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JURY'S DECISION IS ADVERSE IN SUIT OF GREEN AND GASKINS

No Damages Allowed For Parties Hurt in Collision; Appeal Noted

The jury found in favor of the defendants last week in Dare Superior Court, in the suit involving some \$40,000 brought against C. C. Duvall, Edward White and Bobby Beasley of Manns Harbor trading as the Croatan Fish Company. The suits were brought by Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Gaskins, and Mrs. Stella C. Green, alleging serious injuries in the total sums of \$40,000, as the result of a collision of the car of Earl Green with a trailer loaded with fish, and operated for the defendants by James Edward Rickard, a Hyde County negro.

A fourth suit, in which Earl Green asked \$10,000 and \$1,800 for his demolished automobile was not tried. The three cases consumed about three days of court. The plaintiffs, who were represented by LeRoy and Goodwin of Elizabeth City gave notice of an appeal. The defendants were represented by W. A. Worth and John Hall of Elizabeth City.

The circumstances were that while coming into Manteo in the early morning hours of November 8, 1953, the car driven by Earl Green, collided with the big truck which they said was blocking the road, Rickard, employed as a driver of the truck had been sent to Portsmouth, Va., with some 130 boxes of fish the evening before, but he decided to stop over on Roanoke Island and visit a number of his colored friends who lived at scattered localities of the island.

While ambling about over Roanoke Island he got his truck in the pathway of the oncoming car; a collision resulted and costly and permanent injuries were inflicted on four people, resulting at great expense and suffering and hospital treatment. In this case, it appears that no insurance was carried to protect the public against so serious a contingency, which might be expected of any negro turned loose on the highway, showing the lack of responsibility manifested by this driver who discarded his mission and enjoyed himself by driving the night about the narrow roads of Roanoke Island. Jurors are not usually loath to find against insurance companies, but they are loath to find against neighbor individuals. In this case the defendants are popular men, one of them being Chairman of the Board of Commissioners which has in hand the selection of jurors.

AVON ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH TO HEAR TWO SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Revival services will begin Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, Jan. 29th, at the Avon Assembly of God Church with the Rev. and Mrs. Wendel Cover of Bedford, Pa. There will be special singing, instrumental numbers and old fashion Gospel ministry each night by Rev. and Mrs. Cover, according to the pastor, Rev. Hubert C. Dew.

During this revival there will be a Missions U.S.A. Rally. On February 6th all the Assemblies of God Churches of the area will gather at the Avon Assembly. The rally is one among many that will be held throughout the nation by Home Missions Leaders. Rev. Mr. Cover will be the special speaker for this rally.

Missions U.S.A. is the Assemblies of God Home Missions program. The present phase of the program began in 1955. Its immediate goal was to establish 1,000 new churches as soon as possible. Reports say that the group is very near the goal. The denomination has opened an average of more than one new church a day for the past ten years. This year the theme of the rally is to be, "There Remaineth Yet Very Much Land to Be Possessed."

The public is invited to attend this revival and special rally at the Avon Assembly.

MANTEO MYF TO SPONSOR LOCAL BASKETBALL GAMES

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will sponsor three basketball games in Manteo on Saturday, February 9. The first game will feature ladies of the area against the girls. In the second game two of the Little League teams will play each other and the third game will be a "Longies vs. Shorties" game. An entertainment of this type was held several years ago and was a big success. The games will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is urged to come out and join in the evening of fun and merriment.

RUNAWAY WIFE IN FLORIDA REFUSES TO RETURN HOME

Husband Brings Warrant Against J. J. Peterson, Hearing Set for Feb. 12th

On February 12th, an unusual case will be aired out in Dare County Recorder's Court when charges brought against James J. Peterson for enticing, stealing, abducting or kidnapping the wife of Carl Beacham of Kill Devil Hills will be heard. "Felony abduction, or eloping," is the charge.

The warrant sworn out by Mr. Beacham alleges that his wife deserted her five small children, and went away to Florida with Peterson. On the strength of information by Beacham, Sheriff Cahoon notified the Sheriff at West Palm Beach, Florida, and located the couple, in a matter of a few days.

Mrs. Braunda C. Beacham, the wife, refused to return to North Carolina, and extradition is being sought to force her return. Peterson has returned to Dare County.

Carl Beacham, who is rated a skilled brick-layer, came to Dare County from Princess Anne County, Va. Since he was left with the care of five small children, under nine years of age, his mother has come down from Virginia to help care for them. His wife is the daughter of the late Jim Rogers of Colington, where Mrs. Rogers now lives. Mrs. Beacham is a small, thin woman.

Peterson, who came back to Dare County a few years ago following his parole from prison in Maryland, where he was committed for a ten year term for armed robbery, has been living on the beach, and began showing some effort to go straight. He is the son of the late Jord Peterson, who with his wife died tragically 30 years ago on Colington Island. He is a native of the Nags Head area.

MANTEO REBEKAHS INSTALL OFFICERS ON MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Ray Lewis, Noble Grand; Flowers and Other Gifts Presented

Mrs. Ray (Inger) Lewis of Manteo, is the Noble Grand for the coming year for Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52, and the other officers were also installed Monday night of this week, in the Manteo town hall, according to Mrs. Hilda Francis, the Recording Secretary of the Lodge; and the new Vice-Grand is now Mrs. Alda Francis.

Other officers are Mrs. Lessie Davis, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Katherine Kennedy, Treasurer; Mrs. Geneva Midgett, Chaplain; Mrs. Marian Cochran, Warden; Mrs. Fanny Payne, Conductor; Mrs. Matilda Quideley, Inside Guardian; Mrs. Annie Sapone, Outside Guardian; Mrs. Grace White and Mrs. Gilda Swaim, right and left Supporters of the Noble Grand; Mrs. Bernice Cannady and Mrs. Elizabeth Groce, right and left Supporters of the Vice-Grand; Mrs. Delores Ward and Mrs. Marjorie White, right and left Color Bearers; Mrs. Salina Midgett, past Noble Grand, and Mrs. Charlotte Cahoon, musician. The installation was impressively carried out.

Mrs. Lewis was presented with a corsage of pink carnations by her daughter, Mrs. Frank White, and gifts also were presented to the District Deputy president, Mrs. Ann Basnight and to the District President, Mrs. Hettie Ames. Eleven members of Elizabeth City Rebekah Lodge No. 62 visited Manteo on this night and brought the travelling gavel. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

The District meeting will be held in Manteo on March 2 next.

DR. C. F. HARRIS MOVES PRACTICE TO MOUNT AIRY

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Harris left last week for Mount Airy, where Dr. Harris will establish a medical practice. Mrs. Harris' son, Ronald Cox, left this week to join them. Dr. Harris has practiced medicine on Roanoke Island for about six years, living first in Manteo, then purchasing a home in Wanchese and moving there. Both he and Mrs. Harris have made many friends during their years on Roanoke Island.

MANTEO PTA MEETS JAN. 29

The Manteo PTA will have its regular meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday January 29 at the school auditorium. All members are urged to attend and any persons interested in school matters are invited.

GRASS ROOTS OPERA CO. WILL PLAY HILARIOUS COMEDY



THE SECRET MARRIAGE, the amusing comedy which will be presented on February 14 at the Manteo school auditorium by the National Grass Roots Opera Company, was written by a man of humble birth, born in 1749, who rose to become one of the greatest of Italian operatic composers.

Domenico Cimarosa's father, a stone mason, was killed by a fall when the boy was quite young. He received his music training at the Conservatorio Santa Maria de Loreto at Naples, winning a scholarship when he was only 12 years old. His first opera, composed during his last year at the Conservatory, won him wide recognition, not only in Naples, but in Vienna, Florence and Warsaw.

He served, in 1787, as chamber composer to Catherine II, of Russia. Some years later he was invited to become Chapel Master at the Austrian Court in Vienna, ruled by Leopold II, which position he retained until the death of the Emperor. It was while in Vienna that Cimarosa composed his most celebrated work, IL MARTINONIO SEGRETO, or The Secret Marriage. The second performance was witnessed by the Emperor who was so delighted that he ordered supper served to all singers, musicians and stage hands, and then commanded the group to repeat the performance.

The story of THE SECRET MARRIAGE deals with the efforts of Geronimo, a wealthy businessman, to marry one of his daughters to a nobleman in order that there may be a title in the family before Geronimo passes. He arranges through his clerk, Paolino, for an impoverished Count to wed his

elder daughter, Elisetta, for a substantial dowry. The Count appears to meet the family and immediately falls in love with Geronimo's youngest daughter, Carolina. This creates a crisis for Paolino and Carolina, for they are secretly wed, and have been fearful of breaking the news to the family. To further complicate the plot, Geronimo's sister, the widow Fidalia, has an eye for Paolino, and informs the young man that he is to become her husband.

The Count informs Geronimo that he is enamored of Carolina, and will marry her for one half the dowry of her older sister. The wily Geronimo, a practical man, immediately sees that he may get a title in the family for one half the cost he had anticipated, and agrees to the plan.

The pressures on the young married couple, Paolino and Carolina, are enormous. Carolina is pursued by the Count who wants her to marry him. She is berated by her sister and aunt who think she is interfering in their respective love affairs, and her father, to keep peace in the family, tells her she must leave for a convent. Paolino is distraught. He sees what is happening to his elaborate plan to bring a title to Geronimo's family and thereby gain the father's favor before announcing his marriage to Carolina. And, too, Fidalia is a bit forward in her tactics to find herself a husband. Paolino and Carolina decide the solution is to sneak from the house and take refuge in the home of a relative until the storm blows over.

The plans do not run as smoothly as anticipated, but the hilarious complications assure listeners of a thoroughly entertaining evening.

40-CAR FERRY FOR CEDAR ISLAND TO OCRACOKE ROUTE

Plans Drawn and Bids to Be Asked Shortly on 165-Foot Vessel

Bids for building the Cedar Island-Ocracoke car ferry will be requested within the next few weeks, according to Coast Engineering Co., Norfolk, who are advised by the Carteret County News-Times.

Coast Engineering Co., Naval architects and marine engineers, are designing the vessel.

It will be of steel construction, powered by two diesel engines of about 700 horsepower each and fitted with all of the latest navigational and safety equipment.

There will be spacious lounges, rest room, snack bar and promenade deck.

The ferry, which will operate on a 23-mile run, will have a capacity of approximately 40 automobiles and trucks and 300 passengers. The vessel will be 165 feet long, 42-foot width and a depth of 13 feet amidships. She will draw from 6 to 7 feet of water.

H. W. Keeling Jr., Naval architect and president of the Coast Engineering Co. prepared the preliminary designs for the vessel. The contract plans and specifications are being completed under the direction of John T. Carr Jr., chief engineer, and Harry D. Dixon, Naval architects of the firm.

The proposed ferry is being built for A. W. Daniels, Charlotte, who will operate the vessel.

PARENTS' AID REQUESTED IN STAMPING OUT COLDS

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Dare County Superintendent of Schools has requested the aid of parents in helping to stamp out the cold and virus epidemic by checking their children each morning for signs of colds or temperatures above normal, or of sore throat, and in such cases keeping the children home from school for a day or two, or until they improve; and to not let them return to school while still ill, whereby they might not only become more ill themselves, but would infect other students.

ANOTHER DARE COUNTY BOY GETS PROMOTION

Luther Daniels Named Plant Superintendent For Firm in Cordell Ga., Going There From Birmingham, Ala.

The many Dare County friends of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Daniels, formerly of Manteo, will be pleased to hear of Mr. Daniels' recent promotion, news of which was received this week by his mother, Mrs. Nannie Midgett of Manteo.

Mr. Daniels has been named plant superintendent for the new steam-gas generating installation in Cordell, Ga., by the Crisp County Power Commission. Ground-breaking ceremonies took place recently and Mr. Daniels, who has been employed in Birmingham, Ala., for several years, was present for the occasion.

Power Commissioner Dan Sinclair said "Daniels is exceptionally well qualified. He has had 16 years of experience, 11 years at sea in merchant marine engineering and the past five years as boiler and machinery inspector for an insurance company. He holds a chief engineer's license for steam and motor engines, any horsepower and at any location."

Sinclair said Daniels will help construct the new unit and thereafter be in charge of it.

Daniels is married to the former Helen Etheridge of Manteo, daughter of Mrs. W. G. Etheridge and the late Mr. Etheridge. They have three children, Sybil, 10; Luther, Jr., seven; and Walter, four.



MANTEO ROTARIANS REVIEW RECORD ON 20th ANNIVERSARY

Fellowship Monday Night With Engelhard, Columbia, Plymouth and Eliz. City Rotarians

One of the most memorable of Rotary events in Dare County was the 20th anniversary of the Manteo Club held Monday night at the Carolinian at Nags Head, where numerous visitors attended from the clubs of Columbia, Engelhard, Plymouth and Elizabeth City. An inspiring address was made by S. Wade Marr of the Elizabeth City Club, a past District Governor, and who with several Elizabeth City men aided in organizing the Manteo Club in 1936.

O. J. Jones, one of the Charter members gave a review of the club's accomplishments in 20 years, and of the numerous things he named as having had the club's backing, he said he took most pride in its sponsorship of the Lost Colony, which had done so much for the Roanoke Island area in particular.

Engelhard visitors were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jarvis Jr., Mrs. Rebecca Spotsnki, Royden Neal, Paul T. Long, Leon Ballance, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Neal, Miss Ella Mae Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. See ROTARIANS, Page Three

DARE AND BEAUFORT MEN NAMED ON SHORE ROAD GROUP

Meeting in Wilmington Emphasizes Importance of Sand Fixation Work

"The dike has broken along the Outer Banks."

This dread warning may sound dramatic, say members of the All-Seashore Highway Association, but it is definitely not a "siren call."

Hurricanes have breached several stretches of the once safe and secure outer "walls" of sand and seaweed protecting Pamlico Sound and now the sound cities are defenseless.

This is the warning of Association members who met in Wilmington Saturday to elect new officers, sum up a year of work dedicated to "development of the vast untapped resources of Eastern North Carolina," and point to a new year of progress.

New president of the Association is Joseph A. DuBois of Morehead City. He succeeds Stanley Wahab of Ocracoke, who presided at Saturday's meeting.

Other new officers are district vice presidents, Victor Meekins of Manteo; E. L. White of Wilmington, and Clayton Fulcher Jr., of Atlantic; Dan Walker of Beaufort, secretary, and Norwood Young, re-elected treasurer.

"We're not talking about beach erosion now," DuBois told members. "It's a matter of flood control. There are close to five million acres of land that will be damaged if another had hurricane strikes the coast," he added.

Cecil Morris, of the State Department of Conservation and Development, brought the matter up, and assured the group "something has to be done immediately."

"All we have to do," Morris went on, "is give the Outer Banks a little help and it will build itself up."

"What we need," he said, "is some state program, using, perhaps, prison labor, that will plant seaweed, sea oats or dump brush along the banks." They will then build up by the accumulation of See SEASHORE ROAD, Page 3

PRAISE FOR MANTEO AND K. D. HILLS FIRE DEPTS.

An open letter to the members of the volunteer fire departments of Manteo and Kill Devil Hills.

No greater example of community spirit and cooperation has ever been manifested in Dare County than that shown last Saturday night by the volunteer fire departments of Manteo and Kill Devil Hills when a fire completely destroyed the business and home of Jess and Mary Newman and threatened the adjacent home of Dick and Grace Jordan at Nags Head.

Sheer courage and determination on the part of the volunteers and other friends and neighbors who answered the call for help prevented the spread of the flames and saved the building and furnishings of the writer of this letter.

May I take this means of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped during this emergency.

My deepest gratitude and congratulations on a job well done. DICK JORDAN Nags Head, N. C.

TRAGEDY STRIKES MUSEUM AND NEWMAN FAMILY AT NAGS HEAD SATURDAY

A tragic loss happened to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Newman, and to the Nags Head beach Saturday night when a fire of undetermined origin destroyed their place of business and apartments, which housed Newman's shell museum. The place had become one of the landmarks of the beach, and represented a business built up during years of hard work.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman were in Savannah, Ga. the same night it happened, on their way home from a shell buying trip to Florida. The premises were occupied by their son, Stanley Newman, and his wife, and baby, and their younger son, Lance Newman. The fire was discovered when smoke appeared seeping through from the floor below.

The prompt action of the Manteo and Kill Devil Hills fire departments prevented the blaze from destroying the nearby apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan had been out of town, and on coming down the beach, observed the glow of the fire in its late stages.

The Newman families lost all their belongings, save what they wore. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Newman saved only the clothing they had taken with them on the trip.

The museum housed many rare shells, and shell collections from the seven seas. It was not only a place of business, but one of the showplaces of the beach. Only a token amount of insurance was carried on the property. Several friends have come to the relief of the younger couple, on Sunday money was sent by old neighbors in Wanchese, to help them buy clothes.

WATERFRONT FUND-RAISING DRIVE BEGINS

Some Cash Raised Quickly in Effort to Go Ahead With Improvement; More Needed

The improvement project at the foot of Main Street in Manteo is assured further work through the use of funds readily collected by the committee on finance this week. At the meeting Tuesday night of the Manteo Waterfront Improvement Committee, it was decided to begin an immediate appeal for funds through local solicitations. Work by the fund-raising committee produced \$175 in cash by Thursday noon, with more money coming.

Early plans call for leveling of the lot, new topsoil being brought in to cover. An asphalt ramp is also to be put at the foot of the lot for use in loading and unloading boats. Removal of the front portion of the Tranquil House will follow grading of the lot.

The finance committee plans to make a full canvass of business firms in Manteo during the next few days. Donations will be accepted in any amount, and donors are assured that funds will be carefully spent. Following are firms and individuals which had contributed until noon Thursday:

Dare Hardware Co.	\$25
Roanoke Oil Co.	25
Martin Kellogg, Jr.	50
Fearing's, Inc.	50
Frank Turner	25

DARE COAST PROMOTION WILL BE DISCUSSED

Dare Coast vacation business promotion will be discussed at the winter meeting of the Tourist Bureau board of directors in Manteo Wednesday morning, Jan. 30 at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by W. H. McCown, chairman of the board.

Two new members of the board, appointed since the autumn and annual meeting on September 20th will attend for their first time. They are: M. L. Daniels Jr., representing the town of Manteo on the Board, who succeeded Martin Kellogg Jr., and Alvah H. Ward, who was appointed to fill the vacancy made by Gordon Kellogg.

Other members of the Tourist Bureau board include: Archie Burris, Manteo and Nags Head; Melvin R. Daniels, Wanchese; R. E. Jordan, The Lost Colony; Elizabeth G. Baum, Kitty Hawk, treasurer; Elizabeth Smith, Kitty Hawk; W. "Scotty" Gibson, vice chairman, Hatteras; George Fuller, Buxton; A. H. Gray, Rodanthe-Waves; E. E. Meekins, Manteo; Mrs. Emily Mustian, Town of Kill Devil Hills; Diane Johnson, Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Lucille S. Winslow, Nags Head. Chairman McCown has urged all members of the Board to make a special effort to be present or represented by proxy.

NEGRO'S CUTTING SPREE COST \$176; SUSPENDED TERM

William Blackman Just Mustn't Come Up in Recorders Court in Three Years

The wild cutting spree in which he slashed two other negroes in a local beer parlor Friday night a week ago will cost William Blackman \$176.50 in cash, and he has a suspended road sentence of six months, provided he happens to get in Recorder Baum's court again in three years. It only cost him \$25 apiece for cutting each negro, the same one pays for being publicly drunk on the road, or for allowing an unlicensed minor to drive a car.

Blackman slashed Willie McCleese, and Sam Moore, Jr. so badly that they were sent to a hospital for treatment, and the greater weight of evidence showed him completely in the wrong. Sam Moore, Jr., showed he was an innocent bystander on the outside of the building.

Testimony indicated that Blackman while drunk, went into the diner operated by Mrs. Grathan Cooper and demanded beer, which she refused him on the ground that he was too drunk already. Folks were dancing and having a good time to the Elvis Presley records. Blackman needed beer to get in proper mood. He got rough with the lady who runs the place, and made serious threats.

Willie McCleese, her brother, came to her defense. Blackman attacked him with a knife, punching a hole in his belly. McCleese then ousted Blackman, and outside he found Sam Moore, Jr. in his way. Surgery on McCleese by Dr. Harvey cost \$15, the doctor sending him to the hospital right away where there was another bill. Surgery on Moore, Jr. cost \$36.

Witnesses who appeared in this case were Dr. Harvey; Earl Cooper and his wife, Grathan, Louise Spencer and Betty Lou Gallop.

Other cases tried or submitted this week were: Norman Barnes of Virginia Beach, beside the costs, a \$100 fine for driving drunk, a \$200 fine for driving while his license was revoked; \$5 for failing to report an accident when he ran into a car operated by young Preston Sears.

Cleston Parker, an old timer in court, was fined \$100 for driving after his license had been suspended. Wilbur M. Turpin, Coast Guardsman at Oregon Inlet, was fined \$25 for reckless driving following a mishap at Wanchese. Edward R. Berry of South Norfolk for dumping trash on the highway, paid a fine of \$1. Gilbert E. Gray of Stumpy Point and Lamb Reid Basnight of East Lake, each paid \$5 and costs for driving with improper license tags.

Gilda Stowe Gallop of Wanchese paid \$5 for failing to give proper sign when starting away from the curb. J. Manning Williams, Hubert B. Guthrie, and Eloise Cox Harris, for failing to stop at stop signs, each paid \$5 and costs.

Twenty five dollar fines were paid by Alma E. Cudworth of Wanchese and B. Joe Holcomb of the U. S. Wisconsin, for allowing unlicensed operators to drive their cars.

Norville Duane Bowyer, for careless and reckless driving, and driving at 60 m.p.h., paid \$30 and costs.

Next week, in court on Tuesday, the following cases are scheduled to come up: Roscoe Turner, negro, public drunkenness. David Gaskins of Buxton, drunken driving. Esther Daniels Gowan for reckless driving in connection with a collision with a truck driven by Clyde Hassell of Manteo.

MRS. MARGARET O. GRAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret O'Neal Gray were conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the Avon Methodist Church by the Rev. B. E. Bingham, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Ray Sparrow, pastor of the Hatteras Methodist Church and the Rev. H. C. Dew, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of Avon. The church choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Home of the Soul". Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Bingham sang a duet, "Farther Along." Mrs. Virginia Austin at the piano. Pallbearers were Dallas Miller, Percy Williams, George Meekins, Brad O'Neal, Mitchell Gray, and Cecil Midgett.

Burial was in the family cemetery at Avon.

SOCK DANCE SATURDAY

A Sock dance will be held Saturday night, January 26 in the Manteo gymnasium, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Proceeds will go to the high school athletic association.