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SUPERIOR COURT OPENS MONDAY; DOCKET HEAVY

Move to Transfer Moore Case to Another County is Expected

Attorneys representing Edwin G. Moore II, charged with unlawful burning in connection with a fire at Parkerson's Hotel, Nags Head, are expected to ask Judge Henry L. Stevens, presiding over a mixed term of Dare County Superior Court next week, to transfer the case to another county, possibly Pasquotank.

Just a few days ago, the North Carolina Supreme Court set a special term of Dare County Superior Court for June 18 to try the Moore case, due to the crowded docket awaiting the May term of court, which will open Monday. Also a special venire of 60 prospective jurors from Perquimans County was ordered called for the case. There are four charges against Moore, involving buildings damaged in the fire.

Parkerson's Hotel was damaged by what was believed to have been an incendiary fire April 25, 1961. Moore had bought the hotel from Mrs. Elizabeth Q. Parkerson, and had employed Mrs. Parkerson to operate it for him. Difficulties had developed between the two over the operation of the hotel, and over payment for the property, prior to the fire.

One homicide case is due to be tried next week. Joseph Alfred Daniels Jr., young Negro, is accused in connection with an accident on the Croatan Sound Bridge last October 26 in which two persons lost their lives. The victims were George Boyd Latham, salesman, of Washington, N. C., and Will Midgett Jr., Negro youth.

According to evidence gathered at the time, Daniels and Midgett were racing their cars on the bridge. A collision occurred, in which Latham's car was struck head-on.

Also before the court next week is the case of William Poole, Negro, charged with maiming and disfiguring Amanda Lee Meekins, Negro, with intent to go render her impotent.

Although next week's term is designated for both criminal and civil cases, the large number of criminal cases to be disposed of renders it unlikely that the civil docket will be reached, court attaches said.

Cases awaiting trial include: William Wheeler Ballance, drunken driving.

Thomas Been Daniels, drunken driving.

Dennis Alton Perry, drunken driving.

Eugene Gallop, theft of motor boat.

Chester Lupton Austin, disturbing the peace and reckless driving.

Jack Reagle Buff, drunken driving.

Jack Rayburn Burrus, drunken driving.

Gaston Sherman Pinner, drunken driving.

Carson Meekins, possession of improperly culled oysters.

Charles Rollins Grandy, speeding.

Theo Defabio and Teddy Defabio, trespass.

William Jackson Midgett, drunken driving.

Bradford Earl Midgett, reckless driving.

Lillion Miller, injure personal property.

James Rollinson, Nancy Midgett, Junius Jennett, Junius Jennett Jr., Leon Jennett, Dick Lourie and George Bassett, destroy fence and damage shrubbery on the property of Bateman P. Miller.

Eugene Willard Arnett Jr., drunken driving.

Dal Haywood Williams, drunken driving.

LaSalle None Midgett, drunken driving.

Albert Lee Toler, pass stopped school bus.

Robert Earle Stewart, drunken driving.

Charlie Hand Ballance, drunken driving.

SPENCER SMITH RECEIVES GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD



THE REV. JOSEPH BURROUGHS of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond is shown congratulating Spencer Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smith of Manteo, for his achievement in obtaining one of scouting's highest honors, the God and Country Award. Rev. Burroughs, the former pastor of St. Andrews by the Sea, delivered the sermon there last Sunday in which he emphasized the significance of service to God and country. Award ceremonies were conducted at the church, following the ceremony, by Spencer's Scoutmaster, Nevin Wescott. Altar flowers were donated by Spencer Smith in honor of the late John Earle, who established scouting in Dare County. Mrs. Smith also received a mother's pin in recognition of Spencer's achievement.

PISTOL SHOOTING WOUNDS LIVERMAN IN FRIDAY FRACAS

Kill Devil Contractor Said Gunned By Commissioner In Argument

Clarence Arnold (Shug) York, formerly in the lottery empire of the 1940s of the late Francis Duval (George) Smith, and a present member of the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon, causing serious bodily injury.

The Kill Devil Hills Commissioner has been placed under \$1,000 bond and will face trial in Dare Co. Recorder's Court on June 5 for the shooting of Samuel Liverman, a contractor, who received three bullet wounds in his legs as the result of an argument over "two loads of clay" which occurred at Avalon Supply Store last Friday afternoon.

Kill Devil Hills Chief of Police Tom M. Dowdy has reported that the investigation of the shooting is still "incomplete."

Liverman has been taken to Albemarle Hospital where his condition has been classified as "satisfactory."

Assistant Chief of Police, N. A. Tillett, has stated that he received a call at approximately 4:47 on Friday afternoon from Mr. York. "York wanted to speak to Dowdy," Tillett said. "When I told him that Dowdy was on duty and not available, he said that I had better get over to his place as quick as I could," Tillett stated.

Tillett indicated that he arrived at the hardware store in a matter of minutes to find York and Liverman waiting for him. See FRACAS, Page Five

PARK SERVICE SUPERINTENDENT AND WIFE PURCHASE RIHA MEMBERSHIPS



MRS. MARGARET DAVIS, (left) a beach representative of the Roanoke Island Historical Society's Membership Drive for 1962, is shown presenting Mr. and Mrs. H. Reese Smith with their recently purchased subscriptions. Mr. Smith, Director of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area, has shown the Park Service interest in the "Lost Colony" by announcing, this week, that memberships in the Roanoke Island Historical Society will entitle card owners to visit the Rort Raleigh Historic Site without paying the customary admission charge.

ORBIT'S START PICKED UP AT OREGON INLET

Carpenter's Space Capsule Quickly Roars Out of Station's Range

The magic eye of the Radar Tracking Station at Oregon Inlet picked up the takeoff of astronaut Malcolm Scott Carpenter at Cape Canaveral, Fla., Thursday morning, and followed his course for six and one-half minutes.

It was strictly a practice exercise for the Oregon Inlet station, since its radar tracking installation is not yet complete. Aides at the station were much pleased at being able to pick up the takeoff, since Canaveral is about 1,000 miles from Oregon Inlet.

As the great Atlas rocket bearing the Aurora 7 capsule containing Carpenter gained distance, the signals gradually faded out of range of Oregon Inlet. There was no hope of picking them up later, as Carpenter's spiraling orbits took him farther and farther away to the south.

The Oregon Inlet station was set up primarily to support the NASA's space research program based at Wallops Island, Virginia. When completed, the station will obtain position data on research vehicle flights, and will gather weather information of value to the Wallops Island program.

OVER 1 MILLION FOR SBA LOANS GIVEN TO DARE

A total of \$1,882,000 has been distributed on the Outer Banks for loans through the Small Business Administration, to aid struggling business to regain their footing after the March 7 storm.

Regional Director Clarence Moore of Richmond announced that a total of 101 loans were approved in the Dare area at a final meeting of the Outer Banks Disaster Advisory Committee, which was held in the Bank of Manteo on Friday, May 18.

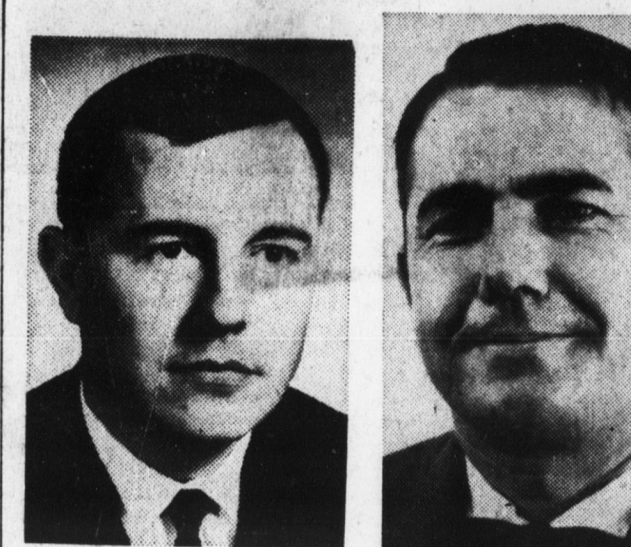
Moore was generous in his praise of the fine support given his bureau by the committee, which is composed of representatives. See SBA, Page Five

TRIP ACROSS COUNTRY FOR MR. MRS. DAVIS

Rev. M. J. Davis, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church, and Mrs. Davis will leave on Sunday afternoon, May 28, on a tour of the southern part of the United States and Mexico arriving in San Francisco, California, on June 4. There they will attend the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

They plan to leave San Francisco on June 8 for Seattle, Washington, where they will attend the World's Fair. They will return home through the central part of the United States visiting points of interest including the Yellowstone National Park. They plan to be back in Manteo about June 23.

PRINCIPALS AT GRADUATION EXERCISES



DR. RAYMOND A. STONE REV. HAROLD LEATHERMAN



NANCY COLES BASNIGHT NANCY LYNN MIDGETT

GRADUATION EXERCISES at Manteo High School will begin next week for the Senior Class of 1962. Four of the principals for the observance are depicted above. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday, May 27 by the Rev. Harold Leatherman of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church. Graduation night has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, where seniors will be addressed by Dr. Raymond A. Stone, Executive Director of the N. C. Citizens Committee for Better Schools, who will share the spotlight with Nancy Coles Basnight, class valedictorian and Nancy Lynn Midgett, salutatorian, before diplomas are awarded.

MANTEO SENIORS, 44 STRONG, WILL GRADUATE MAY 30

Dr. Raymond Stone, Better Schools Committee Secretary, Is Speaker

The graduation invitations have all been sent, only two school days are left, and with a little bit of luck and quite a few lumps in their throats, the 44 members of the Class of 1962 will graduate on Wednesday night at Manteo High School.

Principal Clarence Butler announced this week that Raymond A. Stone Executive Secretary of the N. C. Citizens Committee for Better Schools, Inc. will be the commencement speaker on Wednesday, May 30 at 8 p.m. when diplomas are awarded. Mr. Stone is a former Director of Instruction at Wilson City Schools and is currently employed as a Teaching Fellow in the School of Education at the University of N. C. The distinguished speaker received his doctorate from the university in 1962 and has served as Assistant Director of Curriculum Study for the N. C. State Board of Education.

Mr. Butler has stated that "we are particularly fortunate to have such a qualified person as Mr. Stone to address our seniors and I hope that all friends of the class will join us on Wednesday in taking advantage of his remarks."

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UNUSUAL RECOGNITION FOR POSTOFFICE

Service "beyond the call of duty" after the Ash Wednesday storm that ravaged the Outer Banks has brought a special award to Victor Meekins, acting postmaster at Manteo.

The Post Office Department this month presented a Superior Accomplishment Certificate and a special gold lapel emblem to Meekins for his action in chartering a plane to move mail into and out of the stricken area after the storm had disrupted highway communications.

Meekins also was commended for "obtaining service units in the area which subsequently handled mail to offices on the Outer Banks."

The citation was signed by Postmaster General Edward Day and the Acting Regional Director in Atlanta. It is the first instance of the kind at the Manteo postoffice.

MERRILL EVANS RECEIVES PETITIONS FROM BANKERS

Chairman Merrill Evans of the State Highway Commission announced this week that he has received the petitions, dated April 25, 1962 which were signed by the citizens of Rodanthe, Avon, Frisco and Ocracoke, in which the citizens urgently requested the closure of the new inlet at Buxton.

Evans stated that acknowledgment of the receipt of the petitions to each petitioner would be impossible. He has asked "The Coastland Times" to notify each of its readers that he has received the petitions and is keeping them in the commission's files for careful study.

DARE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CONDUCTED THIS SATURDAY RECORD TURNOUT EXPECTED

Three Democratic Races Predicted As Toss- Ups; Increased Registration Figures Prom- ise Heavy Vote by Dare Citizens, As Poli- ticians Declare Threats and Promises In Last Minute Campaigning

PHOSPHATE FIRM WANTS INDUSTRY IN BEAUFORT CO.

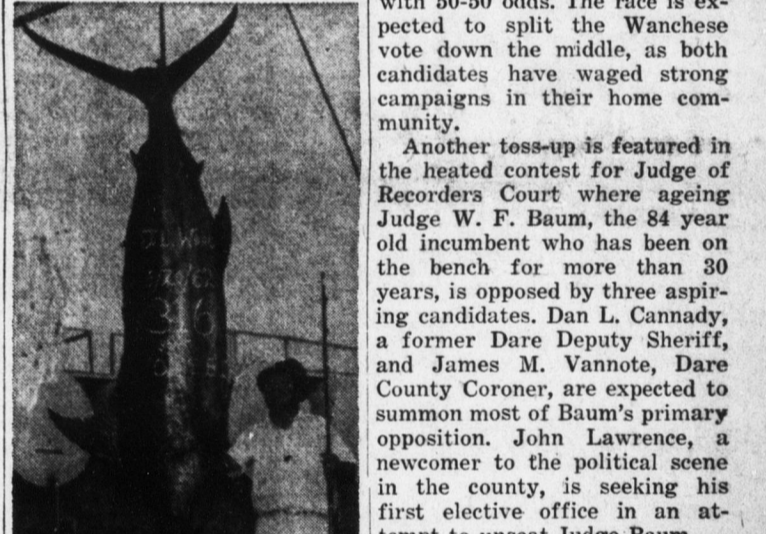
Beaufort Residents Protest Spoilation of Rivers By Outsiders

The discovery of a phosphate bed in Beaufort County, which is larger than any other known deposit in the Eastern United States, has touched off a controversial explosion of dissent in Washington, N. C., after Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. announced recently that it is contemplating a phosphate mining and processing development in the area.

Spokesmen for the Sulphur Co. have indicated that location in the Beaufort area would result in the expenditure of \$25 million for a phosphate plate alone. The company plans to compete with the Florida Phosphate Market which is a \$90 million dollar a year industry.

The dissent has come from county residents who are reluctant to surrender access to the See PHOSPHATE, Page Five

BLUE MARLIN SNARED BY VIRGINIA NATIVE



Another toss-up is featured in the heated contest for Judge of Recorders Court where ageing Judge W. F. Baum, the 84 year old incumbent who has been on the bench for more than 30 years, is opposed by three aspiring candidates. Dan L. Cannady, a former Dare Deputy Sheriff, and James M. Vannote, Dare County Coroner, are expected to summon most of Baum's primary opposition. John Lawrence, a newcomer to the political scene in the county, is seeking his first elective office in an attempt to unseat Judge Baum.

Many cigars, suckers and other favors were distributed this week by candidates in a last minute bid for voters. Fights and rumors of fistuffs were reported in every precinct as tempers reached fever pitch during the last week of campaigning. Deals and rumors of vote-buying were evidenced in many of the smoke-filled rooms over Dare, and almost every candidate found time to drop by the courthouse "to see how things were getting on."

Political observers point to increased registration in the count. See PRIMARY, Page Five

SHADES OF "MOBY DICK"

By LAWRENCE MADDRY

It was a good week for whales. "Moby Dick" had a re-run on a Norfolk television station last Sunday and on Tuesday reports filtered in from Rodanthe that W. O. Baum of Great Bridge, Va. had hooked a whale with his rod and reel while fishing off Hatteras Island.

Mac Henderson, who relayed the story, says that Baum was fishing near Rodanthe when he saw a 20-foot whale surface and spout within casting range. He cast over the whale, snagged it with his hook, but, as Mac puts it, "could not slow the whale down." Mac says that Baum also lost his tackle in the process.

The story is reminiscent of an authentic whale catch with a hand line which was performed at Oregon Inlet no less than 22 years ago by Dr. Cecil K. Drinker, a sport fisherman aboard Capt. Lee Dough's "Libby D."

The Boston physician was trying to harpoon porpoise when his lance bit into the flesh of a 2,200-pound pygmy sperm-whale.

Capt. Dough says that it took approximately two hours of back-breaking struggle to bring the monster in. The denizen was shipped to Boston Marine Museum where it is now on display as the first whale ever caught by a sport fisherman on the Atlantic Seaboard. Capt. Dough has a picture of the whale which

he produces for skeptics. Both stories have been confirmed by Arvin Midgett, a recently appointed member of Whale Observers International. Midgett was honored recently at a banquet held by the organization and cited as an "idle wanderer without purpose and direction and therefore entitled to all rights and privileges of the Society." The whale observer is now serving a summer hitch with the Naval Reserve and has reported several whales "and other diverse objects" while cruising the Atlantic.

Midgett's confirmation of the Rodanthe incident has been supported by Henry Cheevers the Manteo mystic, who several weeks ago reported an encounter with a bull frog which he said was walking upright and in possession of teeth over three inches long.

Cheevers related at a press conference this week that he has personally witnessed at least a dozen such whale snares in the past 25 years. "The things I have witnessed is some kind of revelation," Cheevers stated. The colored yard-boy, who resides in the Burnside section of Manteo, stated that his most unusual observation occurred in July of 1933 when he witnessed 12 porpoise doing the Charleston within the shadows of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

MASONS CONFER DEGREES

There will be a meeting of the Masons on Monday, May 28 at 8 p.m. in the new Masonic Hall. At that time, the third degree will be conferred on candidates by a degree team composed of past masters of the Manteo and Wanchese lodges.