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## ONE-DAY TERM OF CIVIL DIST. COURT SET FOR APRIL 1

### Thirty Called For Jury Duty Although May Not Be Needed

A one-day term of civil district court has been scheduled in Dare county for April 1. The presiding judge will be either Fentress T. Horner or W. S. Privott.

C. S. Meekins, clerk of court for Dare, said 30 persons had been summoned for possible jury duty during the one-day session.

The jury may have nothing to do. The docket consists chiefly of about a half dozen heard by the jury if either the plaintiff or defendant asks for a jury trial. In most divorce cases the judge alone decides whether to grant or refuse a decree and set possible conditions.

The regular Friday session of criminal district court was a bottled affair. Only two cases were called.

George B. McClelland of Elizabeth City was called to answer a charge of speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55-mile zone. He failed to show. Horner ordered a warrant for his arrest.

Milton Richard Midgett of Hatteras appeared to answer a charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol on Dec. 27.

Midgett pled guilty. The arresting officer, Deputy Sheriff Ray Bassett, said there was nothing unusual about the case, that no accident occurred, and that "it was just a matter of reckless driving and intoxication."

Horner noted that because of Midgett's record for similar offenses, the fine would be \$150 and costs with his driver's license suspended for 12 months. Midgett protested that he didn't have that much money. The judge then reduced the fine to \$110 and costs and let stand the penalty regarding the license.

Subcommittees to the clerk included:

Lionel Ernscliffe Midgett, Manteo, failure to comply with inspection law, \$15; Melvin Midgett, Manteo, public drunkenness, \$17; Brian J. Ewald, Norfolk, Va., engaged in affray, \$17; Daniel Lee Nauvaks, Norfolk, engaged in affray, \$17; William Howard Sawyer, Buxton, exceeding safe speed, \$15; Ellsworth Burrus Ballance, Hatteras, fail to drive on right half of highway, \$15; Robert Ashby, Manteo, trespass, \$17; Robert Leslie Carson, Manteo, public drunkenness, \$17; Richard Austin, Sarasota, Fla., engaged in affray, \$17; Samuel Irving Dowdy, III, Norfolk, engaged in affray, \$17.

## GIRL "FLOATS" TO SHORE AFTER CAR ENTERS CANAL

Linda Edwards Mills, 21, Raleigh, narrowly escaped drowning March 23 when her car skidded on a rain-drenched highway and scooted into a roadside canal near Manns Harbor. The car was completely submerged.

State Trooper S. H. Lassiter said Miss Mills jerked open the car door and struggled to the surface. He said she told him she could not swim and "just floated" to shore.

Lassiter said the girl had stopped at the intersection of highways 64 and 264 and as she started forward on the slick roadway the car "got away" and just rolled into the canal. It did not turn over.

Miss Mills was not hurt, Lassiter said.

The accident occurred about 1-1/2 miles from the spot where three Wanchese youths drowned in early January.

## YOUTH RALLY FOR ALL FAITHS THIS SATURDAY

An interdenominational youth rally will be held this Saturday night at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Manteo High School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams (Pat and J. L.), missionaries and youth workers will lead the rally. Many people will remember them for their camp ground ministry this past summer. They will be accompanied by several young people who will be guests of the Manteo Mt. Olivet Methodist church MYF members, sponsors of the rally.

An invitation is extended to all youth in this area to join in this Christian fellowship rally.

## MISS DARE ENTRANT



PATRICIA ANN ROGERS, is a contender for the title of "Miss Dare" in the Jaycee-sponsored pageant to be held in Manteo in April.

Miss Rogers, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rogers of Norfolk and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Tillett of Wanchese with whom she makes her home. She graduated from Norview High, Norfolk in 1967, attended a business college in Norfolk for a year. She would like to further her education at Norfolk College and Old Dominion College. Although she has had training in dramatics she is undecided at present on a talent for competition.

Her hobbies are many and varied and she probably has more experience in title competition than other entrants having been selected as outstanding "Y Teen" and mid-winter ball queen of '67, at Norview and Dare Pirate Jamboree Princess '64.

Local Jaycee pageant officials have announced that a parade of the contestants will be held in Manteo on the day of the pageant. Also on that afternoon the judges, entrants and out of town guests will be guests of Pepsi bottlers at a party. A dinner is scheduled for See ENTRANT, Page Six

## DEPUTY GETS LEAVE FOR BACK TREATMENT; DUVALL TAKES JOB UNTIL AUGUST

Deputy Sheriff Willie E. Daniels has been granted a leave of absence to enter Duke University Hospital for treatment of an ailing back.

Sheriff Frank Cahoon said Daniels suffered a slipped disc several years ago. He said Daniels reinjured his back early this month when he helped pull the body of a fisherman from South Lake. Daniels is expected to go to Duke early in April.

C. C. Duvall, former Manteo policeman, has been appointed to Daniels' slot in the sheriff's department until the injured deputy returns to duty. Cahoon said this probably would be in early August.

Duvall resigned as town policeman in September to ship out with the merchant marine. Duvall said he quit the town job because of money reasons. His home is on Roanoke Island.

## PLANT CEDAR TO COMMEMORATE ARBOR AT KITTY HAWK



UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DUNES OF DARE GARDEN CLUB a cedar tree donated by Bill Swindell, manager of the Andy Griffith estate on Roanoke Island was planted at Kitty Hawk Elementary School to commemorate Arbor Day. In an impressive dedication program with members of the school's Kindergarten Class and their king and queen, Tim Beacham and Kelly Midgett, ceremonies featuring Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, Mrs. Joe Duffield, Mrs. David Cox, Mrs. Margaret Davis and Mrs. Nancy Reynolds club members and 8th graders who helped with the planting, were photographed Wednesday. Mrs. Phillips, president of the Club, gave an interesting talk to the Kindergarten group and others present on the value of trees in our lives. (Aycock Brown photo)

## UPGRADING OF POST OFFICES SOUGHT IN 1ST

### Nine Locations in District To Be Upgraded; Including Buxton, Engelhard

The Post Office Department is seeking to improve post office facilities in nine communities of the First Congressional District.

Congressman Walter B. Jones said Monday the department is asking for bids on improved buildings at Blounts Creek in Beaufort County; Coinjock, Currituck and Poplar Branch in Currituck County; Etnul in Craven County, Buxton in Dare County, Cofield in Hertford County, Engelhard in Hyde County and Lowland in Pamlico County.

Jones said the department will award contracts to the bidders who designate suitable buildings, agree to improve the buildings according to specifications and agree to rent them for five years with three five-year renewal options.

Under this plan, Jones pointed out, the property in each community will stay on local real estate tax books.

Noting that bids must be filed before April 24, the congressman said bidding documents may be obtained from Lloyd C. Loomis, real estate officer, P. O. Box 80666, John Hancock Station, Atlanta, Ga. 30303. Loomis will supply bidding forms, specifications, rent provisions and other information.

## \$16,000 WIPED OFF DARE TAX BOOKS IN OLD ACCOUNTS

### Special Legislative Act of Last General Assembly Involves 1955 and Prior Taxes

Reports recently filed with the Dare County Board of Commissioners showed tax collections during the first two months of 1968 as follows: Levy balance for 1967 taxes at the end of December was \$245,995.86, total collections during January of \$71,527.26; balance on 1967 levy of \$174,468.57; collections on delinquent taxes during January of \$2,452.82; balance on delinquent levy of \$92,404.76.

During February, collections on the current (1967) levy were \$53,182.87, leaving a balance of \$125,260.54; the beginning delinquent levy was reduced by \$1,000.81 in collections, plus an additional \$16,323.11 by court-ordered legislative act of the past General Assembly which removes from the tax collector's responsibility delinquencies dating back to 1955 and prior.

The responsibility still lies with property owners to clear these amounts of the delinquent tax, plus interest and penalties, in order to assure clear title in event of transfer. Most of the See TAXES, Page Four

## HOUSING NEEDS BEING MET WITH ERECTION OF THREE MODERN BUILDINGS



A LONG-FELT NEED FOR ADEQUATE HOUSING for the cast and staff of "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama is being met by the erection of three apartment buildings, located on high dunes overlooking Roanoke Sound, less than a mile from the Waterside Theatre.

Governor Dan K. Moore and Mrs. Fred Morrison, chairman of the sponsoring Roanoke Island Historical Association and Producer of the Paul Green play, announced Thursday, that the buildings will be completed in time for the start of rehearsals of "The Lost Colony" the first week in June. The drama will be presented for the 28th season June 21 through August 25.

"The Association is building the housing," Mrs. Morrison said, "to accommodate approximately 48 of the more than 100 performers and technicians who annually work in the play. The project is made possible through gifts to the Association.

"Other cast and staff members," she continued "are either local or will continue to find accommodations in the Dare County community. Each of the three buildings will have four apartments, two on each floor, and each apartment will consist of two bedrooms, a living-dining area, a kitchen, bath and outside deck. A convertible sofa-bed in the living room will enable occupants to entertain family and friends upon occasion."

The Governor and Mrs. Morrison have explained that the site, as well as the buildings, will be the sole property of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and is not located on National Park Service lands.

The apartment buildings will be completely equipped and furnished. They were designed by Jack McM. Pruden of Carr, Harrison, Pruden and DePasquale, Associated Architects of Durham, N. C. Construction is by Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc. of Manteo.

## O.E.S. INSTALLATION SATURDAY, MARCH 30

There will be an open installation of officers of Roanoke Island Chapter No. 79, Order of the Eastern Star, Saturday night, March 30 at 8 p.m. All members and their guests are urged to attend the program which will be held at the Masonic Hall in Manteo.

## TO CROWN "MISS DARE"



QUEEN DAWN EVANS, winner of the title of Miss Manteo High last year, which pageant was sponsored by the Dare County Jaycees will crown "Miss Dare County" after the judges have made their decision on Friday night, April 12.

Miss Evans is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Evans of Manteo and a junior at Manteo High where the pageant will be held this year. Her sister, Miss Martha Lynn, is a contestant.

## TWO BRUSH FIRES ON DARE MAINLAND

Two brush fires in forest lands burned through small areas on the mainland Tuesday night, according to George Henderson, Manteo. Henderson is district forester for the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.

Henderson said the first fire occurred about seven miles south of Stumpy Point on the highway leading toward Engelhard. The second fire, he said, was just over the Dare county line in Hyde county and was 13 miles south of Stumpy Point.

No timber was lost in either fire, Henderson said.

The first fire burned through a half acre of forest land owned by Westvaco. The second fire covered an area of about four acres, Henderson said. This was on forest land owned by a Georgia firm.

Henderson said the only monetary loss apparently came from the expense of extinguishing the fires.

He said both fires appeared to be manmade, although investigators had no proof of human carelessness.

## FLOWER SHOW APRIL 6-7

The Roanoke Island Garden Club will present a standard flower show at the Manteo Elementary School April 6-7.

The show will be designed to depict the "Spirit of Easter."

The show will be open from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. April 6 and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. April 7.

There will be an educational display at the show. This will consist mainly of books available at the local library on gardening, flower arranging, and other phases of the club's activities.

## PAYOFF OF \$2.6 MILLION NEARER AFTER 15 YEARS

Settlement of about \$2.6 million for 6,400 acres of land acquired by condemnation for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore has moved a step closer after 15 years of wrangling.

A House Interior subcommittee involved with National Park Service affairs recently approved a senate-passed bill authorizing payment of land judgments totaling \$2,555,703. The money will go to about 100 persons whose property was taken to form an addition to the big seashore recreation area stretching from the south section of Nags Head through Hatteras Island and winding up at the southern tip of Ocracoke Island.

The citizens who have the money coming should not start spending it immediately. The subcommittee's action must be approved by the House Interior Committee. Then the various appropriation committees concerned must act and the House and Senate must approve before the funds can become available for distribution.

Park officials at Washington estimated it would be 1969 or 1970 before the final payoff can be made.

Wallace McCown, Manteo, who was attorney for several of the persons who lost their land, said he could not forecast a closer date for the payoff.

About two-thirds of the land in the seashore area was donated or purchased with funds from private organizations. The government took the additional 6,400 acres by right of eminent domain with payment to be arranged through court suits and eventually by congressionally appropriated funds.

The first court suits in connection with the acquisition were filed in 1953. Other suits were filed in later years, the last in 1959.

## PLANNING BOARD

The Dare County Planning Board will meet in the court room in the court house, Manteo, on April 1 at 3:30 in the afternoon.

## MEASUREMENT TAKEN FOR BEAUTY SHOW



THIS ADVANCE PUBLICITY PICTURE of the forthcoming Dare Jaycee-sponsored beauty and talent pageant scheduled for April 12 in Manteo shows Mrs. Kitty Norcross taking the measurements of Joyce Spencer of Manns Harbor for the swim suit competition. Miss Spencer is one of many Dare Coast-Outter Banks girls who will be in the competition that will result in selection of "Miss Dare County" who will in June compete for the "Miss North Carolina" title. The measurements, in case you are interested, 34-22-35. (Aycock Brown photo)

## 3-WAY RACE FOR COMMISSIONERS, TWO DARE AREAS

### But Nobody Filed for Board of Education from Croatan Township

By Wednesday of this week, what had appeared earlier as a four-way race for the Dare County mainland commissioner's seat had narrowed down to three. One of those filing last Friday announced that he had reconsidered.

Ira Spencer, Jr. of Manns Harbor stated that under the circumstances which he had learned of since his filing fee was paid, that he would withdraw. He apparently referred to the other late candidate, that of Calvin E. Payne of Stumpy Point, who also filed last Friday.

As matters now stand, W. Stamford White, who has been on the board six years and for the past two years as chairman, is being opposed in the May 4 Democratic primary balloting by M. P. (Phelpie) Edmondson of Manns Harbor and Payne. The latter unsuccessfully sought the position six years ago in a three-way contest.

Another Manns Harbor man, Elton Elroy Gard, Jr., as a Republican, will oppose the successful Democrat in the November general election.

No person filed for board of education from Croatan, although Glenn Twiford, some two minutes after the noon deadline, indicated to Clerk of Court C. S. Meekins his desire to run. He was "shut-out." Talmadge Best, another Stumpy Point man, had planned to file, but due to a break-down aboard his See RACE, Page Six

## TWO SERIOUS WRECKS OCCUR IN NAGS HEAD

Two serious automobile accidents in Nags Head were reported during the week end as tourists began arriving for the budding summer resort season.

Police Chief Donoran P. Twyne of Nags Head said the first accident occurred about 11:15 p.m. Saturday when a small, American-made car operated by Robert Forrest Taylor, Jr., left the highway and turned over several times, throwing Taylor from the wreckage. Twyne said Taylor suffered a brain injury and was taken to Norfolk General Hospital.

The accident occurred on U. S. 158 business, immediately north of C. G. Brickle's service station and fish house.

The second crash involved three cars, although none of the drivers or occupants was reported seriously injured.

Twyne said a car driven by John A. Hamner, 26, Scottsville, Va., apparently slowed to make a turn near the Nags Header Hotel. A second car, driven by Richard P. Reynolds, 25, Portsmouth, Va., slammed into the rear of the Hamner vehicle, Twyne said. The Hamner vehicle was knocked off the road, but the Reynolds car remained. This car, in turn, was hit by a machine driven by Charles Randall Harrell, 30, Portsmouth.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE WILL MEET SUNDAY TO OUTLINE PLANS FOR FURNISHINGS

A meeting of committee chairmen will be held at the Community Building in Manteo on Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. to launch OPERATION LEND-A-HAND, a campaign to equip the new Dare County Library.

While the building is assured ground broken, construction started—funds must be raised for furnishings. An estimated \$20,000 is needed, but only half this amount is available under contract. A further \$10,000 is necessary to comply with a State ruling that new equipment and furnishings must be installed. Very few of the original fittings are considered to be either suitable or in good condition.

OPERATION LEND-A-HAND will begin on April 1 and continue through April 26, thus including National Library Week, April 21-26.

A brief outline of aims and plans will be presented by Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, followed by a discussion of ways and means of conducting the campaign.

Committee chairmen are being selected on a community basis and will be announced later.