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## VIRGINIA YOUTH CHARGED IN K.D.H. COTTAGE BREAK-IN

### More Arrests Expected As Effort Underway to Break Up Springtime Foolishness

Dare County law enforcement officers have let it be known that the resort areas will not be prime targets without penalty this year. Already the breaking winter has brought a flow of Virginia youths bent on hoodlums like the rising sap of spring with several cottage break-ins and other property molestations in recent days.

Following investigation conducted since last Friday night, William Eugene Shawn of New View, Norfolk, 18-year old white chap, was arrested Wednesday night in Kill Devil Hills. He is charged with the felony of breaking and entering, said to be one of a dozen or more youths who broke in the cottage of Raymond Meekins in Avalon Beach.

Several hundred dollars damage was reported done as the building was ransacked.

Sheriff Frank M. Cahoon, Dep. L. W. Beasley and Chief Tom Dowdy all participated in the apprehension Wednesday night.

At press time, Shawn was still in custody in the Dare County jail, with bond set at \$500. The defendant was making an effort to secure the cash which would permit his release until hearing set for April 28.

## EFFORT STARTED TO AID DWINDLING GOOSE VISITATION

### Hyde Delegation Appeared Before General Assembly Committees In Raleigh

An effort was launched in the N. C. Legislature Tuesday to lure the Canada goose, back to Lake Mattamuskeet in sufficient numbers to restore the area to its former glory in the sportsman's world. The effort was begun at a public hearing before a joint meeting of House and Senate Wildlife Committees.

Attending the session were federal wildlife officials from Washington and Atlanta, state wildlife leaders and a delegation from Hyde County.

The Hyde delegation made it clear that it thinks there has been too much talking about the sharply declining goose population at Mattamuskeet and too little action.

At the end of the hearing, state legislators and federal officials assured the Hyde people that they are interested in helping solve the problem.

"You've got friends in the legislature," Sen. Voit Gilmore, D-Southern Pines and Rep. Emmett Burden, D-Bertie, wildlife committee chairmen, told the Hyde people.

Hunting problems at the lake were outlined by Clyde S. Patton, director of the State Wildlife Resources Commission.

One question is whether "wider distribution of food would improve the shooting," particularly for the goose hunter, Patton said.

Particularly distressing, Patton said, is "the deterioration of the goose population," which he said dropped from 100,000 or more a few years ago to between 25,000 and 40,000 in each of the last two years, although the goose population in the Atlantic Flyway has remained constant, or has increased.

Allan Studholme, chief of the management and enforcement division of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, and Larry Givens, supervisor of wildfowl refuges in the southeastern region, fielded most of the questions.

Studholme said there is "no question" that an accurate picture had been painted of the goose population decline at Mattamuskeet although "the general picture in the Atlantic Flyway is excellent."

He said, "It's obvious the geese are stopping north much more than they did." The main reason, he suggested, is that the Canada goose is finding much more ideal wintering grounds in See GEESE, Page Five

## PLAY AND FISH FRY FOR MASONS SATURDAY

All Masons in the area are reminded of the visit Saturday, April 1, of the Accenia Club of Norfolk, Va., which will present a play. There will be a fish fry at 6:30 for the Masons and the Lodge hall will open at 7:30. All area Masons are invited to attend.

## NO CORSAGE FOR VIRGINIA DARE



LOUIS MIDGETT of Manteo, manager of Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island, quickly removed the camellia corsage that some prankster placed on the statue of Virginia Dare during the past week end. The fish-net saronged statue, portraying Virginia Dare in maidenhood, is one of several pieces of antique statuary adorning the Garden Club of North Carolina's Elizabethan Garden. "Garden officials frown on visitors placing corsages of our camellias on statues," said Midgett. (Aycock Brown photo)

## BILL WOULD MAKE LIMITED TAKING OF OYSTERS AND CLAMS

Legislation, which if enacted will permit many coastal residents, was introduced in the N. C. General Assembly Wednesday to allow the taking of clams and oysters without a license.

The bill, signed by 13 Democratic Representatives, was introduced in the House by Republican Rep. George Clark of New Hanover County. It would permit the taking of up to a bushel of clams or oysters for personal consumption with no obligation for securing license.

A daily limit of one bushel is set forth.

Rep. Odell Williamson of Brunswick County, one of the sponsors, said the legislation is intended to eliminate a tax on boats when they're used to catch oysters and clams for personal use.

Reps. Archie Burrus of Dare, Bill Roberson of Beaufort and W. T. Culpepper of Elizabeth City were among area legislators signing the bill.

## COVERED DISH SUPPER

The Manteo Rebekah Lodge number 52 will have a covered dish supper at 6:30 April 3 at the Lodge Hall in Manteo. Theta Rho, number 4 will present their drill work at 7:30.

## KITTY HAWK GROUP PERFORMS AT MISS MANTEO PAGEANT



THE TRAVELING MINSTRELS, a group of Kitty Hawk girls and boys, provided between-acts entertainment Saturday night at the Miss Manteo pageant. They are, left to right, Mike Harrell, Scott Wilkinson, Kathleen Dunnagan, Wanda Perry and Richard Dunnagan.

## APPOINTMENT TO MATTAMUSKEET POST 'PREMATURE'

### Successor to Willie G. Cahoon As Announced Earlier Not Confirmed

Congressman Walter B. Jones stated Thursday that announcement of the appointment of John P. Davis to position of refuge manager at Mattamuskeet Wildlife Refuge was premature since confirmation of this appointment has not been made by the Director of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Washington, D. C.

According to William E. Ackerknecht, acting chief, Division of Wildlife Refuge, the request for confirmation of this appointment did not reach Washington until March 28 and as yet has not been approved by the Bureau.

Congressman Jones stated further that he is insisting on a conference with the refuge manager as well as other representatives of the Bureau to discuss in detail the overall programs being carried out by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Hyde County.

It is felt that many changes should be made in existing policies in order that the best interests of the people in Hyde County and thousands of sportsmen who visit this hunting paradise each year might be better served, Jones said. He further stated that he had been assured by both Walter A. Gresh, regional director, Southeastern area, and the U. S. Dept. of Interior that the confirmation of Mr. Davis will not be forthcoming until after this conference had been held.

The announcement which Congressman Jones referred to was published earlier this week with a New Holland dateline, and was sanctioned by the Atlanta, Ga. division of U. S. Fish and Wildlife.

An appointment must come soon, however, since the current manager, Willie G. Cahoon, will be retiring in May.

Cahoon has been stationed at Mattamuskeet since November 1, 1935. He was named refuge manager in 1945 and has served in that capacity ever since.

Davis is a former Navy yeoman who served on submarines. He is a Sparta, Tenn. native, and received his undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn., majoring in zoology and botany and his master of science degree in game management from Louisiana State University. He has served as management biologist at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge in Missouri and as wildlife aide at Crab Orchard prior to assignment as assistant refuge manager at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in Florida. He is currently refuge manager at Okaloosa National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia.

## PLAY AT KITTY HAWK SCHOOL ON APRIL 7

The eighth grade of Kitty Hawk Elementary School will give a three-act play "Problem Date" on Friday, April 7, at eight p.m. Admission will be 50 cents for adults; 25 cents for children.

## WINNERS AND RUNNERUPS IN CORONATION SCENE



FLANKED by Susan Oneto and Laura Paxhia who tied for first place runnerups in the Future Homemakers-sponsored Manteo High School beauty and talent pageant on Saturday night, Olivia Dawn Evans was crowned queen and top winner by Nannette Minor, "Miss North Carolina" of the N. C. Jaycees, as happiness prevails. WKIX' Jimmy Capps of Raleigh was the talented emcee of the event and actor Charles Briggs, former All-American Football Champ Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, and a North Carolina runnerup in the Miss America pageant several years ago, Mrs. Betty Lane Evans, were the judges. Local principals in the pageant were Mrs. Margaret McCormick, advisor, Joseph W. Pool III and Mrs. Catherine Meekins, music advisors and faculty staff members Jerry Cahoon and Steve G. Basnight Jr., as auditors. (Aycock Brown photo)

## STATE OFFICIAL OPPOSES CANALS TO CURRITUCK SD.

### N. C. Water Resources Chief Warns of Dangers at Virginia Beach Meeting

Proposed drainage canals at Virginia Beach could create severe problems in Currituck Sound, a North Carolina Department of Water Resources official stated Tuesday.

R. J. B. Page, chief of the department's division of navigable waterways, warned of the danger that "uncontrolled waterways" there could set back work under way in Currituck Sound.

He spoke at public hearing on the city's proposed system of drainage canals and streams. The meeting was called by the Army Corps of Engineers to solicit opinions on how best to deal with flooding and recreation problems in Virginia Beach.

The City of Virginia Beach has asked the corps to study the planned canal system.

The city submitted a list of topics proposed to be studied by the corps. These included the feasibility of increasing the salinity in Back Bay to allow commercial fishing to become a profitable operation.

Page's statement was anticipated by comments of Virginia Beach City Manager W. Russell Hatchett.

"We are just as interested in Currituck Sound as the people of North Carolina are," Hatchett said. "The Sound is a great asset to both states." The city's proposal is only tentative, he added.

Page said that navigation channels connecting the two states have caused problems in the past, and the need for salinity control in the connecting waters of Back Bay and Currituck Sound was met by a joint study by the two states and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service.

Page said North Carolina is striving to hold salinity at an optimum level in Currituck Sound and fears that the level would be upset by open channels between Lynnhaven river and North Landing River at between Rudee Inlet and Back Bay.

He said the growth of duck-feeding plants and large mouth bass is dependent on certain See CANALS, Page Five

## DELAY GRANTED IN ACTION ON FERRY FARE REDUCTIONS

The N. C. House of Representatives roads committee Wednesday postponed action on the bill which would reduce ferry fares on the Ocracoke-Cedar Island run. Delay was granted at request of State Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt who is ill.

Rep. Nelson Taylor of Currituck County, introducer of the bill, said consideration will be put off until Hunt is able to testify before the committee.

## ALONG DARE BEACHES

## CONCERN AGAIN VOICED REGARDING BY-PASS 158

Five years have passed and the sixth is starting since the disastrous Ash Wednesday Storm of March 7, 1962, when damage in the millions of dollars was wrought in Dare County alone, from ocean waters.

There are few marks left for the average visitor to note which would indicate the seriousness of the 1962 situation.

But there are concerned citizens still clamoring for the State Highway Commission to correct its gross mistake, fearful that further delay may result in damages far worse than that of 1962. Hopes that the State Highway Commission would make good on its representations that "something would be done about the situation" as announced in the fall of 1962 have diminished.

That general information was contained in a letter to Dare County Register of Deeds Melvin R. Daniels from then-chairman of SHC, Merrill Evans.

But no action has been taken, other than for those concerned to be informed that pending litigation further hinder corrective measures.

Adequate culverts, a lowered roadway, "dry bridges" or other relief-producing measures had been asked.

One of the most outspoken in the fight for relief is Jethro Midgett, Sr., of Nags Head, who suffered a considerable loss along with his family in 1962. Just recently a communication from Governor Dan K. Moore, advised him as follows:

"I have your further correspondence with regard to the Highway 158 bypass at Nags Head. I appreciate having your comments, and you may be sure that this matter

is receiving careful consideration. However, because of the complexity of the situation and pending litigation, it is not possible at this time to make a decision."

Governor Moore is concerned, of course, as all will recognize, but we can see from that letter dated March 6 that no action from that office can be expected at early date.

The lawsuits which have been instituted involved Midgett, his wife, Mattie and son, Jethro, Jr. Another involves the Dewey L. Hayman concerning losses suffered at the Seafare Restaurant. Still others are pending.

Contention is that construction of the bypass at an elevation several feet in excess of that general mean level along Nags Head Beach caused the flooding resulting in damages. No cases have been successfully found for defendants to date, and the Midgett matter which went to Supreme Court was sent back to Dare County for further hearing.

Viewing another angle to the matter, another recent letter to Midgett from Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker of the N. C. Supreme Court stated in part:

"The Supreme Court has no power, in the absence of a lawsuit before it, over the construction of bypasses by the State Highway Commission, and if and when it has jurisdiction it is only in a very, very limited number of cases. The only advice I can give you is for you and other interested citizens to appear before the State Highway Commission and state your views and requests, or to em-

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## FAA, DARE COUNTY OFFICIALS DISCUSS MANTEO AIRPORT

### No Decision Pending Airport Use Plan Underway by Engineers

Increased use of the Manteo Airport and expanded utilization of existing facilities was discussed by officials of Dare County and representatives of the Federal Aviation Agency Tuesday. Among those attending the session were Hans Sperber, chief of airports branch, FAA of Atlanta; and legal counsellors, D. C. Kelly and W. B. Herndon, also of Atlanta.

The property, which was formerly a Navy training base, was transferred back to Dare County after World War II with stipulations from FAA's forerunner, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, as to its usage.

Since Dare County has contracted with Southern Mapping Co. of Greensboro for a development plan for the airport, which has not yet been delivered, the Tuesday meeting served little purpose other than for tentative considerations to be discussed. Suggested by FAA officials was possibility of enlarging the airport to the extent that "feeder" airline landings could be made in safety, with provision for meeting standards of instrument and flight regulation standards.

Since the county has had use of the property, service rendered has been confined to charter flights, private plane landings and emergency military use. No scheduled commercial flights have been operated from the facility.

The FAA representatives expressed themselves as being interested in development and utilization in any manner which would promote general aviation and benefit to the community and area.

Representing Dare County were Commissioners Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Pennel A. Tillet, and Rondal K. Tillet.

## TWO PARACHUTE TO SAFETY AS PLANE CRASHES

### Oceana NAS Jet Using Dare Mainland Range Plunged Into Sea Tuesday

Two Oceana-based Navy men parachuted to safety about 3 p. m. Tuesday afternoon when their A6A Intruder developed engine trouble while on a training mission to the Dare mainland bombing range. The jet crashed into the ocean about a half-mile east of the Park Service camping area on north side of Oregon Inlet.

The pilot, Cmdr. Robert B. Bristol, and the bombardier-navigator, Lt. Norman R. Czuchra, landed on Hatteras Island near the Pea Island Game Refuge office.

Bristol was picked up by a Marine helicopter from Camp Lejeune and was taken to Elizabeth City Coast Guard station with a possible sprained ankle. Czuchra was picked up by a Coast Guard helicopter and returned to Oceana.

Czuchra is a member of the Intruder test and evaluation detachment stationed at Oceana, from which the plane came. Bristol is attached to the Operational and Test Evaluation Force at Norfolk Naval Station.

No decision had been reached Wednesday as to salvage, but such procedure was expected since the plane is in relatively shallow water and thought to be in one piece.

## MANTEO ROTARY CLUB BACKS DARE COUNTY'S OREGON INLET PLAN

The Manteo Rotary Club met Monday night at The Manteo Motel Restaurant with Ray W. Jones presiding.

The club unanimously passed a resolution to support Dare County's campaign to have Oregon Inlet designated as the Northeast's deep-water path to the ocean.

Officers for the Rotary Year 1967-68 were elected: president, Harold A. Glynn; v-president, Dennis Snow; sec., Seth Hendrick; treas., Rev. Kenneth Whitney; Sgt. At Arms, Quentin Bell. Directors: Ray W. Jones, Wallace McCown and Roland Sawyer.

The club president urged all members to attend the District 771 Conference in Wilson, April 9 and 10.

