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SPUNKY OFFICER HALES YOUNGSTER INTO DIST. COURT

Man Who Would "Draw Blood" Gets Suspended Jail Sentence

Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bassett, 53 and without much heft on his slim frame, is not one to back up when the going gets rough.

Bassett recently spotted Herbert Linwood Oden, Jr., a well-muscled Hatteras Islander barely turned 22, speeding through Buxton at about 80 miles per hour. Bassett caught him in Frisco. He haled young Oden into District Court.

Oden pled guilty. Before passing sentence, Judge W. S. Privott asked Bassett for particulars.

Bassett said Oden's "attitude was very poor." He explained that Oden refused to take his driver's license when the officer returned it, refused to accept the arrest citation, and "said he would take care of me when he could catch me without my uniform."

The spunky little deputy told the big youngster to "set the time and place." Instead, Oden showed up in court, had nothing to say in face of Bassett's testimony, heard a lecture from the judge, and was sentenced to 60 days in jail suspended upon payment of a fine of \$75 and costs. He also surrendered his driver's license for six months.

Richard W. Midgett of Norfolk, Va., and Rodanthe, pled not guilty to a charge of assault brought by Robert D. Kramer, Jr., Elizabeth City, Kramer, a surveyor, was attempting to survey some property at Rodanthe belonging to Midgett's mother when the alleged assault occurred. Kramer was acting under two court orders signed by Privott.

Kramer testified that he had experienced difficulty previously in attempting to survey the property, so he took the precaution of asking Deputy Sheriff Bassett to be present to enforce the court orders if necessary. Bassett arrived at the property as the survey crew did and remained several hours. Kramer said that during Bassett's attendance there was no trouble.

But after Bassett left, Kramer said, Midgett warned him he would "draw blood" if the surveyor or his crew got near or touched a building on the property being surveyed. Kramer also said Midgett used profane language in his remarks.

Kramer said no blows were struck. Midgett denied using profanity, said he did not threaten to "draw blood," but said he told Kramer he would punch him in the nose if he entered or touched the building in question.

Privott told Midgett he had "gone too far" in attempting to settle something in his own way despite specific court orders to the contrary. Privott said Kramer was under orders to "conduct the survey in any manner he felt necessary."

The court found Midgett guilty and sentenced him at 30 days in jail suspended upon payment of court costs. He ordered Midgett not to interfere with the court-ordered survey.

Ralph W. Stephen, Washington, D. C., pled guilty through an attorney to a charge of speeding 70 miles per hour in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. He was fined \$15 and costs.

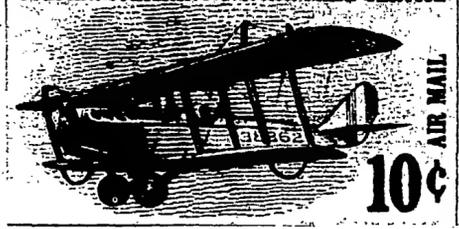
Leroy Douglas, Manteo, pled guilty to a charge of driving without a license. He promised to get a license as soon as he could pass the necessary examination. He said he flunked the test recently. The judge sentenced him to 60 days in jail suspended upon payment of a fine of \$35 and costs and warned him not to drive without a license.

Donnie Lewis Farrow, Frisco, pled guilty to parking in the middle of highway N. C. 12 on Hatteras Island. Balfour Baum, the arresting officer, said Farrow was asleep, slumped over the steering wheel, at 1:30 o'clock in the morning. Baum said See COURT, Page Two

PRECINCT MEETINGS SET MAY 11 IN DARE

Local precinct meetings will be held in each precinct in Dare County at two p.m. on Saturday, May 11, according to announcement by Robert V. Owens, chairman of the Dare County Democratic Executive Committee.

50th ANNIVERSARY U.S. AIR MAIL SERVICE



KITTY HAWK MADE IT POSSIBLE AIR MAIL SERVICE OBSERVES 50TH YEAR, GETS A NEW 10-CENT STAMP

The 50th year of air mail service will be observed next week with issuance by the Post Office Department of a 10-cent commemorative airmail stamp.

It was on May 15, 1918, that the first air mail flight was scheduled.

This epochal event occurred only 15 years after the Wright Brothers demonstrated on the gentle slopes of Kitty Hawk that powered and controlled flight was possible. Just two years earlier, Wilbur Wright had doubted that "men would fly within a thousand years."

The new stamp, bearing a sketch of the sort of planes first used in carrying the mail, will go on sale May 15, at Washington, D. C. It will go on sale elsewhere May 16. The black, blue, and red stamp will be similar to a 24-cent air mail stamp issued in 1918.

At the beginning of the new era in delivering the mail, simultaneous take-off were scheduled from New York and Washington. Each flight was supposed to stop at Philadelphia en route. The Washington-New York flight was not completed because the pilot flew in the wrong direction and broke a propeller as he landed in a field near Waldorf, Md. The New York-Washington flight was complete and air mail was on its way. The army supplied the first planes and the pilots. On Aug. 12, 1918, the army turned over See MAIL, Page Six

DR. PAUL GARBER NAMED HEAD OF 'NOMINEE' GROUP

Dr. Paul Garber, curator of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D. C., Tuesday was named to head a committee that will select nominees for the proposed First Flight Shrine at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

The shrine is being established by the First Flight Society near the Wright Brothers National Memorial. The society, until last year known as Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, is headed by retired Rear Adm. Jesse Johnson of Norfolk.

First Flight Shrine honors airmen who have accomplished outstanding "firsts" in the field of flight. The Wright Brothers were cited in 1966 for inclusion in the shrine. Charles A. Lindbergh was picked by the society last year.

After nomination by Dr. Garber's committee, selection will be made by the society's National Advisory Board, composed of firm and aero-related businessmen and officials throughout the country.

Chairman of the board is retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Brocke E. Allen. Members include cartoonist and aviation enthusiast Milton Caniff, Jacqueline Cochran, Thomas H. Davis, president of Piedmont Airlines, Igor Sikorsky, aviation See GROUP, Page Six

LIONS EXTEND HELPING HAND TO HATTERAS BLIND

The Manteo Lions Club held out a helping hand Tuesday to Roland Stowe, operator of a store for the blind in the village of Hatteras.

The Lions agreed to paint Stowe's store and sign. Stowe, who is blind, retails items made by blind craftsmen. The Lions earmarked funds to sponsor the North Carolina reference section in the new Dare County Library. The funds will be used for book purchases, shelving, and displays.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR J. FRED ROUSH



J. FRED ROUSH, who will retire soon from the National Park Service, and Mrs. Roush were honored when about 40 friends gathered at the Balfour Baum residence on Bodie Island Saturday evening. Among the guests were former Superintendent and Mrs. Karl T. Gilbert. (Now in the Washington office, Mr. Gilbert expects to move to Zion National Park in Utah, where he will be Superintendent.)

On May 15, Fred Roush completes 30 years of work for the U. S. Government, of which 26 years were in the National Park Service. His other time was in the Army and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He worked at Fort McHenry, Statue of Liberty, Meriwether Lewis and Chambliss, all parts of the National Park System before coming to Cape Hatteras as historian. In his 12 years here, he also worked at Fort Raleigh and Wright Brothers.

During their stay on the Outer Banks, Fred and Kay Roush have been active in a variety of affairs. At present, Fred is a member of the Outer Banks Toastmasters Club and the Great Books Discussion Group. Kay has developed the making of Outer Banks jewelry and artifacts into an interesting sideline, and is a skilled photographer besides. Son, Freddy, is now a graduate student at Princeton, and daughter, Kathy, is a freshman at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama.

DESPITE 'KING' CLOSING, APRIL BEVERAGE SALE UP; SUMMER SCHEDULE IS SET

Total sales in Dare County A.B.C. stores during April were \$28,987.75 compared with April 1967 of \$27,570.80, an increase of \$2416.95.

The A.B.C. Board decided at its meeting May 2 that the summer schedule for the operation of the Nags Head store would be the same as that schedule during the past two summers. Beginning with Memorial Day week end, Friday, May 31, that store will open at 10 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Beginning July 1 the store will remain open until 9:00 p.m. through August 31 on other week nights.

EROSION CONTROL FUNDS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE

The National Park Service was unable to get emergency help to halt beach erosion near Buxton, according to word received from Washington.

He service had asked for aid from the Office of Emergency Planning. It was hoped funds from this White House agency would be forthcoming to take up the slack between now and July 1 when regular appropriations would be available.

Storm and high seas had chewed away large areas of beach which forms part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It has been estimated that public and private installations valued at more than \$31 million were endangered by the erosion.

FEARING RESIGNS AS TOWN FATHER AFTER 10 YEARS

Parking Problems Attacked in First Board Meeting Since March

Woodson B. Fearing, II, resigned from the Manteo town board Wednesday night after serving since June, 1959.

The resignation was accepted by the remaining members, Carlisle S. Davis and A. Coy Tillett, Jr.

Mayor Sam Midgett, who read the letter of resignation, said Fearing's successor would not be appointed immediately. He said the board would make the appointment to fill the vacancy until the regular town election next May. There was no mention of possible appointees under consideration.

Fearing said he resigned because he was unable to find a house in which to live in Manteo. When he was married in August, 1967, he moved to the north end of Roanoke Island. Living within the town limits is a prerequisite to holding town office.

Midgett praised Fearing for his service to the town and noted that there had been no dissensions among the board and mayor. Davis, who made the motion to accept the resignation, said "that goes for the whole board."

The town meeting was the first since March.

Ken Whittington, town policeman, asked for guidance in handling parking problems on Broad street leading into Highway 64. Tillett said there were parking problems also on Water Street in the area immediately east of the bank in downtown Manteo.

The board voted 2-0 to prohibit vehicles from parking on the sidewalk east of the bank and instructed Whittington to contact offenders and ask them to park elsewhere.

Martin Kellogg, Jr., town attorney, was instructed to draw up an ordinance prohibiting parking on Broad Street, a narrow thoroughfare which belies its name.

Davis said several merchants had contacted him regarding institution of one-hour parking in certain areas of downtown See MANTEO, Page Four

IT'S A HOLIDAY, BUT FEW PLAN OBSERVANCE

Today is a state holiday, but it is likely to pass unnoticed by most.

The holiday, May 10, is Confederate Memorial Day. It is recognized as a holiday by North Carolina and South Carolina.

District Court passed up its regular Friday session in the Dare county courthouse because of the holiday. The remainder of the courthouse, however, planned to be in business as usual.

The post office, bank, and ABC store reported no intention of observing the holiday.

OLD COAST GUARDS MAKE CROSS FROM WRECKED SHIP TIMBERS



MARVIN L. MIDGETT of Kitty Hawk and Manie Haywood of Kill Devil Hills (in center) stand behind the cross they made from shipwreck timbers for Kitty Hawk Methodist Church. Dropping by and admiring their craftsmanship were Daniel O. Scarborough (l) of Duck, and Aubrey C. Harris (r) of Kitty Hawk, also a retired coast guardsman and neighbors of the cross makers. (Aycock Brown photo)

CROSS MADE OF SHIPWRECK TIMBERS TO BE PLACED IN KITTY HAWK CHURCH

By AYCOCK BROWN

A wooden cross made from the timbers of two notable Outer Banks shipwrecks by retired Coastguardsmen Marvin L. Midgett of Kitty Hawk and Manie Haywood, Kill Devil Hills, will soon be placed in Kitty Hawk Methodist Church.

The Rev. Hank Wilkinson, pastor of the church, stated that the cross would be located at the rear of the pulpit between two stained glass windows.

There it will be seen not only by the regular members but by thousands of summer vacationists who worship in the church each year.

The cross bar (or patibulum) of the cross was made from a piece of weathered timber given the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson by Wheeler Ballance of Hatteras.

This timber came from the famed Carroll A. Deering, a 5-masted schooner that foundered on the Outer Diamond off Cape Hatteras January 31, 1921. The Deering became known as "the ghost ship," because when rescue parties reached the grounded vessel the sails were still set and in the galley an unseasoned meal was still on the table. There was no one aboard the ship and although several federal agencies conducted investigations it was never determined what might have happened to the crew.

The upright (or stipe) section of the cross is a piece of timber that came from the Italian bark Nuova Ottavia which wrecked on Currituck Beach near the present community of Corolla on the night of March 1, 1876. Seven members of the crew of the Jones Hill lifesaving station and a resident of the See CROSS, Page Six

BETTE DAVIS IS INVITED TO PLAY QUEEN IN 'COLONY'

Bette Davis, who has twice portrayed Queen Elizabeth I of England on the screen, has been invited to play the same historical personage on the stage this summer, as star of "The Lost Colony."

This spectacular play-with-music, by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paul Green, is presented each year near Manteo on the actual site of the historical events it relates. This year, its 28th, the production will play from June 21 through August 25.

The offer was made to Miss Davis by Joe Layton, director of "The Lost Colony," and is currently under consideration by the actress. Layton, who staged and choreographed the new hit Broadway musical "George M!" will be directing "The Lost Colony" for the fifth consecutive year this season.

BLOOD DONATIONS OF 121 PINTS ON VISIT WEDNESDAY

Although Wednesday's visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Manteo fell short of its quota by about fifty pints, the 121 collected showed at least an amount of interest in the worthy cause. The visit coincided with World Red Cross Day.

The Wednesday visit was the final for the fiscal year which ends in June. Under the schedule observed in the past, visits to Manteo have been in October and May. An in-between visit, See BLOOD, Page Six

ROYAL AFGHANISTAN A.F. PILOTS VISIT WRIGHT MEMORIAL



CAPTAINS M. KERIM RAHMAN KHEL AND SAYED MOHAMMED of the Royal Afghanistan Air Force, currently attached to Langley Air Force Base, Va., for special training visited the birthplace of modern aviation at Kill Devil Hills on Thursday last week. They are shown at the Wright Brothers National Memorial studying brochures which tell of Orville and Wilbur Wright's conquest of the air on December 17, 1903. "An opportunity to visit the actual site of man's first powered flight has been a high spot of our temporary training duty in-America," said Capt. Khel. (Aycock Brown photo)

WHITE, DILLON, WIN DARE BOARD FOUR-YEAR SEATS

Incumbent Raymond Couch Unseated from Board of Education by Political Newcomer

By a margin of less than 200 votes over his opponent, W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor was nominated mainland commissioner Saturday for a 4-year term. Another Manns Harbor man, M. P. (Phelpie) Edmondson, polled 668 to White's 865. A third name on the ballot, Calvin E. Payne of Stumpy Point, drew 72 votes although he had expressed himself as favoring White when he withdrew from the race some two weeks ago.

White has been a board member since 1962, and is completing his second year as chairman.

In another county contest for commissioner, Bill Dillon of Buxton won handily over his two opponents — Dan Leary of Salvo and W. Holmes Gaskins of Frisco. Dillon polled 804 to Gaskins' 378 and Leary's 270.

Dillon, a commissioner-appointee who is serving the unexpired term of resigned Calvin D. Burrus, is a former member of the Dare County Board of Education. As in the case of White, he has won the Democratic nomination and will face Republican opposition in November for the four-year term. Board of Education

An upset was scored in the race for Board of Education when Mrs. Catherine Henry Burrus of Buxton, wife of Conrad Burrus, polled 813 votes to Raymond B. Couch's 589. Couch, also of Buxton, is currently serving on the board.

A breakdown by precincts will be found elsewhere in today's issue covering the local and some of the statewide issues. A brief summary of the gubernatorial race shows Robert W. (Bob) Scott with high vote, 541, J. Melville Broughton, Jr. second with 759 and Reginald A. Hawkins 59. For the Republican nomination, James C. Gardner polled 111 to John L. (Jack) Stickle's 36.

The possibility of a second primary, inasmuch as Scott failed by less than 2% to get See ELECTION, Page Four

COMMITTEE HEARS PLEA TO RETAIN JR. HIGH TEACHER

The Manteo school committee at its regular meeting Monday night at the high school heard a plea from a Manteo man to "give another chance" to one of the teacher's who recently failed to receive the committee's recommendation for re-hiring.

Guy Midgett of Manteo presented petitions from a number of the parents of children in classes taught by Miss Marion Wilson, the teacher in question, and another set of petitions from "interested citizens" but who were not involved in the matter from a school standpoint.

The committee, took no action other than to refer Mr. Midgett to the board of education. Reason for doing so, they explained, was so that to recommend the rehiring would be contrary to the committee's former recommendations. Further, they explained that the board of education had upset the recommendations of the school committee in rehiring Principal John L. Roberson.

"If the board (of education) can over-ride the committee's suggestion for one, then it can do so for others," explained John F. (Jack) Wilson, Jr. of Manteo, the committee chairman. In addition to the chairman, members Mrs. Grace (Stanford) White of Manns Harbor and Donovan F. Twyne of Nags Head were present.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY AT WANCHESE CHURCH

The Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, May 12th. All members and friends are invited. There will be special music during the service and a picnic lunch on the grounds afterward.

LIGHT BULB SALE BY MALE BOY SCOUTS

A light bulb sale is being conducted by the members of Manteo Boy Scout Troop 165. The bulbs are packed in containers of three. Cost is one dollar per carton. They are available in 60 and 100 watt. Proceeds will go towards a troop trip to Washington, D. C.