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## ASSAULT CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST 2 CURRITUCK MEN

### Woman Found Unharmed On Highway Shortly After Midnight

Clephus Emanuel Dillard of Currituck and Keith Jones, also of Currituck but now in the army at Fort Bragg, are scheduled to appear in District Court Friday to answer charges of assault with intent to rape. The charges were brought by Mrs. Norma Elaine Ross of Morganton.

Dillard and Jones are negroes. Mrs. Ross is white.

The Dare county sheriff's department said Mrs. Ross and her son, Lewis Michael Ahee; a boy friend, Preston E. Coffey; and a friend, James A. Small, all of Morganton, were here May 24 to visit Dariu A. Collins, a negro. Officers said Collins had been in a hospital with Coffey.

Mrs. Ross and her group found Collins on Good Luck street and were visiting with him and a negro friend, Wallace Berry, according to officers. As members of the group were talking, officers said Dillard and Jones stopped. They were waved on once by Collins, but came back a few minutes later.

This time Dillard and Jones alighted from their car and began talking to Mrs. Ross. Officers said they were told it was understood Dillard and Jones were attempting to persuade Mrs. Ross to join them in their automobile.

Members of Mrs. Ross' group left for downtown Manteo in search of a policeman. They found Ken Whittington Manteo chief of police.

Whittington contacted Mrs. Elma Wood, radio dispatcher in the sheriff's department, and see CHARGES, Page Eight.

## MORRISSETTE OUTLINES ECU PLANS, KIWANIS

Economic, educational and cultural advantages of the Dare County Program of East Carolina University were outlined by Clayton Morrisette, Director of the program, in a talk to the Kiwanis Club of the Outer Banks, meeting at the John Yancey Motor Hotel, last week.

Until recently dean of Chowan College, Morrisette drew on his experiences in Murfreesboro since 1960 to predict that the new East Carolina U. campus on Roanoke Island will greatly enrich the Dare Coast-Outer Banks, "not only financially," he said, "but by encouraging high school students to continue their education."

He reported that when he went to Chowan eight years ago there were approximately 200 students, about 20 faculty members and a budget of approximately \$100,000. "Now," he declared, "there are 1,300 students, more than 100 faculty and staff members, and the annual budget is in the millions."

Morrisette also reported that less than 50 per cent of the Murfreesboro area high school graduates went on to college in 1960, whereas about 85 per cent of the high school graduates now continue their education.

The Kiwanians were especially enthusiastic about the four college credit courses to be taught by East Carolina in the old Manteo elementary school building this summer. The Outer Banks Club, chartered last December under sponsorship of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club, now has 29 members. Visiting Kiwanians are invited to the supper meeting held each Thursday at 7 o'clock at the John Yancey.

## OWENS RENAMED TO HEAD DARE DEMOS YDC MEET CALLED

Robert V. Owens of Manteo was elected to a two-year term as chairman of the Dare County Democratic Executive Committee last Saturday. Mrs. Estelle B. Tillett, also of Manteo was named first vice-chairman and Mrs. Alva Wise, second vice chairman. Ralph Swain was retained as secretary-treasurer.

YDC Activities  
Marc Basnight, a member of the Manteo precinct committee, has stated that a meeting is set for Saturday, June 1, in the courthouse at 2 p.m. Purpose is to lay plans for reorganization of the Young Democrats Club which has been dormant for some time. Basnight invites all interested persons to attend.



1968 GRADUATING CLASS OF MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATING FRIDAY FROM MANTEO HIGH are sixty-four seniors. Commencement exercises begin at eight p.m. in the high school auditorium. The address will be delivered by Mr. Thomas A. Basnight, Annadale, Va., and a graduate of Manteo High. Graduates pictured above are left to right, first row: Ronald Dale McKimmey, Charlie Warren Golden, Arthur Hugh Waters, Paul Herman Leary, Jr., Alice Lynn Wise, Warren Gwen Leary, Carol Mildred Austin, Mary Fay Kemp, Linda Gale Midgett, Elnora Inez Bowser, Mary Ann Sapone Bland, Meredith Ann Reber, Bernadine Alene Johnson; Second row: Melva Basnight Garrison, Kay Kemp Sawyer, Lynda Bruce Jordan, Cassie Myrlene Scarborough, Patricia Ann Leonard, Jane Lynn Corbell, Jenny Finn Gray, Theresa Ann Daniels, Rebecca Ann Ballance, Dorothy Louise Spencer, Rauna Dean Gray, Dorothy Dale Wescott, Susan Sermons Oneto, Martina Lynn Evans; Third row: Ruby Schree Daniels, Barbara Annette Midgett, Glenda Ellen Gaskill, William Rickman Pinner, Jesse Francis Ambrose, James Franklin Moore, John Thomas Garrison, Pete Nyle Cochran, George Thomas Scarborough, Phyllis Irene Etheridge, Mary Alice Wescott; Fourth row: Justin Hayes Tillett, Robert Byron Carter, John Walter Beasley, James Guiton Midgett, William Charles Swindell, Robert Glenn Midgett, Rodney Wayne Midgett, William Scott Fletcher, Dwight Douglas Gibson, Gerald Ray Thomas; Fifth row: Walter Lee Baker, John Hubert Daniels, Robert Leigh Tolson, Douglas Ray Liverman, Joseph Gargurich, Roger Darnell Barnett, Goodrich Franklin Williams, Jr., Joseph Lee Willis, Saint Clair Tillett and Ivey Justain Johnson.

Not present when this picture was made were Linda Carol Edwards, Marsha Irene Mann, Myra Ann Meekins, Betty Jean Meekins, Luther Hamilton Daniels and Richard Vance Scarborough. (Photo by Grady Gaskill)

## 'LOST COLONY' REHEARSALS TO BEGIN MONDAY

### Twenty-Eighth Production Season Begins Friday, June 21

Rehearsals for "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama of 1968—the 28th production season in history—will begin in the Waterside Theatre on the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site Monday morning.

General Manager John W. Fox announced that Duncan Noble, a member of the faculty of the N. C. School of the Arts at Winston-Salem, will be in charge of the preparations for the show pending arrival about June 10 of Director and Choreographer Joe Layton. Noble is serving as production coordinator for the third consecutive year. Layton is currently in Europe on a vacation after successfully staging the hit Broadway musical, "George M", starring Joel Grey.

Technical and other production leaders of "The Colony" are already on the scene preparing for the first official performance on Friday night, June 21, at 8:30 p.m. (EDT). Previous performances are slated for June 19 and 20.

One of the outstanding newcomers to the staff of Paul Green's symphonic drama is Ronald Shirey, choral director. He is head of the Department of Music in the Division of Fine Arts at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Texas. He is bringing with him 17 Texas students, some from his own college and others from S.M.U., T.C.U. and North Texas University at Denton.

Three new apartment buildings, located on high dunes about one mile southeast of the theatre, will house 49 members of "The Colony" cast and staff this year. The buildings and the land are a gift to the Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsor of the drama. Also new this year will be a 60 x 100 foot Educational Workshop Building in the backstage area of the Waterside Theatre. It will be used for rehearsals, classes and children's theatre productions which are planned for the summer.

Other staff leaders this year include: Randolph UMBERGER, production stage manager; Irene Smart Rains, costumer; Michael Wiseman, technical supervisor; Susan Palmer and Bill Patton, stage managers; William I. Long, II, properties master; Margie Perkins, lighting crew chief; and Susan Horton, organist.

Among those returning for featured roles in the show are: Thomas Hull, "Old Tom"; Pat Kelly Gillbreath, "Eleanor Dare"; Marjlene Thomas, "Queen Elizabeth"; Woodson B. Fearing II, "Governor See 'COLONY', Page Eight

## ISLAND NATIVE TO DELIVER ADDRESS



THOMAS A. BASNIGHT, director, regulatory matters, Air Line Pilots Association, one of the sons of the late Captain Tom and Mrs. Mary Meekins Basnight who still resides on Roanoke Island, will deliver the commencement address to the Manteo graduating class and their guests on May 31.

Basnight spent his childhood and youth on Roanoke Island and was a member of the 1937 graduating class from Manteo High School. He attended Columbus Junior College and Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. and the Norwegian School of Aeronautics, Norfolk, Va.

He is a pilot and an aircraft accident investigator. Prior to assuming his present duties, Basnight was assistant to the manager of the Eastern Region, Air Transport Association of America. Formerly, he was an air traffic controller, serving as Chief Controller, Norfolk, Va.; Charleston, West Va.; and Washington, D. C.

He is a professional member and former officer of the Air Traffic Control Association, the See BASNIGHT, Page Eight

## NAGS HEAD P. O. PRIED OPEN BUT NOTHING STOLEN

The Nags Head Post Office was entered the night of May 23 but nothing apparently was taken, according to Postmaster Everett Tate.

Tate said the front door was pried open and the glass in the door cracked. He said the intruder left no tools with which the door was opened.

Tate said the safe apparently was not approached. The break-in was investigated by Postal Inspector J. T. Johnson of Ahoskie.

## SCHOLARSHIP TO BE GIVEN BY KIWANIANS

A \$200 scholarship to the college of his or her choice will be presented to a graduating senior of Manteo High School at commencement exercises in Manteo Friday night. The donors are the members of the Kiwanis Club of the Outer Banks.

The winner will be announced during the graduating ceremonies as the choice of a special committee comprising Shelby Hines and Tom Sanderlin of the Kiwanis Club, Jon Pool representing both the club and the high school faculty, and Wayne Gray and Mrs. John Bone, also of the faculty. Basis for the selection of the winner is scholastic achievement and monetary needs.

William E. Gard, president of the Kiwanis Club which meets each Thursday night at the John Yancey Motor Hotel in Kill Devil Hills, said that the scholarship is one of several youth projects being sponsored by the club which was chartered only last December. Another is a softball diamond which has been developed at the Kitty Hawk School. The club is raising money for youth work through such projects as a peanut brittle sale and the operation of soft drink dispensing machines in the Outer Banks area.

## STATE ASKS WATERFOWL HUNTERS TO GIVE BIRDS CHANCE TO EAT

State wildlife officials have asked hunters and land owners in one-lush hunting sections of Hyde County to provide additional feed and feeding areas for migratory waterfowl and to give the ducks and geese time to eat.

Unless something is done to attract more ducks and geese to the area, the waterfowl population wintering at Lake Mattamuskeet will shrink even more than it has in recent years, the officials indicated. Last year only 30,000 to 40,000 Canada geese were at the lake. Only a few years ago there were more than 100,000 of the big birds on the water and in the surrounding marshes.

O. L. Woodhouse, chairman of the waterfowl committee of the Wildlife Resources Commission asked for help from hunters and land owners at a public hearing at Swan Quarter on proposed 1968-69 waterfowl hunting regulations. He said there had been repeated pleas for help from the area, but that local people apparently were doing little to correct the situation.

"Can't you local people get together and do something among yourselves?" Woodhouse asked. "Otherwise, it narrows down to asking the General Assembly for legislation to control

## WANCHESE MAN TO BE BUXTON EVANGELIST



DAVID DANIELS of Wanchese will be guest evangelist at the Buxton Assembly of God during the revival which will begin in the Buxton church on June 2. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, and the public is invited to attend.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie Gaskins of Hatteras will celebrate their Golden Wedding on June 8. No invitations are being mailed, but family and friends are invited to enjoy open house with them on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

## CROWDS EXPECTED HEAVY FOR FIRST BIG WEEK ENDING

### Bustling Season Will Get In Full Swing During Coming Week

With business reported "booming" from some establishments throughout vacation areas of the Outer Banks on Thursday, it appears that the biggest summer, as earlier predicted, is in store for the Outer Banks.

The Memorial Day holiday on Thursday started a long week end of respite for many employees of business and industry who were granted a legal holiday and will take an extra day's leave on Friday.

Vacationists this year will find a record number of accommodations in a variety and style never before provided. This has been the year of "high rise," with at least two major Nags Head facilities now boasting three stories, and one in Kill Devil Hills with five. Several hundred new rooms are provided in the Nags Head-Kill Devil Hills-Kitty Hawk areas, and numerous additions also will be found to motel facilities on Hatteras and Ocracoke islands.

One of the drawbacks to early season vacationing has ended in some areas as schools complete their terms, with the usual effect being that cottages are opened in heavy numbers. Once open, even if not occupied by the owners, they are rented almost solid throughout the season by agents who specialize in that business. See OUTING, Page Eight

## PAMLICO SOUND CHANNEL STUDY IS 'STILL ALIVE'

Congressman Walter B. Jones on Monday of this week said that U. S. Army Engineers assured him that the Pamlico Sound deep water channel feasibility study is "very much alive." Jones said that Maj. Jack P. Campbell, deputy division engineer at Wilmington denied published reports that the engineers had reached an unfavorable decision after about two years of study.

"It will be at least three months before any report will be forwarded to the South Atlantic Division office," the congressman said. "At the present, an in-depth study of the effect of the channel on fish and wildlife is of prime importance and also a determination as to the most efficient and economical route for the channel is under consideration," Jones said.

"The project is still in draft form," Jones stated, adding that Campbell told him that "no decision would be made within the next few weeks."

## MAYOR REFUSES OFFER OF LIGHTSHIP AS TOURIST ATTRACTION IN HARBOR

### FORMER WANCHESE BOY IS GRADUATE OF WVIT



CURTIS C. CUDWORTH, formerly of Wanchese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cudworth, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology on May 19. He is now employed by Westinghouse Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The town of Manteo refused the offer of a surplus Coast Guard lightship to be placed on the Manteo waterfront as an historical and tourist attraction. Mayor Sam E. Midgett said the offer of the ship was turned down "because the town couldn't afford it."

Former Mayor Wallace W. Harvey, Jr. who conceived the idea of acquiring the lightship several years ago, answered in a sarcastic vein when asked to comment on the town action. "If the town fathers feel the town is not in fiscal condition to promote the town further," he said, "then they have made a wise decision."

Harvey resigned the mayoralty upon his election as a member of the Dare county Board of commissioners. He was succeeded by Midgett.

Midgett said the lightship which had been offered needed considerable repair. It was learned that the 64-year-old vessel was minus both anchors, side lights, life boats, a ship's wheel, and needed scraping and painting.

Midgett said the expense of bringing the 135-ft. ship from Curtis Bay, Maryland, was more than the town could bear. He said that even if a tug owner had offered to tow the ship to Manteo without charge, the cost of the special insurance needed would have been prohibitive.

"We just couldn't afford it," Midgett said. "If we had accepted the ship the town would have had to abandon its waterfront development project."

Midgett said he and board members A. McCoy Tillett, Jr., and Carlisle N. Davis had "talked it over" and decided "we'd better stay out of something we couldn't afford." He said Morehead City and Beaufort also had turned down the offer of the lightship on similar grounds.

Accordingly, the mayor of May 24 advised the Coast Guard. "This is to advise you that the Town of Manteo has given up the idea of trying to obtain a surplus Coast Guard Lightship. After considering the expense of transportation, replacing missing materials, and necessary maintenance and repair costs we have decided that at this See SHIP, Page Eight

## QUIDLEY WINS STATE CONTEST TO U. S. FINALS

### Jaycee Head Takes Speak-Up Honors As Term Ends

Phillip Quidley, Manteo, wound up his year as president of the Dare County Jaycees by winning the state "Speak-Up" contest at the annual state convention in Raleigh during the week end.

Quidley was presented a large plaque and was automatically advanced to the national finals of the "Speak-Up" contest to be held in Phoenix, Ariz., in June.

Quidley will relinquish his presidency June 1. He will be succeeded by Lindelle Ward of Kitty Hawk for the 1968-69 term.

Others elected May 28 for 1968-69 terms were: 1st vice president, Lance Newman; Nags Head; 2nd vice president, Wilson Foster, Nags Head; secretary, Henry Barbour, Manteo; treasurer, Dell Hoett, Manteo; Jaybird, Dennis Midgett, Manteo; parliamentarian, Dwight Wheelless, Manteo; state director, Clifton Wright, Manteo.

Chosen Directors were Charles Griffin, Kill Devil Hills; Brantley Twiford, Manteo; and Ray White, Manteo Harbor. Quidley will be chairman of the board of directors for the year.

## DOTSON ADDED TO KDH- SUMMER POLICE FORCE

Tom Dotson, former school principal and supervisor at the Naval Supply Center in Norfolk, has been added to the Kill Devil Hills police force for the summer. He will assist Police Chief Tom Dowdy.

Dotson was a high school principal in Fayette County, West Virginia, for 20 years and for 17 years was supervisor of electricians at the supply center.

Dotson, 65, retired in 1965 and moved to Kill Devil Hills where he has owned a cottage for 15 years.