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COURT PUTS LOST COLONY YOUTH ON LONG PROBATION

Judge Also Orders Florida Boy To Stay Home at Night

District Judge Fentress Horner and Sheriff Frank Cahoon finally rid themselves Friday of William Gary Young, 16, Tampa, Fla., a Lost Colony bit player who got caught with several others in August on a trespass charge.

Horner revised the sentence originally given Young and put him on probation for three years. This action removed the immediate threat of jail for the youngster and put him in the hands of the probation officer here who transferred his case to probation officials in Tampa.

Young originally had been given the same sentence handed to four older Lost Colony cast members for trespassing on and stealing from the boarded up house on the late Valentine Rogers in the Mother Vineyard area on Roanoke Island. The sentence consisted of 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of a fine of \$300 and costs, and an order to stay out of Dare County for five years.

The four older youths paid their fines immediately have haven't been seen around town since.

Young didn't have \$300 and said he couldn't get it from his parents or friends. The alternative was jail and work on the roads.

When the judge learned of the youth's inability to raise the money for the fine, he ordered him returned to court for further consideration. The judge apparently took into consideration Young's age along with the boy's statement that he wanted to go home to his mother in Florida.

The new sentence was six months on the roads suspended with imposition of three years' probation. Young was ordered also to remain at home after 9 p.m. daily for the next 60 days.

Horner ordered probation papers on the youth transferred to Florida. The youth also had to pay court costs and an \$8 jail fee before he could be released to the probation officer.

Sheriff Cahoon said Young paid a total of \$23 for court costs and the jail fee late Friday. The boy then was turned over to the local probation officer.

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STATE FUNDS FOR HARBOR WORK BLOCKED BY U. S.

Manteo Mayor Sam E. Midgett said Thursday the \$17,600 set aside by the state to help improve the town's waterfront can be released only on approval of the Corps of Engineers, a federal agency.

Midgett said he did not understand how a state grant could be held up by a federal agency unless such limitations had been written into the legislation providing the grant.

Midgett said he had been informed earlier this week by

MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUNDS BENEFIT MUNICIPALITIES

Share of State Six Cents Per Gallon Tax to be Paid by October 1

Localities throughout North Carolina will receive refund checks representing their share of motor fuel tax on or before October 1, under provisions of the state's street aid program.

Almost \$10 million will be returned to N. C. localities, said J. M. Hunt, Jr., Chairman of the State Highway Commission. Towns and cities qualify for participation by submitting detailed information each year to the highway commission concerning ad valorem taxes, other revenue sources, budget ordinances and local elections. Some legally incorporated towns do not participate in the Powell Bill program because they do not perform necessary municipal functions.

Breakdown of coastland municipalities benefiting is as follows:
Beaufort County: Bath \$2,145.11; Belhaven \$14,221.80; Pantego \$1,040.88; Washington \$45,887.97; Washington Park \$3,723.90;
Washington: Creswell \$1,844.71.
Dare: Kill Devil Hills \$11,228.70; Manteo \$3,004.12; Nags Head \$4,845.31.

WANCHESE POSTOFFICE RECEIVES FEDERAL AWARD



CHARLES W. FORTNER, a postal service officer of Fayetteville, at left was giving Randy O'Neal, Wanchese postmaster, one of President Johnson's Natural Beauty Program Awards when this picture was made Saturday. Wanchese is one of six postoffices out of 182 in the state to receive the citation award due to landscaping beauty and general upkeep of the postal facility in the community located on the south end of Roanoke Island. (Aycock Brown photo)

Fortner said: "The citation is a coveted one as only communities who make a concerted effort to improve the appearance of their post office are recipients of the award." He applauded those who helped with the Wanchese project as being civic-minded persons.

Opening remarks were offered by Melvin R. Daniels, Dare County Register of Deeds. Fortner was introduced by W. W. (Billy) Tarkington, postmaster of Manteo. Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, vice-president of N.A.P.U.S. and Columbia postmaster, gave the invocation and benediction.

Miss Rowena Midgett and Mrs. Arnold Daniels, clerks at the Wanchese post office, were recognized for their contribution in the beautification effort. Former Postmaster H. L. Davis who served for 45 years was recognized with other area guests.

Postmaster O'Neal expressed appreciation to the Post Office Department and to all individuals who made this award possible.

TYRRELL SCRIBE REPORTS BOTH RACES REJOICE AT DEPARTURE OF A 'VISTA'

By BLANCHE W. COHOON COLUMBIA. — THE VISTA BOY IS GONE! A majority of both races probably rejoice at his going, and neither can lay any specific credit to him for his labors here for more than a year.

Victor Basille came to Tyrrell from the northern state of Massachusetts, which possibly retains a guilt feeling for its past history of persecuting the "Witches," and for this feeling are trying to label other states with similar persecutions in order to live down its own.

So embued was this boy that all white people in the South were villains in their treatment of the Negro race that he showed a form of disdain for those of his own race with whom he came in contact.

The pity of it is, that otherwise he was a typical American boy, fair haired and handsome, and with the intelligence and will to have carried him far. When he left, he spirit was as if beaten, and his drive waned.

This boy, 19 years old when he came, has learned a hard lesson. One is that he can't claim credit as his own work for things that were accomplished by others of the race he meant to serve. Had he been older and wiser, he would have found out and built on foundation laid as far back as 15 years ago, when the Tyrrell County Public Library in cooperation with the A.L.A. and N. C. Library Commission held a series of integrated discussion groups on "The American Heritage"; that the Tyrrell Library was integrated before the passage of the Civil Rights Act; that Negro citizens sat in library meetings as far back as 20 years ago as members of the book committee.

He would have found that before he came, the Tyrrell Industrial Committee had held open integrated meetings, and

a member of that race sits on the executive committee. He would have compared the two school plants, and seen no discrimination there since Tyrrell High School is of a more modern outlay than the other.

He would have watched elections and assured himself that no citizens who could read and write were refused registration and voting privileges. He would have noticed the friendship and respect which is between members of the two races.

One member of that race received more than 50 votes to be elected to the Town Board of Aldermen, when only 28 Negroes cast a vote in that election.

These things were told to the Vista boy on his arrival here. He was also told that the vital county records were saved from destruction by the Yankee soldiers during the Civil War by a Negro woman, and the part she played had given her race something vital for which

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WORK ON U.S. 264 TO STUMPY POINT WELL UNDERWAY

Leveling and Resurfacing, Long Overdue, "Coming Along Nicely"

Improvements of the stretch of U.S. 264 from Manns Harbor to Stumpy Point is "coming along nicely," according to W. H. Hoffer, Jr. of Manteo, resident engineer for the Highway Commission.

Hoffer stated that the first leveling course was being applied, to be followed by two more. Travelers along this route, undoubtedly the worst section of U. S. 264 in North Carolina, will welcome the improved condition. Hoffer said that it would not be feasible to eliminate all the unevenness to which motorists are accustomed but that a vast improvement would be noted.

After the three leveling coatings, the final surface will be applied. Additionally, shoulders are being improved along the stretch.

Other Mainland Improvements

As to the sections of U. S. 64 between Manns Harbor and East Lake in Dare and Alligator River and Columbia in Tyrrell which are being relocated, work is at a standstill.

Hoffer said the areas are being left to settle and that paving would be sometime in the future. He made no commitment as to when the work would be done, but said he was sure it would be next spring at the earliest.

DARE A. B. C. SALES UP DURING AUGUST

Total sales by Dare County A.B.C. stores for August were \$93,868.95. This represents an increase in of \$428.70, compared with August, 1966, reports Robert H. Midgett, supervisor.

WOULD ABOLISH THREE POLLING PLACES IN DARE

Frisco, Mashoes and Duck Communities Could Merge With Nearby Communities

Under terms of a proposal advanced to the Dare County Board of Commissioners by the board of elections, three voting precincts would be abolished, and annexed to adjoining voting precincts.

The proposal is advanced partly in consideration of the conversion to loose-leaf registration which will call for a new registration involving considerable expense to the county.

The elections board advised that cost for the sixteen precincts as they now stand would be \$1,161.08. For the combined precincts \$1,046.75, not including cost of sheets to be used in the binders which cost is estimated at \$108.

No action was taken, but the matter was tabled for consideration and discussion at the boards October session.

Voting records show that in the November 1966 general election Duck cast 16 votes; Mashoes 7; and Frisco 69. In the same election, three other precincts cast less votes than Frisco: Colington with 32; East Lake with 30; and Waves with 54. However, Waves already constitutes the combined boxes of Rodanthe, Waves and Sivo.

It was suggested that Duck be annexed to Kitty Hawk box; Mashoes to Manns Harbor and Frisco to Buxton.

The new registration is required before 1970, in compliance with legislation enacted by the 1967 General Assembly.

PLANS FOR OUTER BANKS TOLL ROAD PROBABLY DEAD

Plans for an Outer Banks toll road from Duck to the Virginia line have gone glimmering and are likely to remain so unless revived by a future state administration not headed by Gov. Dan K. Moore.

State Highway Chairman Joe Hunt said at Raleigh last week that the North Carolina Turnpike Authority will have to take a loss on expenditures made in planning the proposed Outer Banks toll road.

Hunt reiterated earlier statements that no toll roads will be built during Moore's administration.

Hunt said he didn't know how much money the turnpike authority had spent, but he indicated it was all down the drain.

The authority was setup to plan a 29-mile toll road from Duck in Dare county to the Virginia line. It was understood by planners that Virginia would

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BRONZE STAR AWARDED TO CAPT. FRED WILLKIE



CAPTAIN FRED R. WILLKIE has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious service as Chief, Command Material Control Center, 504 Tactical Air Support Group while engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing force from September 28, 1966 to September 10, 1967. Captain Willkie assumed this position soon after the formation of the group and was responsible for and instrumental in the development of many of the procedures and their implementation throughout the group and its seven squadrons in areas of material.

These responsibilities requiring a working knowledge of a wide variety of subjects were handled efficiently and professionally by Captain Willkie. The exemplary leadership, personal endeavor and devotion to duty displayed by Capt. Willkie reflect great credit upon himself and the U. S. Air Force.

Capt. Willkie arrived in Manteo this week after serving in Vietnam. See WILLKIE, Page Four

IN CROATAN SOUND WATERS

SAILING REGATTA SET FOR SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Under sponsorship of Outer Banks Sailing Association, the ninth annual Carolinian Hotel and Anchor Club Sailing Regatta will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 16-17. The six daily events will be sailed under NAYRU and CBYRA official rules and held in Croatan Sound on the west side of Roanoke Island.

Six classes of vessels to be in competition will include Catamaran, Jollyboats, 50's, Hampton's Mobjacks and Finns.

"Any other class having at least three entries will be given a start," said Dr. Lloyd Griffin of Elizabeth City, commodore of the sponsoring Outer Banks Sailing Association. Headquarters for the Regatta

WATER SYSTEM FOR SOUTH HATTERAS ISLAND ASSURED IN '68; WORK UNDERWAY

Loan of \$705,000 and Grant of \$570,000 from Farmers Home Administration Finalized Last Friday; Will Serve Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras from Series of Shallow-Well Fields.

DARE RED CROSS WILL SEEK \$1524 IN OCTOBER DRIVE

Church Women Will Be Requested to Make Duty Bags for Servicemen

The Dare County Chapter of American Red Cross held its regular quarterly meeting at the community building in Manteo last Friday night. A budget of \$1524 was adopted for fiscal year 1967-68, of which \$869 is for national requirements.

The local drive for funds will be conducted during October. It was voted to select leading citizens from each of the communities of the Dare County chapter to serve as a director.

Citizens wishing to assist with the drive in any areas of the county may contact Mrs. Virginia Brantley, Kill Devil Hills, who will head up the fund committee.

In another action, the local chapter voted to request Dear churchwomen to make duty bags for servicemen in Vietnam. Those interested in this program should contact Mrs. Linwood Cuthrell of Manteo for further information.

It's been a long pull, and a hard one for many citizens who devoted countless hours to the cause, but the Cape Hatteras Water Association's plan to provide water service to the three southernmost communities on that island has been assured. Final closing of the loan-grant papers was accomplished last Friday in the office of the Association's attorney, Wallace R. Gray of Manteo.

The system, slated to cost about \$1,250,000, is already underway and while contractors are bound to completion within 12 months, Gray stated that with favorable working conditions, the association would be serving customers next summer. Nearly 500 customers have already applied for connection.

Efforts have been underway for several years to establish such a distribution system in the sectors which sometimes pose problems, insofar as potable water. With the rapid development at hand, continued increase in per capita usage, and dwindling supplies on some locations, the new system will not be provided any too soon.

Amount originally sought as a loan from Farmers Homes Administration was \$630,000, which coupled with a grant of \$570, would have financed construction of the system. With skyrocketing costs of construction, the association early this year added \$75,000 to its request for loan, which was approved several weeks ago.

The well field area, some three miles long and 500 feet wide, is in the Buxton-Frisco area, and involves about 226 acres. Bids for the nine phases total \$1,085,130.51, with the remaining \$189,869.49 slated to cover: 1. contingency; 2. interest on loan; 3. projected administrative cost; 4. engineering and legal fees; and 5. land cost.

The job, as divided into the several phases, was advertised, bids reviewed and contract awards as follows:

1. Construction of 20 wells—Magette Well Co., Ahoskie, \$42,334.44;
2. Raw and finished reservoir and aerator, including 200,000-gal. capacity, \$147,535.05.

T. B. GRAY GETS RECOMMENDATION FOR BUXTON P. O.

Congressman Walter B. Jones announced Tuesday that he was recommending appointment of Theodore Boyd Gray for the position of permanent postmaster at the Buxton (Cape Hatteras) post office.

Jones said he was happy to make this appointment since Gray is a 10 point veteran and appeared in the No. 1 place on the eligible register.

Gray previously operated a restaurant at Buxton, but for the past several years has been engaged in maritime work. He is one of several candidates for the postmastership, including Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Gray, and N. F. Jennette, Jr., who was named acting postmaster several months ago.

OCRAKOE-CEDAR IS. FERRY TO CONTINUE ON SUMMER SCHEDULE

The ferry run from Ocracoke Island to Cedar Island has become so popular that it will continue on its summer schedule until October 1.

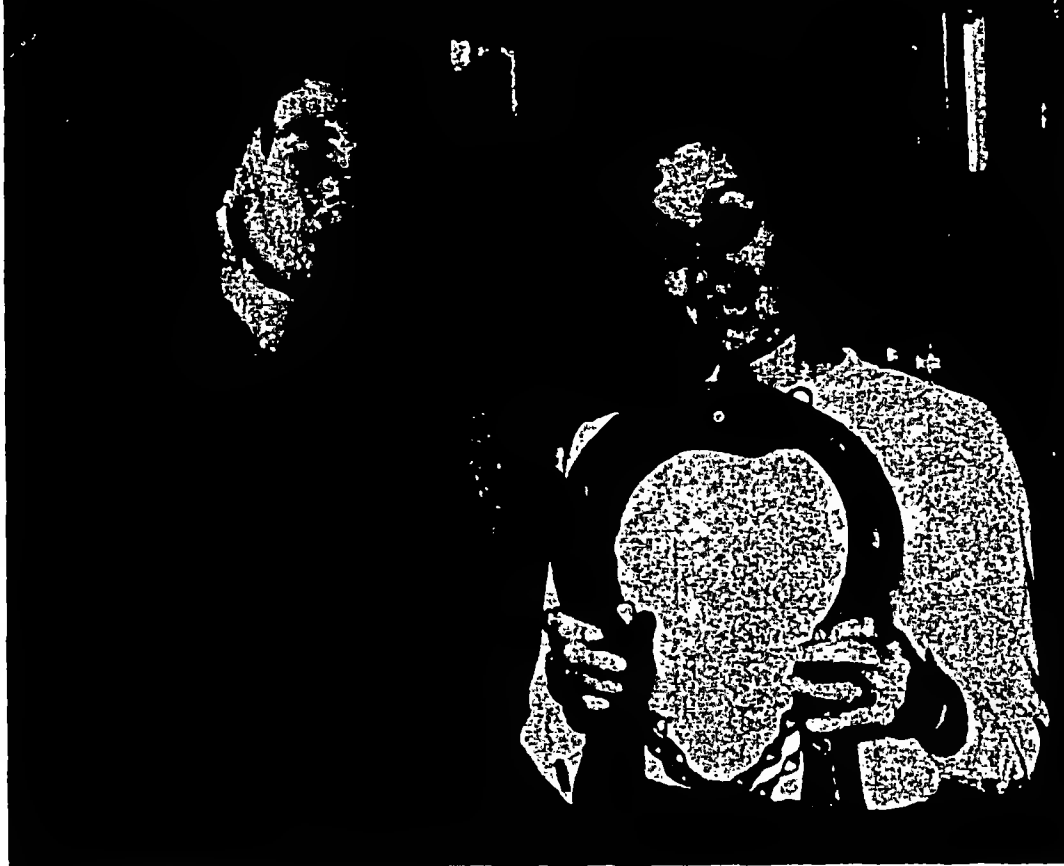
Rather than cut the schedule to two round trips per day, the vessels "Pamlico" and "Silver Lake" will continue to make four round trips daily, said E. H. Baggs, ferry operations manager.

The service usually changes to a less active schedule in September. Baggs stated that continued heavy traffic is reason for the extension.

He said the State Highway Commission would decide after observing the September traffic whether another extension is in order.

Trips leave both Cedar Island and Ocracoke, at 6 and 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. each day.

INTRIGUED LIBRARY EMPLOYEES INSPECTING UNIDENTIFIED DEVICE



MRS. HELEN MIDGETT and MRS. DORITA BALLANCE, of Manteo and Wanchese, respectively, inspect an object yet unidentified. Elton Gallop of Wanchese brought it to Manteo, and we asked Aycock Brown to identify same. Aycock had gone to the fount of information, the Dare County Library, but the two workers shown above were unable to correctly identify the hinged apparatus which is joined by a chain near what appear to be handles.

Possibly they are the long-sought-after "skyhooks." Elton told us that in the search for identification, the device was displayed for some two years aboard the ferry which formerly ran from Little Creek to Cape Charles with \$2 reward never claimed. Gallop said that his son, Elton, Jr. found the object probing about grounds of property owned by the late Titus Tillett.

The Coastland Times offers a one-year subscription as reward for the first undisputed correct identification. Those curious enough will find the queer-looking device on display in our office window. (Photo by Aycock Brown)

NEW ATTORNEY LOCATES IN MANTEO



DWIGHT H. WHELESS of High Point was photographed Tuesday in his office after arriving in Manteo where he will be an associate of Martin Kellogg, Jr. Wheless is a 1967 graduate of the University Law School at Chapel Hill. He is married to the former Lou Jay of Raleigh and they have one son, Jay, 3 1/2 years old. Mrs. Wheless holds a BA degree in medical technology.