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## BUSY DAY IN DARE DISTRICT COURT FRIDAY

Judge Privott Presides; Spring-  
time Business On Usual  
Upswing

Last Friday's district court in Dare County Courthouse was more lengthy than usual, ending around 3:30. Judge W. S. Privott of Edenton presided, hearing cases from drunken driving to thievery.

Lewis M. Scarborough was back in court, charged by wife, Callie with failing to provide adequate support for self and their children. Scarborough told the court that his attorney, Wallace R. Gray, failed to appear to represent him, and requested continuance for two weeks. Mrs. Scarborough had retained Forrest V. Dunstan as private prosecutor, and he was there.

The matter actually involved whether Scarborough was complying with an earlier court order, and Judge Privott requested the parties involved to check up on their bookkeeping and perhaps settle the matter before next court. Scarborough explained that the children were not residing with their mother and in fact she "ran the children out with a broom." He further stated that he was making house payments and providing other means of support not contained in the earlier court order.

Coy Andrew Beckwith, a cottage owner at Kitty Hawk, charged with driving under the influence, was convicted but appealed to Superior Court. He was charged by State Trooper S. H. Larsiter on April 2 after he had pulled into his garage following a fishing trip to East Lake.

Larsiter, who had been called to the scene by Deputy L. W. See COURT, Page Seven

## TOURIST BUREAU DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Dare County Tourist Bureau Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, April 26th, 10 a.m. at the Community Building in Manteo. All Directors are urged to attend as important matters will be brought before the board at that time.

## VISIT THE GARDEN NOW

### DOGWOOD TIME BRINGS SPECIAL BEAUTY TO AREA, AZALEAS BLOOM

Dogwood time in Dare is perhaps the most beautiful season of the year. Almost at their peak, but needing rain, the dogwoods are now spreading their white flowers over woods and roadsides, in places making a thick arch overhead. The sandhills on Roanoke Island are lined with them, and the Kitty Hawk and Duck woods are beautifully blessed with them. Azaleas also blooming at this season lend a necessary spot of color to the white of the flowering trees.

A visit to the Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island should be made this week or next, while the Garden flowers are at their peak. Thousands of azaleas line the walkways and spread underneath the trees of the virgin forest left in the Garden. One of the most spectacular is the Red Wing azalea, a brilliant red. Mixed with a pure white azalea, there is at least one bed in the Garden which has nothing but the red and white blossoms.

The camellias, which have been blooming since early Fall, have almost reached the end of their flowering season, although a few patient latecomers continue to open. The pansy beds are thick with blooms of every color, and numerous small cover and border plants are flowering. One of the newest additions to the Garden is the wildflower area, where dozens of ferns, grasses, wild orchids, wild iris and numerous other plants are fast filling the available space. Many of the wild flowers have been moved from nearby fields and swamps, others are still in their native habitat, and some have been acquired from other parts of the country.

One point of special interest is the herb garden, located just inside the gate house. Dozens of herb plants can be seen and their uses explained by Louis Midgett, caretaker and gardener extraordinaire, who treats every plant in the Garden with tender, loving care, and who has in the nursery thousands of young plants ready for setting out at the proper time.

The Elizabethan Garden, operated by the Garden Club of North Carolina, is open to the

## DARE GETS \$7850 WATER PLANNING GRANT FROM FHA



W. STANFORD WHITE and JOHN M. "SKI" HUDERWITZ are shown receiving a Farmers Home Administration check for \$7850 from Philip E. House, FHA county supervisor Wednesday in the Dare County Courthouse.

White is chairman of the commissioners; Huderwitz chairman of the planning board. The check is in payment of a commitment several months ago from FHA to cover preparation of an overall countywide water-utilization program. Moore, Gardner & Associates, engineers, have completed phases 1 and 2 of the project which covers background study of needs and preparation of maps for the projects. Of the total fund, 45% is committed for work already done, the balance to apply on the latter two phases which include preparation of working plans for the systems.

The study was a necessary preliminary to construction of Cape Hatteras Water Association's facility which when completed will serve Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras villages. The Association is to open bids for construction Thursday, April 27 at the Anglers Club building in Buxton. Barring unforeseen delay, the tri-village system to cost in excess of \$1,000,000 will be operative by summer of 1968. Of the total contemplated construction cost, a Federal grant of approximately 45% has been approved. The balance will be repaid over a 40-year period.

## BLOODMOBILE TO SEEK 135 PINTS WEDNESDAY

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Manteo High School Wednesday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are between 18 and 60 years of age and in reasonably good health, you are eligible to donate a pint of blood. Your gift will be appreciated.

Horace A. Dough, chairman of the blood program for the Dare County chapter of the Red Cross, said blood is urgently needed throughout the Tidewater area of southeastern Virginia

and northeastern North Carolina.

The bloodmobile's visit Wednesday will be the third and last attempt this fiscal year to meet Dare County's blood donation quota of 294 pints. If the fiscal 1967 quota is met, 135 pints will have to be collected Wednesday. In two previous visits to the county—one each at Manteo and Buxton—the bloodmobile collected 159 pints.

Dough said the Dare County quota was set at 294 pints because that was the average number used during each of the past two fiscal years. He said that if the total of 588 pints used in the two years had been purchased by the people who received it, the tab would have been \$14,700.

Donating blood to keep the See BLOOD, Page Seven

## NOW ITS DOGWOOD TIME ON THE DARE COAST



DOGWOOD BLOSSOM TIME on the Dare Coast this year came late due to finicky weather, but now the yards and woodlands are splashed with the state flowers from Southern Shores and Roanoke Island to Buxton and Frisco on Hatteras Island. Libby Creel of Manteo was framed in dogwood blossoms at the home of the Aycock Browns when this photo was made last Sunday. This week end will be the peak blossom time for Dare Coast dogwood and other flowers.

## TRIO CHARGED IN THEFT OF FEDERAL WIRE

FBI Arrest Kill Devil Hills and  
Powells Point Youths Last  
Thursday

Two Dare County youths and one from Currituck were arrested last Thursday by FBI agents from the Elizabeth City office, charged with theft of copper wire valued at several hundred dollars.

Phillip E. Leary, 24, Carl Alonzo Beacham, Jr., 19, of Kill Devil Hills and Charles E. Younts, Jr., 19, of Powells Point are charged with stealing the fence wire from Pea Island Wildlife Refuge on Hatteras Island and Wright Brothers Memorial in Kill Devil Hills. Estimates of value have been placed at \$300 minimum, and the youths are alleged to have sold the wire in Norfolk at scrap price.

They were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner L. Thomas Gallop in Elizabeth City the day of arrest and released on recognition bond for appearance in U. S. District Court.

The thefts occurred several weeks ago. Release of information concerning the arrests was made by Robert M. Murphy of Charlotte, special agent in charge of the district office.

## ST. CLAIRS AGREE TO PURCHASE DARE LANDS FOR \$9100

Disputed Acreage Near Colington Finally Going to Neighbors

At long last, it appears that Dare County and Mr. and Mrs. Ed St. Clair of Kill Devil Hills have come to terms on the disputed 76-acre tract back of Wright Memorial in Kill Devil Hills.

Board Chairman W. Stanford White stated this week that he had been advised of acceptance of the \$9100 figure for which the board had agreed to sell. In December the board had proceeded with the transfer at a figure of some \$700 representing back taxes, interest and penalties.

But before the deed could be executed, Nags Head Chamber of Commerce officials reminded the board of an earlier request to set aside the property for future public use. Action was then delayed pending further investigation. Meantime, an appraisal was made by outside interests, and eventually the Dare Commissioners voted to sell the property for \$9100, keeping good faith with their commitment.

W. H. McCown, county attorney, was this week given the green light to complete the transaction, executing a tax deed on the largely-marshy tract lying on Colington Creek.

## SIX CANDIDATES SEEK SEATS ON MANTEO BOARD

Three Political Newcomers Join  
Incumbents and One Who  
Withdrew in 1965

When Manteo voters go to the polls May 2, they will at least have some choice. Six have filed for three seats on the board of commissioner.

Incumbents W. B. Fearing, II and Carlisle Davis are joined and opposed by McCoy Tillett, Jr., Willis Wise, Joe Pool and Guy Midgett. The latter filed in the 1965 race but later withdrew. Mayor Sam E. Midgett is unopposed.

Registration books will continue open for supplemental entries through Friday, April 21. Challenge day is on Saturday the 22nd.

The candidates come from a wide field of employ and profession. Fearing is one of the owners of the large store in downtown Manteo bearing that name. Davis is an insurance agent. Wise is a well-known grocer and active in many community affairs, including the town's volunteer fire department.

Pool is a school teacher, operator of a dry cleaning business See BOARD, Page Seven

## FIRST DISTRICT POSTMASTERS MET SATURDAY

Approximately 140 Postmasters  
and Many Visiting  
Dignitaries Present

First Congressional district postmasters met in Washington last Saturday.

Russell Johnson of Belhaven president of the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Postmasters, told the group "our association has a lot to offer postmasters; it helps them do a better job." Sidney Hoffer, Washington postmaster, and director, presided over the banquet held at Blackbeard's Tavern.

C. Banks Gladden, Atlanta Regional director, told the group "we have the best postmaster in the United States here in our area." He added "we handle more mail than any other region in the country."

Messrs. Johnson, Gladden and Hoffer urged all postmasters to attend the Postmasters' Seminar in Raleigh on July 17-18.

A. Thomas Stewart, mayor of Washington, welcomed the group to the city. Mrs. Velma Brown of Merritt responded to the welcome. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Effie Brickhouse of Columbia.

Others making remarks included John Winburn, Postal Service officer, Paul B. Osgood, Postal inspector, Thurman W. Smith, secretary-treasurer, and D. Staton Insoo, postmaster of Raleigh, a visitor to the banquet.

Henry O'Neil of Aulander was chairman of the nominating committee. Ralph Stanley of New Bern is the new chairman succeeding Mr. Hoffer, and Tom Umphlett of Lewiston is the new vice chairman. A. P. Fowle of Ahoskie is secretary.

The banquet on Saturday evening drew about 140 people. Mary L. Mann of Grifton had charge of distributing door prizes. Zeph Potts entertained the group at the piano See MEETING, Page Seven

## ON THE PROGRAM AT FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POSTMASTERS MEET



AMONG THOSE on the program when First Congressional District Postmasters met in Washington last Saturday were C. Banks Gladden of Atlanta, Ga., regional director for the Post Office Department; Russell Johnson of Belhaven, president, N. C. Postmasters Ass'n.; Mrs. Effie Brickhouse of Columbia, national vice president, Southeastern area, National Association of Postmasters; Sidney Hoffer, host postmaster and district chairman, and John Winburn, postal service officer. (Photo courtesy Washington Daily News)

## NEW ASSIGNMENT WITH FAA FOR ARVIN BASNIGHT



ARVIN O. BASNIGHT, Manteo native, has been named to another high post in the Federal Aviation Administration. This was announced as FAA made public changes in three top-level executive positions.

Joseph H. Tippets, currently Director of FAA's Western Region with headquarters in Los Angeles, was named Associate Administrator for personnel and Training in Washington. Tippets replaces Robert H. Wiley who is leaving the agency to become Director of the Department of the Navy's newly organized Office of Civilian Manpower Management.

Filling Tippets' former post is Basnight, since 1965 Associate Administrator for Programs in FAA's Washington headquarters.

Replacing Basnight as Associate Administrator for Programs is George S. Moore, Basnight's deputy for the past year. All three reassignments are part of the FAA's continuing program to effectively use the experience and ability of its career employees.

As Associate Administrator for Personnel and Training, Tippets will direct the agency's worldwide personnel system which serves some 43,000 employees. See BASNIGHT, Page Seven

## HYDE AND DARE COUNTIES WILL BENEFIT AS INDUSTRY PLANS REVEALED FOR AREA

Land Development In Hyde Will Involve Upwards of 75,000 Acres, with Chipping Mill To Be Built; Dare's Canvas Fabricating Firm Tentatively Assured of Government Contract Award.

## DARE BOARD OF EDUCATION ASKS LEGISLATION

Would Enable Transfer of Certain Properties; 5-Year Lease on Other

Under terms of legislation requested to be introduced by Rep. Archie Burrus, the Dare County Board of Education would obtain additional authority over leases and transfers of its property.

One bill suggested would enable the board to lease the old Manteo School gymnasium for periods up to five years. Under present state law, the board is restricted to one-year lease. That regulation was brought to light recently when the board considered leasing the property to Virginia Tent and Awning Co. and/or its subsidiary to be established in Dare County.

The second piece of legislation requested would enable the local board to deed the Roanoke School and old Manteo elementary school properties to acceptable agencies for educational purposes, with reversion clause in event premises are vacated. Such authority might be exercised by the Dare board, for instance, should the East Carolina College extension become a reality.

In the case of the latter two buildings, East Carolina might desire the properties on temporary basis pending establishment of permanent buildings on other sites.

## HYDE STUDENTS COULD CHOOSE OWN SCHOOLS

A former Hyde county superintendent of schools said students had complete freedom of choice of schools they attended during the time he was head of the educational system there.

Seth B. Henderson, present Dare county superintendent, said the Hyde county board of education "honored every request for assignment to a particular school while I was there." He was the Hyde superintendent for one year.

Henderson spoke out in connection with hearings at Washington in which government attorneys asked that federal aid be denied the Hyde county school system for failure to comply with federal law and regulations on desegregation of schools.

Early this week three North Carolina Negroes testified they had kept their children in a previously all-white Hyde county school this year despite telephone threats, loss of business and harassment by the Ku Klux Klan. One of the witnesses said only seven of 23 Negro children who attended the Mattamuskeet school in Swan Quarter in 1965

GG returned for the 1966-67 term.

Henderson said he had no personal knowledge of any of the charges aired at the hearing sponsored by the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He said he knew there was a KKK unit in Hyde county "because I saw a cross burning in a field as I drove by one night."

Henderson said the only integration difficulties experienced during his tenure in Hyde stemmed from "minor disciplinary problems which would arise among any school group, whether integrated or not."

At issue in the hearing is whether Hyde county schools shall receive about \$130,000 in See SCHOOLS, Page Seven

## CHICKEN DINNER AT KITTY HAWK SATURDAY

The Kitty Hawk Methodist Church will have a chicken dinner on April 22 from five to 8:30 p.m. sponsored by the WSCS. Charges will be \$1.20 per plate, and plates can be taken out if anyone wishes.

Announcements of importance concerning establishment of industries in Dare and Hyde counties this week is being received with mixed reaction. These coastal counties, long neglected by officials who were in position to do something about roads, bridges and other improvements which would induce industry, are finally beginning to realize benefits from the links with the outer areas made within the last five years or less.

The most significant announcement to be made concerning Hyde County was released Tuesday from Raleigh through Governor Dan K. Moore's office. Groundwork for the operation has been underway for some time, but on Tuesday the construction of a \$1-million logging, chipping and farming operation installation was made official.

The Governor stated that the facility will be built by Pamlico, Inc., on a 75,000 acre tract in the eastern part of the county.

The installation will provide timber for surrounding property owners and sell chips to West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. in Charleston, S. C. George Peake, Jr., chairman of the board of Pamlico, Inc., said the chipping operation will offer the entire area new markets for forest products.

While West Virginia Pulp and Paper is also an adjoining landowner to the Pamlico firm's area of operations, their own forest products are not normally shipped to their plant in South Carolina. However, an independent contractor is cutting on Westvaco land now and shipping to other points in South Carolina. See INDUSTRY, Page Seven

## WEST VIRGINIA TAX VALUATION IN DARE DROPPED

Final Meeting of Review Board Next Monday in Dare Courthouse

Action by the Dare County Board of Commissioners this week will save West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. some tax dollars on their Dare mainland holdings. Representatives of the firm appeared before the board last week to request such action, but nothing formal was done at that time.

Under the revaluation program, Westvaco's Dare County holdings were increased to a tax value of \$2,999,765, about three times over the valuation which stood for years. The reduction allowed this week will cut the tax value to \$2,593,285, up \$770 above the amount sought due to an error in computing the vast acreage.

On Monday of this week, the board reviewed a number of complaints, some of which came by mail. Other citizens appeared in person. Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk entered a protest on behalf of his mother, Mrs. Beulah Perry, stating that the value was too high in view of the badly-eroded oceanfrontage. Clyde Russell protested increased value on his property in the Town of Manteo.

George Willoughby of Nags Head protested an increase in valuation of property belonging to his mother, Mrs. G. L. Willoughby. Willis Daniels requested the board's attention to discrepancy in value vs. lot size in Wanchese.

No action was taken on those complaints, other than to recognize them and request the tax supervisor's office to investigate.

Final 1967 session of the equalization and review board will be held Monday, April 24.

## SUPPER AT WANCHESE

The Ladies Bible class of Wanchese Methodist Church is sponsoring a turkey or ham supper on Saturday, April 22, starting at 5:30, at Wanchese Community Building. Plates will be \$1.00 each. Desserts will be extra.