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JUDGE JAILS 2 ONE A JUROR FOR CONTEMPT

Defendant in Drunk Driving Case Unable to Testify, Gets Three Days

Judge Elbert S. Peele, Jr., sent two men to jail Friday on contempt charges during the windup session of the May term of Superior Court.

Jailed were Lester Farrow, Frisco, who failed to answer a summons for jury duty, and Walter Chauncey Meekins, Avon, a defendant in a drunk driving case whose inability to testify caused the court to order a mistrial. Each was sentenced to three days in the county jail for direct contempt. Each was released at 6 a.m. Monday.

Meekins was scheduled for trial on charges of driving while under the influence. His case was called several times before he got to the courtroom. When he finally made it to the witness chair, the judge cited him for contempt because "it was apparent to the court" that Meekins was "under the influence of an intoxicating beverage."

Peele declared a mistrial on the drunk driving charge and ordered a trial for "direct contempt of court." Upon finding Meekins guilty, the judge sentenced him to seven days in jail. An hour after he had been put in jail, Peele ordered the defendant returned to court and reduced the sentence to three days.

Farrow was summoned by telephone Tuesday night to report Wednesday morning as a member of a special venire. Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bassnett testified Farrow refused to honor the summons, claiming he was "a working man and couldn't come to court," and said "if you want me, come and get me."

Farrow did not show in court Wednesday or Thursday. Friday Bassnett got him, Peele asked Farrow if he felt he had done wrong.

"I don't think I should come up here," Farrow replied. "I didn't have one penny."

Peele took a dim view of Farrow's failure to answer the court order and said he could not disregard his action in "willfully refusing to appear."

Lyndon Elwood Wilson, 35, Colington, who pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the death of his wife, was sentenced to not less than 14 and not more than 16 years in the state penitentiary.

Wilson was brought to trial on a charge of second degree See COURT, Page Five

RETARDED CHILD PROBLEMS AIED BY ASSOCIATION

The Dare County Association for Retarded Children held its May meeting at the community building in Manteo. Mrs. Fred Willkie presided and introduced Henry Dunn, vice-president of the Eastern Region of the North Carolina Association for Retarded Children as speaker. Mr. Dunn's wife accompanied him, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Horace Furr, directors of Camp Pamlico, Washington, N. C. and Horace Penn, president elect of the Association for Retarded Children in N. C.

Mr. Dunn outlined the plan and purposes of the Association. Camp Pamlico will be open July 23 through Aug. 5 for trainable retarded, ages 6 through 12 and receive the 12 year olds and up August 6 through 19. Camp applications can be secured from Mrs. Fred Willkie, Box 656, Manteo. The cost for two weeks is sixty dollars.

BEACH A.B.C. STORES NOW OPEN LATE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

Beginning Friday night, June 2, the Dare County A.B.C. store located in Nags Head will be open until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, in addition to usual hours.

The customary hours are from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, save a few holidays and special occasions.

During July and August, the store will be open every night until 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, to accommodate the evergrowing tourist and vacationer population.

The other store in the system, located in Manteo, will not be affected insofar as hours. It continues to open at 10 a.m. and close 6 p.m.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR



SUSAN BASNIGHT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Basnigh of Manteo, has been named the outstanding senior representing the drama and speech department in the 1967 East Carolina College graduating class. The award was presented at the annual senior banquet preceding graduation exercises. Susan, who played a leading role in the recent ECC Playhouse Workshop production of Edward Albee's "The American Dream," is now employed with the ECC Summer Theatre as a stage manager.

EIGHT DIVORCES IN DARE COURT LESS THAN HOUR

Hon. Fontress Horner Presides Over First Civil Session Under New Plan

Declared a record by Clerk of Court C. S. Meekins, eight divorces were granted in 50 minutes Monday in a term of civil court under the new district system. It was the first civil session since the new court reform plan became effective last December, insofar as Dare County was concerned.

Jurors had been summoned for 10 a.m. but due to a mixup in schedules the presiding judge, Fontress Horner of Elizabeth City, was committed to a session in Currituck Monday morning. He expressed apology to the jurors as they assembled in the afternoon, and at dismissal assured them they would not have to serve again for two years.

Divorces as follows were granted:

—Evelyn D. Forrester of Manteo from Gordon L. Forrester.

—Raymond Wescott, Jr., of Manteo from Judith Faye Wescott.

—Deanna Gunter Styron of Frisco from Homer Wood Styron.

—Vera Simmons Carver of Manteo from John S. Carver. See DIVORCES, Page Five

WHISKEY-BY-DRINK BILL REQUESTED WON'T BE ENTERED

Rep. Burrus Says He Is Not In Position to Intro- duce Bills

The municipalities of Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills this week requested legislation which eventually might allow whiskey by the drink, but Rep. Archie Burrus said Wednesday that it would not be able to introduce the bills.

Nags Head town board on Monday voted to request legislation and on Tuesday the Kill Devil Hills board voted for essentially the same matter. Intent of the measures sought would be to place the resort communities in competitive position should such measures pass for other areas of North Carolina. A vote of the citizens would be required, however, before final approval, in either instance.

Rep. Burrus said that he was "in position of taking opposition to the bills that are now in," referring to similar measures relating to a sector of Moore County and in Charlotte. "No local legislation will have a possible chance in my opinion," Burrus said. He indicated that he was the proposer for by-the-drink beverages on a statewide basis such legislation might have a possibility of passing.

WATER BOMBERS EFFECTIVE IN WOODLAND FIRE

A forest fire broke out Sunday afternoon on land adjoining the bombing range on the Dare mainland and was brought under control by nightfall.

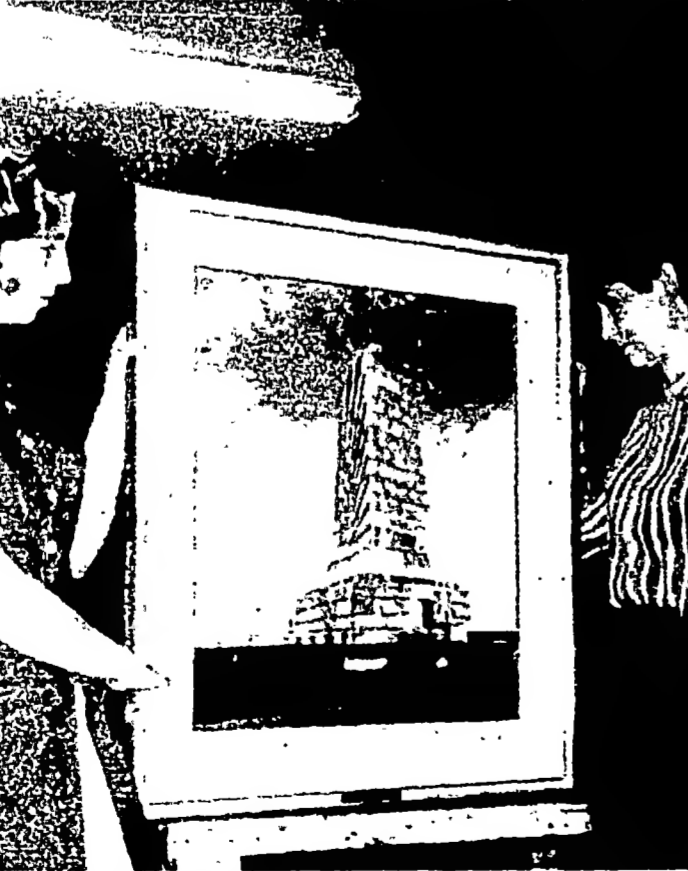
Men and equipment from the N. C. Forest Service and West Va. Pulp and Paper Co. responded to the call and, with a co-ordinated effort, stopped the head of the fire. Water bombers were the biggest weapon in controlling the fire. N. C. Forest Service men and equipment worked Monday and Tuesday "mopping-up" the ground fire in the dry peat.

The fire was thought to have been caused by a cigarette. An inspection team had been in the area for a couple of days prior to the fire, checking the plane crash, and someone may have accidentally dropped a cigarette on some dry peat, stated a forest service official.

DCMA ELECT OFFICERS

The Dare County Ministerial Association met Monday, May 29, and elected the following officers: president, Rev. Wm. S. Brown; vice-pres., Rev. Kenneth Whitney; secretary, Rev. G. R. Thomas.

FRENCH COUPLE HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN WRIGHT MEMORIAL



MR. AND MRS. GUY BLOUET of Le Mans, France, admired a sepia print of the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument which they were shown by Mrs. Sarah Owens, assistant to the manager of Dare County Tourist Bureau in Manteo, when they were on a Dare Coast-Outer Banks vacation this week stopping at Kitty Hawk. They have a special interest in the Wrights, because in 1908 Wilbur Wright made more than 100 flights at Hunaudieres Race Track in their hometown while his brother Orville conducted further experiments at Kitty Hawk with the plane later demonstrated at Ft. Myers, Va., and sold to the U. S. Government, which was the beginning of military aviation. A monument in Le Mans, today, commemorates Wilbur's first flight experiments in France. The magnificent sepia print of the monument in this photo once adorned the office wall of former Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren, who gave it to his friend the late D. Victor Meekins, Manteo publisher, to be displayed to the public in Dare County. The Blouets are currently living in Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, where he was formerly public relations manager for the Berlitz School of Languages of Canada, Ltd., and is now industrial consultant for exports for the provincial government of Quebec. (Aycock Brown photo)

FORMER ELEANOR DARE AND DAUGHTER WITH QUEEN



YOUNG BARBARA DARE THOMAS and her mother, Marjalene Thomas, who formerly played the role of Eleanor Dare in The Lost Colony view picture of Queen Elizabeth, which character Mrs. Thomas will portray this summer.

A family entertainment favorite since 1937 — "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama by Pulitzer Prize-winner Paul Green — is being presented in the Waterside Theatre on the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, June 23 through August 27. It is the 27th production season of the historical, symphonic play. Except for four World War II years, it has been given each summer for the past 30 years in the 2,000 seat amphitheatre "under the stars". Rehearsals start at Fort Raleigh next week.

Returning to the show this year to play the role of "Queen Elizabeth I of England" is Marjalene Thomas of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Thomas, the wife of Harry Hunt Thomas, principal of Elizabeth City High School, played the role of "Eleanor Dare", See ELEANOR, Page Five

ON N. C. COAST

OUTER BANKS SEASON SWINGS INTO SUMMER

North Carolina's Dare Coast-Outer Banks region, a hundred or more miles of uncrowded ocean beaches extending from Kitty Hawk southward to Ocracoke Island is swinging into another vacation season. The "season" will continue until late October and then on a limited basis throughout the winter.

June is the month when the game fishing is well underway, inshore and off, both in salt and fresh waters.

June also is the month when The Lost Colony drama season begins, when the art colonies become active, and when family vacation groups come down to enjoy the surf and sunshine, and to visit the many historical attractions of the area.

It was here on the Dare Coast-Outer Banks that first attempts to establish an English colony in the New World was made in 1584-87, and it was here that Virginia Dare, first English child was born in America. The site of these ill-fated happenings is now newly expanded (at a cost of \$1-million) Fort Raleigh National Historic Site.

On the site, is Waterside Theatre, where The Lost Colony tells the story of the first English colonists, and nearby is magnificent Elizabethan Garden, with its flowers, shrubs, winding walkways and antique statuary. The garden, commemorating the memory of the first Queen Elizabeth and "the lost colony," is a project of the Garden Clubs of N. C., Inc.

Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk is where the Wright Brothers, Wilbur and Orville, were successful in their conquest of the air in a heavier-than-air-powered airplane on December 17, 1903. The story of this first flight is told at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, with its monument atop the hill, and the Visitor Center, workshops, hangar and living quarters of the Wrights near the hill's base. In the visitor center is a full-scale reproduction of the Wright's first plane, along with other relics of their early flight experiments.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore begins in lower Nags Head and extends to Ocracoke Inlet. The National Park Service recreational area has visitor centers, with museums, light-houses, nature trails, bird watching overlooks, several campgrounds and public use bathing beaches. The National Seashore was designed to save and retain pristine wilderness that the Outer Banks, once was.

Game fishing is one of the top attractions of the area with everything from black bass to blue marlin available for anglers who pit their skill against inshore and Gulf Stream fishes.

There are more than 150 hotels, motels and cottage courts along the Outer Banks plus hundreds of rental cottages outside the limits of the National Seashore.

Modern paved highways, and bridges spanning sounds and inlets, are toll-free. A state-operated toll free ferry connects Hatteras Island with Ocracoke. There are scores of shops with all types of merchandise, and there are doctors and clinics, Protestant and Catholic Churches, fishing schools and fishing piers, and many other vacation attractions that have appeal to vacationists seeking a place in the sun that is different. Complete information on the fabulous Outer Banks is available from Dare County Tourist Bureau, Manteo, N. C., and may be had for the asking.

4 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ARRESTED IN SHOPLIFTING

Youngsters Get Watch Bands and Shorts From Two Beach Shops

Four Manteo high school students were arrested Monday on charges of shoplifting at two stores in Nags Head.

The youths were ordered to appear in District Court June 16.

Arrested were Ted Dale Midgett, 16, high school sophomore; Robert Lee Tolson, 16, a junior; Phillip Don Bruce, 17, sophomore; and Robert Clayton Haywood, 17, sophomore. Haywood's home is in Colington. The other three live in Manteo.

Arrest slips signed by D. F. Twyne, Nags Head police chief, contained the notation that the youths shoplifted watch bands and shorts from The Galleon and The Colony House. Warrants issued by Magistrate Ralph L. Swain were more specific. The warrants charged them with taking five watch bands and a set of shorts from the two stores.

The boys were released without bond.

Midgett is the son of Sam Midgett, mayor of Manteo; Tolson is the son of Arnold Midgett, sales manager of Hassell & Creel Motor Co.; Bruce is the son of J. L. Newman. See ARRESTS, Page Four

NAMED TO NATIONAL HONORARY FRATERNITY



J. REESE VOSHELL, JR. has been recently elected as a member to the Honorary Scientific Fraternity, Chi Beta Phi. This is the Alpha Chapter of a national honorary fraternity which has its purpose the fostering, integrating, and pursuit of scientific investigation in all the major fields of science. Members are chosen on the basis of demonstrated interest and excellence in science. Reese is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Voshell of Norfolk, Virginia and the grandson of Melvin R. Daniels, Dare County Registrar of Deeds. Reese is a Junior at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., and has been a Dean's List student since entering college.

SEEK SPONSOR TO BACK DARE STUDENT TO S & W WORKSHOP

Who would like to sponsor a student's attendance at a Soil and Water Conservation Workshop? That's the question being posed this week by J. L. Newman, member of the Dare County SCS body.

Newman said that three Dare students are eligible but \$40 would be required of some benefactor in order for a student to be sent. Two may be sent from Dare if suitable financing can be arranged.

The workshop will be at State College, Raleigh, beginning on June 12 and continuing through the 16th. In addition to much worthwhile information to be gained, several scholarships and awards will be presented to some of those in attendance, ranging from \$250 down to \$25.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the sponsorship may call either J. L. Newman or Carl Nunemaker, Nags Head; or R. I. Spake, Manteo, Dare County farm agent.

CURRITUCK SOUND FERRY INOPERATIVE

The Currituck Sound ferry will be out of operation from June 6 to July 20, according to Ivan Hardesty, assistant chief engineer, State Highway Department. It operates between Currituck and Knotts Island. The ferry is being taken out of operation for its annual overhaul, according to Hardesty.

FISCAL YEAR ENDING THIS MONTH DARE BOARD EXPECTED TO BREAK SPENDING RECORDS

FORMER MANTEO MAN DUE PROMOTION JULY 1



CH MACH. HOMER T. AUSTIN, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Austin, of Manteo, enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard May 13, 1943.

During World War II he served aboard the U.S.S. Eugene P. F. 40, in the South West Pacific and North Africa; and after the war served aboard the following ships: Speedwell, Norfolk, Va.; Winter Quarter Light Ship, Chincoteague; Jonquil, Norfolk; Ingram, Norfolk; Mendota, Wilmington, N. C.; Matagorda, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Cowship, Portland, Maine.

He was appointed to Warrant Officer, Nov. 1, 1958, and is to be appointed to Lt. July 1, 1967. He is married to the former Amelia Simpson, of Wanchese, and they have three daughters, Onan, Sybil and Debbie. They will be leaving July 1 for Washington, D. C., to make their home.

ONE DIRECTOR ADDED TO NAGS HEAD CHAMBER

When the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce recently sanctioned a change of name to the Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, one new director was added—John Reynolds of Kill Devil Hills. At the time officers adopted the plan to change the name, it was decided to increase membership on the board of directors to twelve. Presently it is eight.

The other three members will be named at the annual meeting in October. The eight other directors are as follows: David Stick, past president; George Crocker, vice-president; P. J. M. Bayne, Neil Loy, Bill Jones, Bill Gard, R. E. Parker, Jr., Joseph Hume.

Also recently re-named to the non-resident property owners advisory board were: B. B. Dawson, Washington; Milo Christiansen, Chevy Chase, Md.; R. W. Smith, Raleigh; W. W. Jarvis, Moyer; Coy Beckwith, Henderson; Lorimer Midgett and Bob Thomas, Elizabeth City; Charles Wheelbee, Greenville; Huntington Cairns, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Ruth Gaston, Vienna, Va.; Mrs. Penny Christopoulos, Norfolk, Va.; and Parker Midgett, Elizabeth City.

Board Meeting Tuesday

A meeting of the officers of the chamber has been called for Tuesday night, June 6, beginning at 7:30, at the chamber office.

MCPHERSON AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP FROM GALLEON FOR \$1000

Leroy Arnon McPherson of Kill Devil Hills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Daniels, was Wednesday night presented a \$1000 scholarship award from the Galleon, Nags Head, by George Crocker, Jr., manager and one of the owners.

Crocker had announced plans for making such an annual award several weeks ago, but it was just this week that a decision was made by a school committee as to the recipient.

The presentation to McPherson was during graduation exercises at Manteo High School. McPherson was also the recipient of the science medal and a check from the Manteo Lions Club and other interested citizens, which will enable him to attend the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, June 11-24. His science teacher was Mrs. Luther Bridgeman of the Manteo High School faculty.

With the current trend towards spending, and there is little in sight to hamper that policy, the Dare County Board of Commissioners will wind up the year with some new records set for spending and exceeding its budget.

The county's fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th following. At mid-year, the last of December, the board had already expended almost its total budget for fiscal 1966-67. That figure was pegged at \$10,320 in the budget for the entire year and through December \$9,293.38 had been paid from the county general fund for operation of the board. By end of the third quarter, expenses had climbed to \$12,724.53, and reliable estimates place operational costs of that office by the year's end at \$17,000 or more.

The budget for the current year is down about \$3000 from the previous year when it was set at \$13,327, but in this year's budget the county had set up \$13,166.66, half of which would probably be paid by state and federal funds had the ill-fated Civil Defense plan survived. Thus operating in a companion relationship, as many observers of the courthouse scene believed the commissioners and CD officers together would have cost some \$23,000 or better.

Inasmuch as the office was never filled, the state-federal support never was granted, and the county has not nor will it receive the \$6,583.33 budgeted as proposed income from those sources. The amount collected from ad valorem taxes—50% of the budget—will presumably be used to cover the board's deficit of some \$7000 expected by June 30.

As a matter of information to readers, and taxpayers, we are publishing herewith the amounts paid each member beginning with December when the new board took office. Except where otherwise specified, the amounts paid covered routine and special meetings, travel and meal expenses.

December		Amount
Swain (November)	.....	\$256.25
White	.....	67.70
Harvey	.....	67.25
plus	.....	121.15
(June 1966 R&H Congress exp.)	.....
Burrus	.....	92.73
Scarborough	.....	89.61
R. Tillett	.....	79.74
P. Tillett	.....	94.90
January		
White	.....	160.05
Harvey	.....	44.50
Burrus	.....	61.82
Scarborough	.....	59.74
P. Tillett	.....	80.94
February		
Harvey	.....	66.75

MANTEO BAPTISTS PLAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR TWO WEEKS SESSION

The date is set and plans have been made for Vacation Bible School at the Manteo Baptist Church Preparation Day is June 2, from 1:30 until 3:30 p. m. At this time the boys and girls will register and be given an introduction to the lesson program for the school. A parade will follow the registration and awards will be given for the best decorated bikes.

Also, the boy or girl having the best costume advertising the school will receive special recognition. The program for the day will be closed with a refreshment period.

School will begin Monday, June 5, at 8:30 a.m. for ages 3 through 12, and at 7:00 p.m. for ages 13 through 16. The morning sessions will be three hours in length. The school will continue Monday through Friday for two weeks.

The faculty this year will be as follows: principal, Mrs. C. L. Reynolds; pastor and principal's assistant, Wm. S. Brown; secretary, Mrs. Hilda Francis; musician, Mrs. Mellie Pearce; intermediate superintendent, Mrs. Laura Dinwiddie; teachers, Mrs. Roy King and Mrs. Joe Hume; junior supt., Mrs. W. S. Brown; teachers, Mrs. John Snow and Mrs. Mellie Pearce; primary supt., Mrs. John Wilson; teachers, Mrs. Alan Carlson, Mrs. Clara Tarkington, and Mrs. Mary Beer; beginner, age 5, Supt., Mrs. William Swindell; teacher, Mrs. Roger Mihovch; beginner, age 4, Supt., Mrs. Jimmy Basnigh; teacher, Mrs. S. H. Lassiter; Nursery Supt., Mrs. Arthur Ray Johnson; teacher, Mrs. C. W. Johnson.