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51 EMPLOYEES OF PARK TOLD JOBS TO CEASE

Fund Shortage Cited Regarding Possible July 22 Terminations

Fifty-one Cape Hatteras National Seashore employees have been notified they will be out of work July 27 unless additional funds are appropriated within the week.

Kittridge Wing, superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, has written these men letters alerting them to "the unpleasant possibility that . . . your services may be terminated July 27" unless additional funds are appropriated. In the letter, Kittridge states that the men will be notified July 22 (this Monday) if they are going to be laid off.

These are "temporary" employees (some of whom have worked with the Park Service for over ten years), and they are in the maintenance division. In addition to these 51 temporary maintenance employees, 16 student aids are now scheduled to be laid off July 27. These student aids started work June 17 and were supposed to have worked until after Labor Day. They were working under the Youth Opportunity Corps, an agency of the Federal Poverty Program.

David Fletcher, chief ranger for the Park Service on Ocracoke Island, said the temporary maintenance employees account for 13 of his 16-man work force. If these 13 men are laid off, Fletcher would be faced with the almost impossible task of keeping the campgrounds open with three men doing the work that 16 men had been doing.

"We would just have to close down one of our two campgrounds," Fletcher said Tuesday.

The annual payroll of the Maintenance Division of Cape Hatteras National Seashore temporary employees exceeds \$235,000. The annual payroll for the permanent personnel exceeds \$206,000. In other words—if the necessary money is not appropriated within the week, over a quarter of a million dollars that normally would be pumped into the economy of Dare and Hyde counties will not be there this year.

Fletcher estimates that the 51 temporary employees now facing unemployment have an average of 5 years service. Their pay ranges from \$1.65 to about \$3 or \$3.50 for an electrician or a bulldozer operator.

"Many of them are retired Coast Guardsmen," the Ocracoke ranger chief explains. "Some of them work part-time in motels, or other places. For about a third of them, this (Park Service employment) is their only source of income."

FORT RALEIGH HOTEL IS CLOSED AFTER 37 YEARS

"Closed. This hotel is closed—No one is to enter the lobby." The sign on the door of the Fort Raleigh Hotel sounds the demise of an establishment that has served as a town landmark for some 37 years.

Mrs. Woodson B. Fearing, Sr., closed the hotel last week after notifying the tenants and the businesses with offices in the building. Her son, Charles, a part owner operated the hotel. His brother, Woodson, Jr., also is a part owner.

"I knew she intended closing it, but not so soon," Charles Fearing told a reporter. "It was all mother's doings. She decided she didn't want to operate it and closed it."

Fearing said his mother did not like to have anything to do with business ventures and would prefer not to be involved with the hotel.

He said the biggest problem was the cost of overhead and

A.B.C. SALES UP FOR YEAR, DOWN FOR LAST MONTH

Total sales by the Dare County's A.B.C. stores during June were \$50,112.20, compared to a mere \$50,112.20, compared to \$50,831.45 for June 1967, a decrease of \$719.25.

The stores were closed the first Saturday in June because of a state-wide election.

Total sales by the Dare stores during the fiscal year which ended June 30, were \$533,995.50 as compared with the preceding fiscal year, \$530,090.80, an increase of \$3,904.70.

ANOTHER BOOK PUBLISHED BOOSTING OUTER BANKS



MRS. LOUISE MEEKINS, AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER LIBBY (5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Midgett) take a first look at a new book for juvenile readers titled "The Carving on the Tree," just published by Little-Brown, in Boston. As indicated on the jacket, it is "a true account of America's first mystery—the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island," and the author is Elizabeth A. Campbell of Norfolk. In her research for story material Mrs. Meekins, then historian at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Paul Green, author of "The Lost Colony" play, John Fox, general manager of the drama, and Ayecock Brown, manager, Dare County Tourist Bureau were interviewed by Mrs. Campbell. "The Carving on the Tree" was released by the publishers on July 15, this week. (Ayecock Brown photo)

SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY, BUXTON

BUXTON — Cape Hatteras Seashore Advisory Committee a semi-official body made up of citizens from Dare and Hyde counties who act as liaison between the county commissioners, residents, and the National Park Service, will hold its quarterly meeting Wednesday, July 24 at 2 p.m., in the clubroom of Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, Buxton.

Chairman Ray Couch stated: "This is an open meeting to all interested residents. The major order of business will be discussion of recent releases by NPS wherein they have issued advisories that campgrounds are over-extended and advising prospective visitors to either plan on going elsewhere or to contact Dare County Tourist Bureau and other agencies, prior to coming to the Outer Banks."

"I have received many complaints from private business people who have stated that these advisories tend to repel potential visitors when in actuality there were accommodations available," said Couch.

Also on the agenda will be discussion regarding the erosion problem at Buxton which failed to receive favorable action by Congress for appropriation of funds to combat the problem.

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MANTEO YOUTHS WELL-REPRESENT TOWN IN DERBY

11th Tidewater Soap Box Event Saturday Drew Five from Manteo

Two Manteo youngsters are putting a lot of mileage on identical golden orange bicycles this week and another probably has a new transistor radio to his ear most of the day. They also may be observed basking in the admiration of their friends. When they gather the conversation is mostly about Saturday's soap box race.

The race was the eleventh annual Tidewater Soap Box Derby held at the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va., on July 13. Manteo had five entrants this year and brought home more than its share of prizes. There were 88 boys participating.

Frederick Gates, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Gates of Manteo, was one of the lime-light winners. As a semi-final runner-up in the class B race he won a deluxe bicycle, a dinner for his family at a Norfolk restaurant, a transistor radio as third place winner for the best constructed car in his class and a third-place derby trophy. This was Fred's first year in the derby with his best time 39.6.

He was sponsored by the Sand Spur Court, Nags Head. Edward Lee Mann, 13, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lee Mann, as a quarter-final runner-up in Class A (13-15), also won a deluxe bicycle and a special trophy. Sponsored again by Manteo Lions Club, this was Edward's second season down the ramp. Last year he lost out in the first round to another Manteo youth, Malcolm Fearing. Both were in Class B (ages 11-12). Mann's best time was 39.5 seconds.

Paul Creef, 11, raced for the first time this year. Although getting to the finish line well ahead of his opponent, he was disqualified for finishing in the wrong lane. His dark green jet-like racer brought him first prize for the best constructed car in his class and a transistor radio. No time is given in a forfeited race. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Creef and was sponsored by Roanoke Oil Company.

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MANTEO MAN COMPLETES NAVAL JUSTICE COURSE



YNI LEON DAVIS DANIELS, United States Coast Guard, recently completed a course in Naval Justice, and closed Microphone Court Reporting Procedure on June 14, 1968, at the United States Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island. Daniels is the son of Mrs. Mary S. Spencer of Manteo, and the husband of the former Ella Mae Lee of Manteo. Daniels is presently stationed with the United States Coast Station, Gloucester City, New Jersey.

OFF TO HONG KONG THURSDAY AFTERNOON



Lonnie Rosso Jones

"I've been around the world 11 times; I've seen ships torpedued all around me; I've seen many of the sights but hope to see many more."

Thus spoke Lonnie R. Jones as he sat on board his little 23-foot boat (the "Fearless HP") and recalled some of his experiences in his first quarter of a century in the Merchant Marine.

Jones, a ship captain and a 45-year-old native of Manteo, went to sea at an interesting point in history. When the 18-year-old-youth first shipped out of Norfolk as a deckhand, the Luftwaffe was pounding England, Rome was rolling through North Africa, and Adolf der Fuehrer was preparing to march on Moscow.

This was also a time when Ho Chi Minh was, strangely enough, on the payroll of the American OSS (the forerunner of the CIA).

In 1943, Jones was sailing as a deckhand on convoys in the Mediterranean that were being attacked by the Luftwaffe. A quarter of a century later, he was the captain of a ship sailing down the Saigon River when Ho's men opened fire on the boat behind him.

Why did he want to go to Vietnam?

"Well, I'd been around the world many times, but I'd never been over there. I'd been reading about it in the newspapers, but I wanted to see for myself what it's like."

Did he see any Viet Cong?

"You don't see the VC; you don't know who they are; they all look the same. The Army men over there tell us that many of the Vietnamese work on American military bases during the day, and fight with the Viet Cong at night. Every night we were there, we could hear machine gun fire in the marsh areas around Saigon."

This ship (the "S. S. Joplin Victory"), left Norfolk Jan. 9 (of this year), arrived in Saigon March 6, and returned to Norfolk May 4. Jones has been at home since then.

Asked when he expected to catch another ship, the skipper said, "Oh in a couple of weeks, I guess."

However, during the course of the interview, Jones was interrupted by a telephone call from an official of a New York shipping company who wanted the Manteo skipper to fly to Hong Kong to take over as captain of one of the company boats. Jones flew to New York and then to Hong Kong, July 18.

This ship (the "Jasmine") generally runs back and forth between Hong Kong and the Persian Gulf.

Jones, who first went to sea in 1941, had never been to Hong Kong. He reportedly was looking forward to the trip, though he is also looking for

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MANTEO BUDGET OF \$75,201.72 IS APPROVED

Fire Department Gets Biggest Increase for New Equipment, Hose

The Manteo Town Board approved a spending budget of \$75,201.72 for fiscal 1969 in their regular meeting July 10. This was up \$201.28 from the tentative budget approved earlier.

The increase will cover the cost of an annexation survey. It raised the tax rate per \$100 valuation from \$1.30 to \$1.31. The tax rate in fiscal 1968 was \$1.24.

Mrs. Juanita Parker, town clerk, said everything else was approved as it had been presented in the tentative budget.

The largest increase for fiscal 1969 was to the fire department in the amount of \$15,158.94, compared to fiscal 1968's \$7,972.09. This increase was to cover the cost of some new hose and other equipment.

The \$21,130 allotted to the water department was the largest item in the budget. The superintendent, Seldon Midgett received a 10 per cent wage increase to \$5720. The amount scheduled for spending by the water department is expected to be funded by receipts paid by water users.

A 10 per cent salary increase was approved for the town clerk, upping it to \$4060.

Persons who have not had salary increases in the last two years and who are to receive five per cent increases include the police chief, Ken Whittington, to \$5200; and two trash collection employees, to \$8000.

Total funds allotted for the police department were \$12,293, which included salaries, gas, See BUDGET, Page Three

TERRORIST GETS 5-YEAR TERM IN BULLWHIPPING, ASSAULT ON SAND DUNES

Pals Draw Maximum Of 30 Days For Fighting; Drunken Prowler Dealt Roads Sentence; 3 Kitty Hawk's On Probation; Priest Gets Angry At Parents And Loses Driver's License; Chambers called "A Danger"

'POSTMASTER OF YEAR'



MRS. EFFIE BRICKHOUSE, boss of the mail at Columbia, has been chosen as North Carolina's Postmaster of the Year. She gained the honor at the end of a two-day workshop of postmasters at the state university in Raleigh.

The workshop was attended by about 500 postmasters from throughout the state. Mrs. Brickhouse was selected by a vote of the workshop participants. She is a former president of the National Association of Postmasters.

Michael Ray Woolard, 21, Chesapeake, Va., was sentenced to five years in prison Friday after conviction in District Court on charges involving a reign of terror July 6 against tourists on the giant sand dune in Nags Head known as Jockey's Ridge.

Woolard was convicted of using a bullwhip on two tourists and threatening another, assault on two females, and assault on a 12-year-old boy.

Five of Woolard's seven companions, all of Chesapeake, were sentenced to 30 days each on the roads for fighting. Two were turned loose because they attempted to halt the destructive antics of the pesty-faced, lantern-jawed, thrill-seeking Woolard. The five sent to the roads were Earnest Edward Smith, 19; William Harry Cutler, 22; Johnny Hartman, 20; Bobby Joe Hartman, 21; and Edward Floyd Cutler, 20. Turned loose were Larry W. Barnett and Jerry W. Hudson.

The court session Friday was the longest here in years. Judge Fentress Horner opened court promptly at 10 a.m. and wound it up at 6:40 p.m. There was an hour out for lunch.

Horner also sentenced an 18-year-old charged in a nighttime prowling case to 12 months on the roads, put three Kitty Hawk residents on three years' probation for stealing a pair of shoes and other merchandise, took away the driver's license of a Catholic priest who was charged originally with drunken driving, gave a child molester 18 months on the roads, slapped three years' probation on a trigger-tompered laborer whom he called a "danger to every one on the highway," and ordered a Winchese resident to stay out of a beer joint for five years. All this was in addition to the usual run of speeders, public drunks, and careless and reckless drivers.

Woolard, whisking a straggly growth of whiskers, attempted to prove that he was "just playing around" as he snatched a bullwhip and hit two persons, punched another in the stomach, slashed toward others with a knife, and tossed a small boy down a steep slope.

Three youngsters of Norfolk — two 14-year-old girls and a 12-year-old boy—testified Woolard and his gang surrounded them on the giant dune and began asking questions. Woolard ordered one of the gang to get away from one of the girls because "that's my woman." She said he tried to kiss her, fondle her and threw sand on her and then brushed it off. A second girl offered similar testimony. The 12-year-old brother of one of the girls said he tried to intervene but "that boy (Woolard) slung me down the hill." The alert white little boy denied Woolard's suggestion in the courtroom that he was "just having fun, playing around."

A 19-year-old girl from Norfolk said Woolard asked her to "come to Virginia and spend the night with me." She said he disarranged her blouse.

William M. Rodenheiser, Richmond, Va., said Woolard struck him in the stomach and pulled a pocketknife on him, and then hit him on the head a couple of times. Rodenheiser See COURT, Page Three

INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY TRIP IS MISHAP-PLAGUED

A supposed "five-day" boat trip from Florida to Winchese turned into a seven week fiasco for a member of the Lost Colony and her family.

Mrs. William H. Brown, Jr., left her home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on May 27 with her eight-year-old son, Charlie, to reach Manteo by June 3 for rehearsals. A month-old Nauta-Line fiberglass houseboat—"one of those crazy new things"—was making its maiden voyage.

And that was just the beginning of the problems that hopefully have ended with the boat's arrival Sunday.

"Our first day out the engines were consuming more gas than they were supposed to and we ran out of gas," she said. The captain tried to call the Coast Guard for a radio check and nothing happened.

"The antenna had become disconnected and our radio wouldn't work. We just dropped anchor and began emergency measures," she said.

The undaunted crew ran an orange laundry bag up the antenna, flashed S.O.S. with mirrors at passing ships and sent up flares.

"We even waved lifejackets at planes and still no one stopped," Mrs. Brown said. "We finally fixed the radio ourselves and called the Coast Guard and they picked us up."

The third day, the group left Beaufort, S. C., and went on to Charleston where the forward gear in the starboard engine collapsed.

"We went on to Georgetown, S. C., at a crawl or a rowing speed," she said.

The boat stayed there for days while a part was shipped

from the factory in Indiana. In addition, the boat had to be pulled out of the water to have the part replaced and there was no unoccupied railway nearby.

Mrs. Brown had to leave the boat at Georgetown and drive on up for rehearsals. A vacant railway was soon found, but the Florida captain had to return home. A captain from Norfolk came down then to pilot the boat on up the inter-coastal waterway.

"The captain had almost reached Swansboro and both forward gears gave out," said Mrs. Brown. "So he had to back inland up the waterway to Swansboro where the boat has been until Sunday."

To top it off, the boat was caught in a bad storm at the mouth of the Alligator River Saturday, and was lost until Sunday afternoon when it showed up at Winchese.

Mrs. Brown's husband, a salesman for Container Sales Corporation of Miami, Fla., came up for the week end and was here during the "lost in the river" crisis.

A daughter, Katie, 3, is at See TRIP, Page Five

WAVES, AYDLETT POST OFFICES ARE SLATED TO CLOSE

Congressman Walter B. Jones announced Tuesday that he had been advised by the post office department of the closing of at least two fourth-class post offices in the First District.

The Aydlett and Waves facilities will be closed under provisions of the new tax bill which requires all government agencies to reduce expenditures to the 1966 level.

This will involve elimination of 83,000 positions in the post office department alone.

Jones states that he is protesting this action and asking for reconsideration by Marvin Watson, Postmaster General. However, he stated that it will be difficult to defend this proposed reduction in view of the cost of operation. The Aydlett postoffice involved an expenditure of \$3,872 during the last fiscal year with a revenue of \$900 and the Waves postoffice with an expenditure of \$4,841 with a revenue of \$1,300.

Jones stated that he would like to assure patrons of these two facilities that this action will not adversely affect mail service, which will be provided by Star Routes, Rural Route extensions, contract rural stations, and in some cases a non-personnel station.

MEMBERS OF HAYMAN CLAN URGED TO ATTEND ANNUAL FETE JULY 20

When the Havman reunion takes place Saturday, July 20, in Manns Harbor, it is expected that the Rev. L. D. Hayman, former president, and Mrs. Hayman will attend. Registration will begin at 10:30, and everyone is invited to attend and bring a picnic basket. At this session, it will be decided whether or not to change the date of the annual meeting, in order to allow more people to attend, and it is desired that as many as possible be present to have a hand in the decision.

Entertainment will be provided. There will be piano playing, accordion playing and an old-fashioned "sing."

DOWNTOWN MANTEO GETTING NEW DRESS IN ELIZABETHAN STYLE



RENOVATION OF THE FRONTS OF BUSINESSES in downtown Manteo is well underway, with Pioneer Theatre getting earliest treatment. Above is the artist's conception of how the area of Pioneer Theatre, Fearing's, Inc. and Planters Bank will appear when completed. With exception of the bank, work on the other buildings should be finished by the end of summer, according to M. K. Fearing, Jr. Plans also have been drawn for similar renovation of Ben Franklin and Walker's Diner, although neither of those contemplates early changes.