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## SIMPSON GUILTY, YOUTHS BANISHED IN LONG SESSION

### Probationer Ordered To Roads, Speeders And Drunks Fined Heavily

District Court was active Friday with cases involving assault, disorderly conduct at a public campground, non-support, speeding, and careless driving—some by drunks.

Judge Festress Homer banished a group of boisterous youths from Dare county for five years, gave pants presser Willie Simpson a suspended road sentence, levied heavy fines on speeders and drunk drivers, and ordered a probationer to a stint on the roads. Court began at 10 a.m. and wound up shortly after 5 p.m.

Willie Simpson, laundry pan's presser who has had many troubles aired in court during recent weeks, pled not guilty to a charge of assault against Charles Berry, 20. Berry suffered an injured left eye in an encounter with Simpson and still is a hospital out-patient.

The judge didn't believe Simpson's confident defense, found him guilty, and gave him 90 days on the roads suspended upon payment of court costs and \$100 to Berry for medical expenses. He told Willie an appeal to Superior Court would necessitate a bond of \$200. Willie paid the costs and agreed to pay the damages in two installments.

Berry, home on leave from military duty, took his girl friend, Barbara Credle, to Simpson's house on the west side of Roanoke Island about 3 o'clock on the morning of March 31, there they encountered Edna, Willie's wife who has haled him into court a few times on assault charges. In her turn on the witness stand, Barbara said she and Berry called on Edna's request "to check on her."

Berry said that shortly after he and Barbara arrived, Simpson knocked and demanded to be let in. He said Simpson had not been there for two weeks and was not then expected. No See COURT, Page Four

## DONATIONS TO LIBRARY REPORTED AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ENDS

An open meeting to observe National Library Week and to mark the conclusion of OPERATION LEND A HAND was held at the Manteo Elementary School at 8 P.M. on Thursday, April 25. Mrs. Rennie Williamson presiding.

Mrs. Williamson introduced Mrs. Helen Hildette whose Story Hour group presented a skit, a scene from the book "Dr. Doobittle".

Following the skit, Mrs. Williamson reported on funds raised for the new Dare County Library. The first Campaign, which involved the writing and distributing of more than 4,000 letters, was conducted in December of 1967. These letters were sent to: out-of-town library users, non-resident property owners, former residents.

From these letters \$5,118 was realized. OPERATION LEND-A-HAND, the second campaign, has realized \$1,306.52 in cash and commitments, some areas not having yet completed their drives. Newest donations of equipment include for many pieces of equipment.

Table for preschoolers and one bench for same donated by the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park Service personnel; one unholstered chair, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Barwell Evans, Manteo; one end table, donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bradman, Manteo, in memory of Mrs. Hubert Guthrie; \$100, donated by Mrs. James J. Pidgeon, Wanchese; one library chair, donated by Mrs. Brancey Petersen, Manteo; six children's chairs, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gray, Manteo; Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Etheridge, Jr., Wanchese; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bailance, Wanchese; The Pirate's Chest Gift Shop, Frisco; Mr. and Mrs. Pur Owens and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cudworth, Wanchese; one section shelving, donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, Wanchese. See LIBRARY, Page Four

## PLANT SALES MAY 4, 5

The Dunes of Dare Garden Club will hold a plant sale at the Seafare Restaurant at Nags Head, and Wink's Grocery Store on the north end of the beach, May 4th and 5th from 9 a.m. until 5 in the afternoon.

## ST. ANDREW'S RETIRES MORTGAGE INCURRED IN 1963 EXPANSION



A VERY HAPPY MILESTONE in the history of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Nags Head, was passed on Thursday, April 25th, when Joseph W. Duffield, treasurer, handed a check for \$7500 to Jarman Stallings, vice-president and manager of the Manteo Branch of Planters National Bank, to retire a mortgage of \$22,500 incurred in August 1963 covering a balance of \$9000 indebtedness on the new Parish House and the purchase of \$13,500 of land just south of the church. In the picture are Clifton Wright, clerk; Linwood Cuthrell, junior warden, and the Rev. Kenneth L. Whitney, rector. Dewey Hayman, senior warden, could not be present due to illness.

The payment was made a year ahead of schedule and represents much hard work by the church women, sacrificial giving by the small local congregation and substantial help from summer congregation and friends. A summer mortgage-burning is planned when Bishop Wright will also dedicate the new Heat Pump given by the summer congregation under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Gaither of Charlotte and the vestibule doors and Altar vases recently given as memorials to Mrs. Marian Drane (Mrs. Frank P.) Graham. (Ayecock Brown photo)

## BLOODMOBILE NEEDS GREAT ON VISITS TO BELHAVEN, MANTEO

Visits of the Tidewater Bloodmobile unit to two areas in the coastland will occur next week in Belhaven on Monday and Manteo on Wednesday. In both cases, there are deficits in the individual county programs, and serious shortage of blood to serve the needs when emergency situations arise.

The Belhaven visit will be at Pungo District Hospital from noon until 6 p.m. Monday, the 6th. Gerald Peterson, chairman of that drive, says there is presently a deficit of more than 500 pints to be secured in Beaufort County before the end of June. "The quota of 1089 pints is based entirely on the usage of blood by residents of Beaufort County, averaged out over a three-year period. It is not an arbitrary figure assigned to the chapter but represents what is actually needed to maintain a balance in the bank," said Peterson.

"When blood is needed there is nothing that can be substituted for it, and no place to get it except from people who care enough to give it," the chairman said.

Manteo Visit The trip to Manteo will be the third and final trip of the current fiscal year to Dare County, and according to Joe Hume, Dare County Red Cross chairman, a serious shortage also exists in the quota, with 174 pints needed next Wednesday to put the county in good standing. The bloodmobile will be in

## NAGS HEAD YOUTH FINDS UNUSUAL BONES



KENNETH GARD, 10-year-old Nags Head youth, found the bones from the fish or whatever it was recently at the foot of Engagement Hill near his home. Thus far there has been no identification positively made and the bones are on display in the window of The Coastland Times. Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gard, is a student at Manteo Elementary School. (Ayecock Brown photo)

## HALT NOTED IN BEACH EROSION IN BUXTON AREA

### Wing Says Status Quo Also Exist In Search for Funds

The inroads of the Atlantic Ocean on the Buxton beach and efforts to obtain emergency federal funds to combat current erosion problems in the area are unchanged from a week ago, according to a National Park Service official.

Kittridge A. Wing, superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, said the implacable ocean had not washed away additional sand from the already eroded beach stretching from the north boundary line of the village of Buxton to a point about 1-1/2 miles south.

Wing also said a status quo situation still exists in the matter of getting federal funds to pay for huge sandbags and the labor for putting them in the path of the ocean. The National Park Service has asked Congress for \$1.5 million to spend beginning July 1 on beach erosion control and dune stabilization in the park. But that date is two months away and the need appears to be immediate.

"I'm hoping the summer season is about here and that we have no more bad weather," Wing said. "If the ocean calms down under the impetus of friendly winds such as we've had this week, we may not lose any more beach."

The winter winds and storms cut away many cubic yards of a once spacious beach. The ocean waters got dangerously close to some \$31 million worth of government and private facilities. There sections of the beach now containing eight- and ten-foot dropoffs which lead directly to the ocean. The facilities are too close to the dropoffs for comfort.

The government facilities close to the water include a big naval installation, a LORAN setup, and some Coast Guard facilities.

Private property endangered includes seven motels, two restaurants, two service stations, a super market, rental cottages, and private residences.

The Park Service began sand-bagging the endangered area last fall, using huge nylon bags weighing upward of a ton each. The ocean, in apparent anger at such efforts to control its force, washed sand from under the bags and tossed around the heavily-weighted objects with ease.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed, hoping we don't have another storm soon," Wing said. "Without a storm, the beach would have an opportunity to build itself up somewhat."

## COMMISSIONER RACES IN ONLY TWO DARE AREAS

### Incumbents White and Dillon Opposed; Tillet of Kitty Hawk in With Smooth Sailing

Two of the incumbent Dare commissioners face opposition in Saturday's Democratic primary election, while the third is assured of another four-year term, no opposition having filed, either Democrat or Republican.

W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor, board chairman since December 1966, is opposed by another Manns Harbor man, M. P. (Phelpie) Edmondson. A third candidate, Calvin Payne of Stumpy Point, has withdrawn from the race but his name will be noted on the ballot inasmuch as he failed to withdraw before they were printed. Another candidate, Ira Spencer, Jr., of Manns Harbor who filed in March withdrew just a few days later.

Payne, who advised that he filed as preliminary to an earnest campaign to unseat White, stated this week that in withdrawing he now supports White's candidacy.

At any rate, only the names of White and Edmondson should be considered in the Saturday balloting. Any cast otherwise will be invalid.

Hatteras Island In the combined Kinnakeet-Hatteras townships area, three candidates are seeking the board seat. Wm. P. (Bill) Dillon of Buxton, first-cousin-in-law of Stanford White, seeks a four-year term to succeed himself. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of resigned Calvin Burrus, Jr. of Buxton, in November 1967.

Dillon is opposed by W. Holmes Gaskins of Frisco and Daniel R. Leavy of Salvo. It should be noted that a See RACES, Page Four

## THESE COMMISSIONERS ARE NOT RUNNING IN THE SATURDAY PRIMARY

Because there has been some confusion created, deliberately or otherwise, in the current commissioners' races in Dare County, it should be made clear that the following are not being voted on this year: Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. of Manteo; Ronald K. Tillet of Wanchese, and James W. Scarborough of Avon.

Harvey and Tillet were elected in 1966 for four-year terms, thus those board seats will not be filled until 1970. Harvey represents Nags Head Township while Tillet is the member-at-large.

Scarborough was appointed in 1966 to fill the unexpired term of Fred W. Gray of Avon. In combining the townships of Kinnakeet (Avon to Oregon Inlet) and Hatteras (Buxton through Hatteras village) the island loses one representative on the board of commissioners. Scarborough chose not to seek election.

W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor has been named chairman twice for one-year terms of the board of commissioners. Statute requires this procedure. There is no obligation of any board member to support anyone in particular for the chairmanship.

## HEADS CAMPAIGN FOR RIHA MEMBERSHIPS



MRS. GRACE B. HUNT of Greensboro and Raleigh, wife of Joseph M. Hunt, Jr., chairman of the State Highway Commission, is serving as state leader of the membership campaign for the Roanoke Island Historical Association. Assisting her as Honorary General Chairman is Mrs. Dan K. Moore.

Mrs. Elton C. Twiford of Kill Devil Hills and Mrs. J. O. Basnight of Manteo are serving as Chairmen in Dare County.

Wives of former Tar Heel Governors are also active in the campaign, including Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, Mrs. R. Gregg Cherry, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Mrs. Luther H. Hodges, Mrs. Terry Sanford, Mrs. W. Kerr Scott and Mrs. William B. Umstead.

Mrs. Hunt has announced that memberships received prior to June 1 will be listed in the 1968 Souvenir Program of "The Lost Colony". The Paul Green drama in the Waterside Theatre, Roanoke Island, near Manteo, will be presented for the 28th production season June 21 through August 25.

Members will receive a complimentary \$3.00 reserved seat, good for any 1968 performance of the show, for each \$5.00 value of their membership. They also receive a copy of the \$1.00 Souvenir Program in which their name will appear.

Memberships may be sent to the local area Chairman, or directly to "The Lost Colony", P. O. Box 68, Manteo, N. C. 27954. They are priced at \$5.00 "regular", \$10.00 "sustaining", \$25.00 "Sponsoring" and \$100.00 for "corporate". Individuals also may pay \$100.00 and receive a "life" membership.

## METHODISTS PAY \$4000 FOR BAUM HOUSE AND LOT

The Mt. Olivet Methodist Church of Manteo has completed arrangements to purchase from the Baum estate a house and lot adjacent to the church, according to the Rev. Herman Winberry, pastor. Winberry said the church has placed \$4,000 in escrow for purchase of the property. He said final transfer of the property is expected to be made soon. The agreement to purchase was approved April 21 by church trustees.

No specific plans have been made for use of the property, Winberry said, although it will be fitted into the church's building program.

## PRIMARY VOTING SATURDAY WILL DRAW BIG VOTE FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS

### Even the Republicans Have A Choice of Candidates in Four Matters; Polling 6:30 A.M. Until 6:30 P.M. Democratic gubernatorial Race The Outstanding Issue; Few Local Contests.

When North Carolina citizens go to the polls on Saturday to vote for preferred candidates in the primaries, they will probably have heard more about the five candidates running for Governor than in any recent elections. The results will be interesting, to say the least.

On the Democratic ticket, front-runners Bob Scott and Mel Broughton for the gubernatorial nomination are faced with the vote split in a third direction with Charlotte Negro dentist Reginald A. Hawkins seeking voter sanction.

Many political prognosticators have indicated belief that Hawkins may command enough votes to determine whether a runoff would be called between Scott and Broughton.

Both of the leading contenders have waged extensive campaigns for four months or more.

On the Republican side, two candidates are offering themselves: James C. (Jim) Gardner of Rocky Mount, a freshman U. S. Representative who was elected two years ago, who opposes John L. (Jack) Stickleby of Charlotte, a former president of Lions International active in the textile industry. Complete Ticket

A glance at the ballot for Democratic candidates on the state ticket, other than governor, shows the following offices and those seeking same:

LT.GOV.: H. Pat Taylor, Jr., Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Frank M. Matlock.

STATE TREASURER: Edwin Gill, Snead High. ATTY. - GENERAL: Thomas Wade Bruton, Robert Morgan. COMMISSIONER OF LABOR: Frank Crane, John B. Wardell, Jr.

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE: Fred Benton, John B. Whiteley, Edwin S. Lanier, George A. Bell.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION: Wendell W. Smiley, Everett Miller, Craig Phillips, William D. Harrill, Raymond A. Stone.

JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS: Raymond B. Mallick, Kidd Brewer. JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS: Naomi E. Morris, Walter C. Holton. See PRIMARY, Page Seven

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING AT NAGS HEAD NEXT THURSDAY, FRIDAY

The spring meeting of the N. C. State Highway Commission will be held next Thursday and Friday at Nags Head with headquarters at the Carolinian. Thursday's activities, which are being hosted by the Southern Albemarle Association will get underway with a social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dinner meeting and later a dance.

On Friday the wives of the commissioners will tour the area during the morning session of meetings.

Principals at the meeting will be Joe Hunt, N. C. State Highway Commission chairman and Carl Bailey, president of the Southern Albemarle Association.

## IDENTIFICATION OF NEGRO IN SURF STILL LACKING

Sheriff Frank Cahoon said Thursday the body of a negro washed ashore in the Whalebone Junction area of Nags Head has not been identified.

The body was spotted in the surf April 24. Condition of the body indicated it had been in the water several weeks.

The body was taken to the police laboratory in Norfolk, Va., for possible identification.

## SUBSTITUTE REGISTRAR NAMED FOR AVON BOX

Due to the illness of Ellis A. Gray of Avon, registrar during the past period of supplemental registration, he will be unable to hold the polls on Saturday. Mrs. Vivian G. Scarborough has been named as a substitute and balloting will be in her home, informs S. C. Basnight, Jr., of Manteo, chairman of the Dare County Board of Election.

## WORK WELL UNDERWAY ON HATTERAS ISLAND WATER SYSTEM



THIS FACILITY at Frisco is part of the new \$14-million plus water system being constructed to serve the Hatteras Island communities of Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras. The system is being constructed with funds available through grants and loans from the Farmers Home Administration. The original commitment was \$570,000 in grant, \$630,000 loan at low interest for forty years. An additional \$75,000 was approved in loan when the Cape Hatteras Water Association found the original amount insufficient to finance all the construction.