleigh," soared to additional fame last year, according to an INS story from Hollywood.

Since leaving the Broadway show last year Griffith and his wife Barbara, who had also starred in The Lost Colony a few years ago, spent their summer vacation on Roanoke Island where they have purchased the magnificent island estate built by the late Dr. Barach at Mountain Hill Farm.

Griffith left Roanoke Island in August to begin his first picture "A Face In The Crowd" which was especially written by Bud Schulberg for Griffith. The first shootings of the film were in Arkansas but recently the scenes shifted to New York. Elia Kazan, a producer of the current Griffith film.

## TWO STRIPED BASS REALLY DID SOME TRAVELING

Manns Harbor. — Two striped bass, or rockfish, tagged by officials of the State Wildlife Resources Commission in Croatan Sound last year, were caught a few weeks ago in the surf by anglers fishing near the tip of Cape Cod in Massachusetts, according to Jim Sykes, leader of the tagging project in local and coastal waters.

Sykes and A. W. Lilley have returned to Manns Harbor to start tagging more striped bass as the commercial fishermen begin catching them in nets. So far, due to armish and pleasant autumn weather, the strippers, which are better known locally as rockfish, have not begun schooling up in the waters of Croatan Sound. A w have been caught in river tributaries of Albemarle Sound, both by anglers and commercial fishermen.

Last year the tagging crews of the state's Wildlife Resources Commission tagged approximately 60 fish. Of that number approximately 54 percent of the tags have been returned. Most of the tagged fish were caught again in headwaters of Albemarle Sound.

## GOVERNOR HODGES ENJOYS HUSHPUPPIES AT STATE FAIR



SHARING these tasty hushpuppies, made from Eastern North Carolina corn meal, are H. I. Davis, Secretary of the Eastern Carolina Corn Millers Association, and Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine. Serving is Mrs. Randall S. Moore of the Raleigh Woman's Club which is sponsoring a dining concession at the fair.

## PARK SERVICE TO SPEND \$100,000 TO COMBAT SEA TIDES

### Annual Appropriation Planned to Protect Ocean Front Against Tides Coming Over Beach

The sum of \$100,000 has been made available to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, according to Superintendent Allyn F. Hanks, as a beginning for the long range program of the National Park Service to rebuild and stabilize the protective sand dune system within the Recreational area.

In cooperation with State and County agencies, also engaged in this important work, the objectives of the program have been coordinated and decisions reached concerning the most critical locations requiring early attention to protect the public investment in highways and other improvements. Plans contemplate the annual allotment of funds in substantial amounts to continue this work until an unbroken barrier is achieved and to maintain the results on a sustaining basis.

## REV. A. C. D. NOE TO BE AT ST. ANDREWS BY-THESSEA, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

The Rev. A. C. D. Noe, under whose leadership the Episcopal Church, St. Andrews by-the-Sea at Nags Head, was organized into a year round parish of the Diocese of East Carolina, will return next Sunday, October 21, to conduct the morning services beginning at 11 o'clock. During the services Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Noe will arrive on the coast from their home near Bath, North Carolina's oldest incorporated town on Saturday. Since this will be one of the final services the Rev. Mr. Noe will conduct at St. Andrews as priest in charge, many of his communicants and friends are expected to be present.

## RADIO OPERATORS WANTED FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Anyone interested in learning the techniques and theory of an Amateur Radio Operator—to be utilized as an emergency operator during either natural or military emergency situations, please contact Robert Gunn, Dare County Civil Defense Director, at phone 202-W, Manteo.

Classes will be offered shortly by Goodrich Williams, Civil Defense Radio officer. These courses will award a novice operators license as soon as a 5 word-per-minute capacity is reached. Then the student will proceed to qualify for a general class amateur license at 13 words per minute.

All licensed operators in the county will please contact Mr. Gunn or Mr. Williams as soon as possible in order that their skills may be assigned in the strategic Civil Defense Radio Network.

## CASE DISMISSED

The case against Jon Williams of Wanchese, and Jethro Payne Jr., who were charged with assaulting and robbing Herman Smith Jr. of \$20, was dismissed on the ground of insufficient evidence by Judge W. F. Baum in Recorder's Court in Manteo Tuesday. This was the only case heard.

## USUAL CONVENTION OF SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION POSTPONED

After a year of minor activity, the Southern Albemarle Association will not hold its traditional annual October convention this year, President Melvin Daniels said this week, and that a meeting to take its place will be held at Manns Harbor, if as and when the Croatan Sound bridge is completed this winter.

On October 31 a meeting of directors has been called to take place in Belhaven at which time a morning session will be held in the schoolhouse, followed by a buffet luncheon at River Forest Manor in the afternoon as guests of the Beaufort County Commissioners. Dr. W. T. Ralph, Mayor of Belhaven and Vice-President of the Association for Beaufort County, will preside.

## ETHAN F. WISE, LONG PROMINENT IN BUSINESS CIRCLES IN DARE DIES

Ethan Fillmore Wise, 66, for many years active in the business life of Dare County, died Thursday evening in a Norfolk hospital after an illness of two days. He was owner of much waterfront property in Manteo and at Stumpy Point, and for many years was associated in mercantile fishing and boating business with his late brother Claude Wise. He was the son of the late Spencer and Elizabeth Casey Wise, and a member of the Shiloh Methodist Church at Stumpy Point. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Cora Twiford of Stumpy Point. For the past 18 to 20 years he had made his home principally at Manteo.

Funeral services for Mr. Wise were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Rev. L. A. Aitken, pastor, officiated. Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor of the Stumpy Point Methodist Church assisted. "Shall We Gather at the River," and "Abide With Me" were sung by members of the church choir, Mrs. Rennie Williamson accompanied at the organ. The casket was covered with a pall of white carnations and ferns. Pallbearers were, Ralph O'Neal, Garland Meekins, Ernest Meekins, J. O. Basinight, B. A. Evans and Robert Ballance. Burial followed in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Manteo.

## CAPT. TOLER, NAGS HEAD NATIVE DIES IN NORFOLK

Capt. Julian B. Toler, 66, died Monday night in a Norfolk hospital after an illness of one year. He was a native of Nags Head, and had resided in Norfolk for the past 13 years, making his home at 1058 W. 40th St. He was the son of Caleb and Elizabeth O'Neal Toler. He was employed by the U. S. Merchant Marine for the past 13 years and was a member of American Legion Post 8, Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Joe Scarborough of Duck; five brothers, Lloyd and Walter Toler, both of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., Clarence Toler of Washington, N. C., Willie Toler of Hampton, and James Toler, of Norfolk, and several grandchildren.

## DARE, A COASTAL COUNTY WINS FIRST STATE FAIR PRIZE

### Agent Bob Smith's Exhibit Illustrated Profits From Growing Christmas Trees

County Agent Robert S. Smith's 4-H Club exhibit at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh this week won first prize. It was the first time since he became county agent here several years ago that Smith arranged an exhibit at the autumn event held each year at the state's capital.

His exhibit was built up around the theme of "Grow Your Education." That is, through 4-H Club instruction members are taught that among other projects is that of growing red cedar trees to be harvested and sold as Christmas trees after a period of three or four years.

The Dare booth at the fair exhibits what placards and living cedar trees how it is possible for a person entering high school to devote a plot of ground to red cedar planting that may be harvested during his graduation year and sold for enough profit to help defray the expenses of a college education.

County Agent Smith who with his wife, Mrs. Smith, have been attendants at the Fair booth this week stated that he had encouraged 4-H members here on the Dare Coast with available land plots to grow red cedars for Christmas trees, a project which several have developed an interest in doing.

## TEXAS GIRL LOOKING FOR BEACH WHERE SHE CAN SWIM IN THE NUDE

The State Advertising division received a letter from a Texas girl who is interested in a seashore vacation in North Carolina next Spring. The letter was forwarded to Dare County Tourist Bureau for processing.

"I would also like very much the beaches where I could swim in a bikini swim suit, a boy's swim trunks (bare to waist) and where I can swim on the beaches nude," she stated.

The Tourist Bureau sends its descriptive literature with emphasis on the secluded beaches of Dare during the Springtime. Since her name will be included in the weekly Inquiry List the Texan will likely receive a flood of mail re: accommodations and other vacation data.

## KITTY HAWK MAN HEADS NAGS HEAD CHAMBER

Orville L. Baum, well-known rental and real estate man of Kitty Hawk was named last week president of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce.

Other officers named were: vice president, George Sides of Nags Head; secretary, Sarah F. Halliburton of Kill Devil Hills; treasurer, Mrs. Thomas V. Chears of Kill Devil Hills; directors for two years, Mrs. W. H. Smith of Kitty Hawk, Mrs. James Scarborough and Mrs. Lucille Purser of Nags Head; directors for one year to fill vacancies, P. J. M. Bayne and George Crocker, both of Nags Head; director for one year as past president, Thomas H. Briggs of Kill Devil Hills. Wallace H. McCown of Nags Head is a hold-over director.

## BIG TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FRIDAY FOR ANGLERS HERE

### Maybe A Little Rough, Due to Week's Storm, But It's Booked For Three Days

By AYCOCK BROWN

The biggest fishing tournament to be held since the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club began sponsoring the events each October back in 1952, is scheduled to begin here on Friday and already teams from clubs ranging from Long Island to North Carolina are arriving. H. W. Shaner, director of the tournament, stated earlier this week that he expected a minimum of 33 teams and that by the time competition begins early Friday morning along the beach from Kitty Hawk to Whalebone, more teams may be present.

Earlier in the week there was some speculation that rugged weather moving northward from Florida and due to pass offshore on Thursday may cause some of the teams to cancel. But weather-wise anglers were saying that conditions should be perfect before the week end passes.

Headquarters for the tourney will be the Carolinian hotel where trophies are on display and special events will be held including the big annual banquet Saturday night when trophies and prizes will be awarded winning teams.

In addition to Shaner who for the fifth year is directing the event, other officials of Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, sponsors of the event include: Comdr. W. A. Williams, Jr., president, James Scarborough, Warren Jenette, Pat Bayne, Julian Oneto, Dan S. Harris, Charles Nunemaker, Aycock Brown and Mrs. Lucille Purser.

## RESERVATIONS REQUESTS ON SPECIAL WASHINGTON BUS REQUIRED BEFORE TUESDAY

If Dare County is to have a special bus to take passengers to the First District Democratic rally in Washington Thursday, October 25, reservations must be in the hands of M. L. Daniels, County Chairman by Tuesday the 23rd. Chartering of the bus will be predicated on getting enough tickets sold prior to this date, at \$3.60 each, to fill it up. Any persons interested should communicate with M. L. Daniels, before Tuesday.

Should the bus be put on, it will load at the courthouse in Manteo shortly after 12 noon Thursday, the 25th and will cross to Manns Harbor on the 1:50 ferry. Regardless of the lateness of the hour of return, a boat will make a trip to bring it back to Roanoke Island that night.

## DEER HUNTERS IN DARE HAVE HAD GOOD LUCK

Manns Harbor.—Big game hunters on the Dare mainland have had very good luck to date, and the season making it legal only opened this week on Monday. Eight deer were killed on the first day of the hunting season, according to reports from Game Protector W. Stanford White who lives here and covers the Mashoes, Manns Harbor, East Lake and Stumpy Point areas.

There were plenty of hunters on hand to usher in the season. Among those credited with kills were Harry Westcott and Ben Roney of Raleigh, who bagged a buck, and also Dr. Bill Lennon, Ras Westcott and others who reportedly killed two deer. So far no bear kills have been reported.

To hunt on West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company N. C. woodlands in Dare and Tyrrell, it is necessary to first obtain a permit which are now available from company officials. Certain company roads are open for hunting traffic on Saturdays, but closed the remainder of the week.

## MRS. MARY MODLIN, FORMER HOTEL OPERATOR DEAD

Mrs. Mary Modlin, 79, died Friday, Oct. 12 in a Norfolk hospital after an illness of three weeks.

For many years she operated the old Arlington Hotel at Nags Head. A lifelong resident of Elizabeth City, she was the daughter of the late Steven and Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and wife of the late Jule C. Modlin. She was a member of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Jule C. Modlin, of Durham, a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Holland, Jr., of Route 1, Hickory, Va.; a granddaughter, Miss Betty Jean Holland, of Hickory; a grandson, Latina M. Combs, of Miami, Fla., and two great grandchildren.

## BERMUDIANS INSPIRED OVER REVIEW OF LOST COLONY MAY ESTABLISH MID-OCEAN PLAY

### British Islands in Mid-Atlantic Hear Manager Dick Jordan Tell of Beginnings and Successes of Roanoke Island's Summer Attraction; Leaders Propose Similar Play Dealing With Bermuda History.

By AYCOCK BROWN

Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony was played up under a six column headline on the front page of Bermuda Mid-Ocean News and Colonial Government Gazette on Wednesday, last week, and as a result of an interview with the production's general manager, Dick Jordan, now on vacation with Mrs. Jordan, on the British-owned Atlantic island, an outdoor play, similar to The Lost Colony, Common Glory and Unto These Hills, may be presented there.

How Bermuda's interest in an historic outdoor drama came about resulted from a visit with Governor Luther Hodges in August, by Lt. General Sir John Woodall, governor of the island and Sir Stanley Spurling. On their visit they were guests of Governor and Mrs. Hodges at a performance of The Lost Colony, on the anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, first child of English parents born in the New World. They also had roles in an impressive tree planting program at the Elizabethan Garden here on August 18.

Sir Stanley, prominent in Bermuda financial circles, had talked with Jordan while here about the possibility of presenting a symphonic drama on Bermuda to tell the romantic history of that island. He stated that he would like to talk more about The Lost Colony type of production with Jordan when he and Mrs. Jordan were on their current Bermuda vacation. The island's interest was shown in the newspaper story which appeared under the caption: "Here Comes Mr. Jordan — Lost Colony Tells of History Close to Bermuda," which follows:

"There is another island, lying between Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, on North Carolina's coast, with a history that echoes Bermuda's own—hardship, despair, courage, and romance.

"Here was enacted the tragedy of the Lost Colony, the group of dauntless English settlers who vanished into the wilderness of the New World without a trace, except for a lone word carved on a tree—"Croatoan."

"Here it was that the first white child of English parentage was born, Virginia Dare, who vanished when the settlers disappeared, but whose name is known by every school child in the United States.

"The history of this early Colony is told every summer in a music drama written by a Pulitzer Prize winner, and played in an outdoor amphitheatre each summer to thousands of visitors to Roanoke Island.

"And the man who produces the show each summer, Mr. Richard E. Jordan, is vacationing in Bermuda with his wife now, and taking the opportunity to pass along information on the operation of such a drama to one of Bermuda's leading historians, Sir Stanley Spurling.

"Sir Stanley and His Excellency the Governor, Lt. Gen. Sir John Woodall, were honor guests of Governor Luther Hodges of North Carolina at the annual August celebration of the birth of Virginia Dare, and they saw the Lost Colony.

"Sir Stanley expressed the thought that such a symphonic drama, based on Bermuda's early history, might well be an attraction here in the Colony, and Mr. Jordan volunteered to provide facts and figures on the operation and the cost of the show during his visit here.

"The Lost Colony played its first performance nearly 20 years ago, not long after an enterprising newspaperman from nearby Elizabeth City, the late W. O. Saunders, felt that Manteo community was missing a bet in the annual celebrations.

"Beginning in 1897, a few residents had celebrated Virginia Dare Day each August 18, the child's birthday, but the celebration snowballed annually, and Mr. Saunders thought even more could be done.

"He got together with Bradford Fearing and together they approached composer Paul Green, who had already won a Pulitzer Prize for his play "In Abraham's Bosom."

"He knew the history of the See COLONY, Page Four

## FIRST DISTRICT TO ATTEND RALLY OCT. 25th IN WASHINGTON

### Senator Scott to Be Speaker; Band Concerts, and Barbecue Free.

Many Democrats from the counties of the First Congressional District will travel to Washington Thursday, October 25th next week, to attend the customary rally preceding a General election. Democrats of Beaufort County will serve an old fashioned barbecue in elaborate style, free to all the visitors.

Senator Kerr Scott will be the main speaker, according to Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, who has given much time in leading the development of the rally. Mr. Bonner has sent more than 2,000 letters to friends in the district, urging them to come and bring their friends. It's going to be a big and important event, he says.

Many distinguished Democrats will be in Washington on that day. Heading the list will be Governor Luther Hodges, Senators Kerr Scott, and Sam Ervin, and of course Mr. Bonner and Lindsay Warren.

The festivities of the district rally will get underway at the court house lawn in Washington at 4:30 o'clock with a band concert by the Washington High School band.

At 5:30 o'clock the band will march to John Small school auditorium where the speaking will take place. R. P. MacKenzie, Jr. of Washington will ride Governor Hodges, Senator Ervin and Senator Scott to the auditorium in a horse drawn surry.

The rally is timed so that the speaking will be concluded at 7:15 o'clock. At that time an old fashioned barbecue supper will be served to those attending.

## NAGS HEAD LOSES ONE WHO WAS WIDELY KNOWN AND LOVED BY VISITORS

For some 60 years, during her lifetime on Nags Head as the wife of the late John E. Culpepper, Mrs. Alwilda Daniels Culpepper, who died Sunday night, was one of the best loved and most widely known figures of the coastland. Her fine spirit, and her great memory made her a great favorite with the visitors to this resort, and her friends were legion. She went to Nags Head from Wanchese upon her marriage 61 years ago, and of this union five sons grew to manhood, all of whom married and in turn brought up children. Three of these sons survive, and there are eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Culpepper was born January 14, 1872, daughter of the late Capt. Ben T. Daniels, and his wife, Mary Bessey Daniels. The sons who survive her are Sherman, and Hal Wood Culpepper of Nags Head, and Horatio Culpepper, the keeper of Durant Island Club. She is also survived by a half sister, Mrs. Gertie Simpson of Wanchese; three half brothers, M. L. Daniels of Manteo, and Melvin R. and M. Pete Daniels of Wanchese. She was a member of the Methodist church at Nags Head. She had been sick for about a year, and blind for several months.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Twiford's Funeral Home in Manteo by Rev. Frank Dinwiddie, Nags Head Baptist pastor, and burial followed in the family plot in the Dolly Cemetery at Nags Head.

## FT. EUSTIS SOLDIERS ON MANEUVERS DURING WEEK IN LOCAL SOUND WATERS

U. S. Army personnel from Ft. Eustis, Va., have been on training maneuvers with landing craft in local waters during the past week. On Wednesday night, probably due to stormy weather and rough seas, some 40 craft of various sizes were anchored off Manteo Airport in Croatan Sound.

In the group, according to information learned near their place of anchorage after they had departed northward on Thursday morning were approximately 400 persons of three Army Companies.