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SIMPSON LEARNS THAT AN ORDER MUST BE OBEYED

Privott Fines Speeders Heavily But Suspends Jail Sentences

Willie Simpson, a laundry worker, learned the hard way Friday that a district judge's orders should be obeyed promptly and explicitly.

Willie has been in court with a great deal of regularity the past few weeks. When he fails to appear, that fact often is a matter of comment among court officials and court followers. Generally, his appearance is the result of a forceful invitation by members of the sheriff's department. During at least one session, he was a principal prosecuting witness as well as a defendant. Sometimes he was freed, sometimes he suffered punishment.

On April 26, Willie was found guilty of socking Charles Berry in the left eye. The judge didn't believe Willie's plea of defense of his home, and sentenced him to 90 days on the roads suspended upon payment of court costs and \$100 to Berry for medical expenses. The \$100 was to be paid in two installments through Chauncey S. Meekins, clerk of the court.

Simpson was haled into court Friday for failure to pay the money for Berry. He had paid the court costs. He confidently produced a piece of paper which he said was a receipt for \$50 he claimed he had paid to Berry. This did not appease Judge W. S. Privott or Solicitor Wilton Walker. They were not familiar with Berry's signature. They knew the money had not passed through the hands of the clerk of the court.

Privott was firm. He said Willie should pay the entire \$100 immediately to the clerk or go to the jail for 90 days and was ordered into custody of the sheriff. A hurry-up call to Willie's employer brought forth the \$100.

Michael Delmar Shelton of Winston-Salem said he had no excuse for traveling 90 miles per hour in a 35-mile zone in Kill Devil Hills. He got 69 days in jail suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100 and costs and lost his driver's license for 12 months.

Harry Clarence Busick, Edenton, pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving in a residential area maintained by the National Park Service for employees of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Park Ranger James Hennings said Busick traveled 65 miles per hour in a 35-mile zone. Busick, a red-faced youngster, said he estimated his speed at "about 60 miles per hour." The judge shook his head, and sentenced him to 30 days suspended upon payment of a fine \$35 and costs.

Edgar P. Styron, Jr., 17 Hatteras, pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving. Ranger Hennings said Styron had See COURT, Page Seven

BREAK-IN AT KITTY HAWK RESULTS IN NEW SAFE

The Kitty Hawk Post Office got a new safe Thursday as a replacement for the one burned open by a torch wielded by robbers a week ago.

Mrs. Kathryn Perry, postmaster, said whoever broke into the building and opened the safe didn't get much of a haul. She declined to specify the exact amount of money or stamps stolen.

Mrs. Perry said the robbers left two rolls of nickels—\$4 worth.

Investigation of the robbery still is under way. Officers involved include Sheriff Frank Cahoon, a deputy, an FBI agent who was spending a vacation on the beach and a postal inspector.

The post office was broken into about three years ago. The office at Nags Head was broken into in May.

SPENCER'S PAID FOR BALANCE OF MEALS

Spencer's Restaurant at Manns Harbor didn't get stuck with the bill as was believed and reported to this newspaper last week. Mrs. Shirley Spencer, wife of Ira, Jr. says that the balance due was paid in cash. "We received a check to compensate for the children's meals, and Mrs. Fearing paid the balance in cash."

Spencer was unaware that the remainder of the check, totaling upwards of \$90 had been paid when discussing the pending incident with us last week.

MORE UNUSUAL BONES FOUND BY ISLAND YOUTH



WILTON C. WESCOTT, JR., 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. "Preacher" Wescott of Manteo, is the second youth to come to the office of The Coastland Times with bones as shown above. Wilton last week found this specimen similar to those on display in our window for several weeks, near Mother Vineyard on Roanoke Island. Identification was made last Saturday, when Mrs. Delos Smith of Alexandria, Va. and Nags Head, came by to tell us that the bones were from a sea turtle.

She said that several years ago a turtle washed ashore near her summer residence. Because of the offensive odor, the turtle was buried. Her daughter who was interested in biology, dissected the remains some months later. The bones were identical in structure to those which have been a mystery since being found by Kenneth Gard, a Nags Head youth.

MARYLAND GIRL TAKES HISTORIAN POSITION



MISS KATHLEEN DILONARDO of Dickerson, Md., recently joined the Cape Hatteras National staff. Miss Dilonardo attended Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn., and after graduating in 1967, she accepted a position with the National Archives in Washington, D. C. Miss Dilonardo's first assignment with the National Park Service was at Grand Canyon, Arizona, where she attended the Albright Training Center course, "Introduction to Park Operations." She will be assigned to the Wright Brothers-Port Raleigh District and will reside in Manteo.

APPOINTMENTS FOR AREA METHODISTS TOLD LAST FRIDAY

Concluding 17 years of service, Methodist Bishop Paul Neff Garber presided over the 143rd N. C. United Methodist Conference last week. He will retire in July when the Southern Jurisdictional Conference meets at Lake Junaluska to choose his successor. His plans for the future, including writing a history of Methodism in Europe.

The Bishop was presented a check for \$10,000 by the Rev. R. Grady Dawson of New Bern on behalf of North Carolina Methodists. The "love gift" was made up of contributions at the conference, and from individuals and agencies within the conference.

Final action of the Bishop was announcement of appointments, including the following in the coastland area: Elizabeth City District

COLUMBIA: Wesley Memorial, B. F. Potter, Jr.; COLUMBIA CIRCUIT, Lloyd L. Sandlerin; JESSEWELL, H. M. See MINISTERS, Page Four

NEW KDH BUDGET ABOUT SAME, TAX RATE UNCHANGED

Largest Fiscal Year Expenditure To Be For Debt Service

The tentative spending budget for the town of Kill Devil Hills for fiscal 1969 totals \$120,569, virtually the same as actual expenditures during the year which ends June 30.

Mayor Tom Briggs said the tax rate for fiscal 1969 will be 88 cents on a \$100 valuation, unchanged from the current rate.

The tax rate will be applied to a 70 per cent property valuation of \$8,147,647 for the historic little Outer Banks town. The budget will come up for adoption at a special meeting of the board early in July, Briggs said.

The largest projected spending item for fiscal 1969 is \$39,850 for debt service. This includes \$13,000 for bond principal and \$26,850 for bond interest. Both principal and interest are for water bonds. Operating expenses for the water department were set tentatively at \$17,695.

The town board tabbed \$11,215 for administrative expense, \$10,225 for the police department, and \$12,300 for the sanitation department. The board calculated on spending \$18,500 in Powell Bill funds for the maintenance of roads and streets. This is money provided by the state.

The unchanged tax rate from fiscal 1968 is expected to result in collections of around \$71,700. Additional revenue will come from the sale of water. Briggs said the town had contracted to supply water to 300 homes in the section being developed by East Coast Properties in the Kitty Hawk area, and has agreed to furnish an unlimited amount of water to Colington Harbour homes.

Persons living outside the town are charged water rates considerably higher than those in town.

SUFFOLK MINORS ARRESTED AFTER USING COTTAGE

Four youngsters of Suffolk, Va., are scheduled to appear in District Court Friday to answer charges of breaking and entering in connection with their use Saturday night of the J. R. Ward cottage at Avalon Beach.

Tom Dowdy, police chief of Kill Devil Hills, said the charge probably would be changed to a catchall complaint of "forcible trespass" because "they didn't steal anything."

Arrested and charged by Dowdy and Assistant Chief Tom Dotson were Pola Keilly, 17, Marion Christine Parker, 17, Jerry White, 19, and Mike Cummings, 19.

Dowdy said he and Dotson had been tipped there was "too much noisy partying going on at the Ward cottage."

The chief said Miss Keilly had suggested the group rent a cottage, but that she "went along" after the others insisted. See BREAK-IN, Page Four

PORTRAIT OF WALKER HOUND SHOWN AT NAGS HEAD



PAT IRELAND, chairman of the board of International Sportsman's Association, and a resident of Boston, Va., displays a C. C. Fawcett portrait of a Walker Fox Hound to a group of Tarheel and Virginia fox hunters at Nags Head last week. He stated that the painting by the Missouri artist had been acquired for the State of Virginia and will soon be hung in the State House at Richmond. Admiring the picture are E. R. Porter, Henderson, N. C., DeRoy White, Fork Union, Va., I. J. Jackson, Middleburg, N. C. and Chandler Watkins, Oxford, who are each members and participants in the annual Nags Head Fox Hunt. (Photo by Aycock Brown)

AT HATTERAS, OCRACOE, BEAUFORT SEASHORE COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT HEARING NEXT THURSDAY, FRIDAY

A series of public hearings to consider existing and potential problems affecting the national park areas of North Carolina's Outer Banks will be conducted June 20 and 21 at Hatteras, Ocracoke and Beaufort.

A two-fold purpose will be served by the hearings, according to Woodrow Price of Raleigh, chairman of the North Carolina Seashore Commission which will sponsor the events. Price said the Commission would first like to determine the nature of any problems that have developed as a result of the establishment of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the subsequent influx of tourists. He said the Commission would like especially to look into the traffic situation on Ocracoke Island. Problems on both Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands will be studied to determine whether attention to those problems by various planning agencies might be beneficial.

A side benefit from the hearings, according to the chairman, will be the gathering of information on experiences in the Hatteras park area to be utilized in planning for the Cape Lookout National Seashore. The latter park is in the initial stages of development.

A second major purpose of the hearings will be to hear statements regarding the feasibility of state financial participation in beach erosion control measures in the federally-owned seashore park areas. Present state policy places the total obligation for financing such measures on the federal government.

Price said the question of state participation has been Special features of the camp See O'NEAL, Page Four

PREPARING MACKEREL FOR MARLIN BAIT



D. S. SKILES, formerly stationed at Hatteras with the State Highway Patrol, returns to the Outer Banks community each year to vacation during the annual Blue Marlin tournament in which he participates. He is shown this week preparing Spanish mackerel as bait for blue marlin, a tricky job performed with needle and line, plus the hook. The Skiles family now lives in Louisville where he was transferred by the SHP from Hatteras. Capt. Hallas Foster of Hatteras watches as he prepares the bait. (Aycock Brown photo)

DARE BOARD TO PURSUE BUDGET AT MONDAY MEET

Various County Departments Expected to Request Sizeable Increases

Dare County commissioners are expected to get down to business on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year when they meet Monday, June 17. From all reports, unofficially at least, most all departments will be requesting greater increases than over before, and as a consequence taxpayers might as well be prepared for a bigger tax bill later this summer.

Last year's budget was a record, pegged at \$849,300, and which was up about \$18,000 over the previous year. A tax rate of \$1.35 on the hundred dollars valuations was levied to pay the bills. The budget was based on 80% collection of taxes.

Already this fiscal year, which runs through June 30, there has been nearly 90% collection, thus with more conservative percentages used in considering the tax rate, there might be room to consider a decrease in taxes if the board would take a hard line on loose spending. This development is not expected.

In the last monthly report of the tax collector, a collection percentage of 85.7 was noted. Since that report approximately \$40,000.00 has been paid. Much of that amount was paid due to threat of advertising which began last week, and some because of the advertising of unpaid taxes which will be found on page 6 of today's second section.

The board of commissioners has met twice already this month, on Mondays at which former session mostly routine reports were heard. This past Monday more reports from county departments, plus an explanation by a representative of Moore, Gardner & Associates concerning the detailed county-wide survey prepared by that engineering firm.

\$530,000 LOAN FOR WATER, SEWER AT BELHAVEN

Congressman Walter B. Jones, D-N. C. First District, announced last week the approval of a \$530,000 loan to Belhaven to make extensive improvements to the water and sewer system.

Jones said the funds will come from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Belhaven project will include collector sewer lines; pumping stations, force mains; sewage treatment facilities; a water treatment plant; two new wells, an elevated water storage tank and additions and extensions to the water distribution system.

The work is expected to be under way within six months and completed some 12 months later.

WATER BIRDS ATTRACT BIRD WATCHERS IN DARE

Birdwatchers have had an opportunity to see many varieties of wading birds in the marshes along S. C. 12 which begins at Nags Head and goes to Ocracoke, during the early summer.

Most noticeable of the birds, and the species which usually encourage birdwatchers to park and watch or make pictures are the various species of heron, egret, and glossy ibis. The latter considered rare in N. C. coastal area a few years ago, seems to be on the increase each year and they are not hard to spot this year.

There are numerous rookeries along the beaches and sound shores and in the marshes where these summer visiting birds are nesting.

MISS DARE EXCITED

At press time Thursday the latest word received from "Miss Dare County", Juanita Mitchell, in Charlotte this week competing for Miss North Carolina title is that she is doing well but "Excited".

On Wednesday the Dare County Jaycees, her sponsors, rewarded her with surprise bouquet of red roses.

Judging in the talent, swimsuit and evening gown categories continues this week with the finals on Saturday night, June 15th.

LAYTON TOUCH OF FINALITY TO 'COLONY' ACTING

Show Open Officially June 21; Rehearsals Well Underway

Joe Layton, widely acclaimed Broadway, TV and Hollywood director and choreographer, will arrive Saturday to put polishing touches to the 1968 production of "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama. The 31st anniversary season of Paul Green's epic will start Friday, June 21, after full dress rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Layton will come directly here from a European vacation—his first in five years due to the heavy demand on his talents. Before vacationing he launched the hit Broadway musical, "George M" which stars Joel Grey and is the story of George M. Cohan. Among the many critics who praised the show, which Layton both directed and choreographed, was Jack Gaver of United Press International who wrote: "A blockbuster entertainment, thanks to the brilliant, electric, talented Joel Grey, memorable songs and the absolutely sensational staging by Joe Layton. Clive Barnes of the New York Times said: "George M" can have a personal Tony Award from me . . ."

When Layton arrives here for his fifth consecutive year of staging "The Lost Colony" he will find rehearsals well underway, thanks to the work of Duncan Noble, production coordinator; Ronald Shirey, choral director; John L. Walker, assistant-choreographer; and other staff leaders.

Also on hand at the Waterside Theatre for pre-season work in helping Layton stage "The Lost Colony" are Nonanne Forcher, lighting designer, and Fred Voelkel, scenic and costume designer. Both are well known in New York and throughout America for their technical achievements in the theatre and opera.

SPORTSFISHING SAID 'NORMAL' ALONG COAST

For mid-June, here on the Dare Coast-Outer Banks, sports fishing seems to be about normal.

Some good catches of fish have been made in waters both inshore and off during the week, including giant bluefish, large and small dolphin, amberjack, blue and white marlin, blackfin tuna and bonito by Gulf Stream anglers, and smaller bluefish, flounder, whiting, gray trout and other varieties from the surf, ocean piers and inlets. Cobia and Spanish mackerel were taken in Hatteras Inlet and a few channel bass were caught in the surf near the point of Cape Hatteras.

Billfish have not moved north to Oregon Inlet yet, but they are on the way and catches off Hatteras during the tournament and before proved it. One exception was noted on Saturday when a white marlin was caught on June 9, by Steve Moore of Rocky Mount with Capt. Murray Cudworth but his billfish was caught some distance southeast of Oregon Inlet.