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## HIGH RATE OF ABSENTEEISM IRRITATES JUDGE

### Horner Orders Stiff Fine For Late Comers And Non-Appearances

There was so much absenteeism at the opening of District Court Friday that Judge Pentress T. Horner imposed a costly reminder on offenders and warned future late-comers they, too, would be given the pocketbook treatment.

Twelve defendants failed to answer as the docket was called by Solicitor Wilton Walker at the 10 a.m. opening of court. About the time Walker got the fourth no response from a called defendant, it was apparent Horner's patience had reached the breaking point. For the first three who failed to appear, the judge had ordered warrants issued with bonds set at \$100 or more each. But when the fourth non-appearance was noted, the judge, his face flushed, said all late appearances would cause the automatic imposition of a fine of \$25. The action was retroactive to the start of the call.

Two defendants arrived later with excuses good enough to cause remission of the automatic levy.

Horner was rough on two defendants who were caught speeding at more than 100 miles per hour. He did not look kindly on a boy charged with "spontaneous" racing on a highway near the beach.

The fear of a roads sentence was enough to make three bully boys claiming a Kitty Hawk address get out of the county when given an opportunity. These were Roy Dorsey Conner, Jr. 26, Cooper Owens, III, 23, and Charles Drew Owens, 21. They were convicted July 12 of charges of petty larceny and were ordered to get out and stay out of Dare County for five years in lieu of three-years' probation for each.

Conner and the Owens elected to leave the county, but they neglected to do so. A week after they were supposed to be out of the county they were picked up and jailed.

Horner asked why they didn't obey the banishment order. One replied that they had been advised they didn't have to leave.

The judge pondered a moment and then advised the defendants that their probation had been revoked and they would have to serve roads sentences of six months each. He said they could avoid the road work only if they were in the county when commitment papers were served. He said the papers would be ready at 4 p.m. It was noon at the time.

The defendants literally ran from the courtroom. They disappeared from the courthouse so fast that they neglected to pay their jail fees to Deputy Sheriff Donis White.

Emmett Allen Smith, Chesapeake, Va., pled guilty to charges of speeding 100 miles per hour in a 35-mile zone and careless and reckless driving. State Trooper Larry Thames said Smith had been drinking. Smith spoke up and said "I had a couple of beers." The judge See COURT, Page Three

## KILL DEVIL HILLS MAYOR RESIGNS; ILLNESS REASON

Thomas H. Briggs, mayor of Kill Devil Hills, resigned as of July 31 because of illness. He is suffering from hepatitis.

In a letter to Ted Wood, mayor pro tem, and the town commissioners, Briggs said, "under the mandate from my doctors, I have been ordered to discontinue my work at the Town Hall for the protection of my health."

Wood said he and the town board accepted the resignation with "deep regret."

"All of us, as commissioners, feel you have faithfully fulfilled your duties as mayor, facing difficult decisions with a quiet dignity and a sincere interest in your town."

He said that few "public spirited citizens exist in a small town" and replacing Briggs would be difficult.

## BELL AND FOX STUDY NEW INFORMATION BROCHURE



QUENFIN BELL, chairman of the Dare County Tourist Bureau board of directors and Joseph D. Simpson are shown on Wednesday inspecting the new Dare County Tourist Bureau brochure literature for places of business to hand out to vacationists wanting to know what to see and do in Dare. They are given free to operators to hand out locally, (not mail away), in efforts to better inform the visiting public and probably influence them to stay longer on Dare Coast-Outer Banks, to see the places of interest listed. A keyed map locates the places described in the brochure. Twenty thousand of the brochures were printed, and they are made available in lots of 100 to each operator. (Aycock Brown photo)

## DAVID SIMPSON PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT IN USCG

David B. Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Simpson of Manteo is one of 284 men in the Coast Guard to be selected for promotion to lieutenant.

Simpson is stationed at the Elizabeth City Air Base as a pilot with the Sea and Air Rescue.

He entered the Coast Guard in 1957 and was stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla., Miami, Fla., and Norfolk, Va., before going to flight school in Pensacola, Fla.

A graduate of Manteo High School, he is married to the former Marie Etheridge of Manteo.

## VETERAN NC ACTOR IS IMPRESSED BY PAGEANT

Sidney Blackmer, who has performed in films and on the stage for more than 50 years, was in the audience at the "Lost Colony" during the week end. He liked what he saw.

Blackmer divides living between his native Salisbury and a New York home, and still has time to make motion pictures.

Currently he portrays a Satanic-like character in "Rosemary's Baby." This is the latest of more than 200 films stretching back to the "Perils of Pauline." He also has 37 Broadway plays to his credit.



SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO, before trips to Outer Space were made, before the nation was to learn much about riots, assassinations, and a breed of people called hippies, and also before the first National Seashore was to be dedicated in Dare, highways were to replace sand trails and bridges would replace ferries, a cicada (sometimes called 17-year locust) lay its eggs on the twig of a tree at old Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. The eggs hatched and the baby cicada dropped to the ground and developed shortly into an insect that burrowed into the ground and attached itself to the tree root to survive for the next 17 years on sap. This year the insect came from the ground, climbed a tree and from it evolved another cicada, its shell casing (shown) remaining attached to the tree limb. In the meantime, for five weeks the cicada, (or locust) uttered ear-piercing sounds and it enjoyed as it flew around enjoying what ever it is that an insect enjoys that makes them lay eggs. After five weeks of winging life and laying eggs the flying cicada had, or will die, leaving eggs to be hatched into nymphs that will go underground and remain until 1985 — and then repeat the cycle that gives them a strange existence, below and above the ground. (Aycock Brown photo).

## MUCH INTEREST IN FIRE COMPANY FOR KITTY HAWK

### Public Meeting August 12 In School Seeking Citizens' Comments

One hundred per cent of the Atlantic Township resident taxpayers who returned questionnaires to the Dare County Commissioner have indicated that they favor the establishment of a fire department in the township.

However, only 20 per cent (60) of the 300 questionnaires were returned, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith (secretary of the Dare County Planning Board) pointed out.

There is no way to ascertain the opinions of the 80 per cent who did not return the questionnaires before the public meeting which is scheduled for Aug. 12 in the Kitty Hawk School.

The town of Kill Devil Hills stopped answering calls outside the town limits June 30. Kitty Hawk residents, who had previously relied on the Kill Devil Hills fire department, have been without fire protection since that date. Mrs. Smith said there had been no fires in Kitty Hawk in July.

Mrs. Ruth B. Frank, Kill Devil Hills town clerk, said "there had never been any charge at all" for this service to Kitty Hawk. However, even though Kitty Hawk home-owners had not been paying Kill Devil Hills for this fire protection, they were paying higher insurance rates.

Mrs. Mollie Andrews, a Manteo insurance executive, pointed out that the insurance on a \$10,000 home in Kill Devil Hills would cost \$43 per year, while insurance on a similar home in See FIRE, Page Five

## EVENING OF DANCE SUNDAY, AUGUST 4



DONNA BYRUM, a dancing member of The Lost Colony, will appear in an evening of dance on Sunday, August 4, at 8 p.m. The program will be presented in the educational workshop next to the Waterside Theatre of The Lost Colony.

Four works will be presented with music ranging from the 16th Century composers, Henry Purcell and Johannes Pachelbel, to the 20th Century musical innovators, Eric Satie and Bela Bartok.

John Walker who plays and dances the role of Uppoooc, and Rick van Winkle, a dancer in "The Lost Colony," have choreographed the four dance works. The ballets range in style and mood in accordance with the music, from Purcell's "The Virtuous Wife," by Walker to Mr. van Winkle's starkly modern "Shades" using the music of Satie. Eighteen members of the dancing ensemble of The Lost Colony will perform in the four works of the two choreographers.

## TWELVE OF 42 NPS WORKERS RETAINED THROUGH SUMMER

Twelve of the 42 Cape Hatteras Seashore Employees who received lay-off notices were notified at the last minute that they could work through the end of the summer.

These are student workers who started work June 17. They were working under the Youth Opportunity Corps, an agency of the Federal Poverty Program.

These 12 student aids—along with 30 employees who had been with the park service for a number of years—had received notices that they would be laid off Saturday, July 27. The 30 other park service employees were, in fact, laid off on that See NPS, Page Four

## JONAH SEA HORSES



BECAUSE THEY HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE, the two small sea horses in a bucket of water and still alive could be called "Jonah Sea Horses." On Wednesday an angler aboard the Jo Boy reeled a big dolphin in and when it hit the deck of the cruiser's cockpit it disgorged four sea horses from its gullet. Two, still alive, were picked up by Skipper Harry Baum and his mate Dan Elliott and placed in the bucket. They were still alive after reaching Oregon Inlet. Only difference the sea horses had their experiences and still lived in the stomach of a dolphin, while in the case of Jonah, it was a whale that swallowed him and cast him out while still alive—according to the Biblical story. (Aycock Brown photo)

## COASTAL TRAVEL DURING AUGUST EXPECTED HIGH

### All Indications Are for Bumper Month As Summer Crowds Come

With all indications that the best season for travel ever has been underway during the last two months, expectations for August on the coast far exceed those of years past.

"The Lost Colony," which was plagued with rainouts earlier in its ten-week run, barring complication of weather, may expect to run neck-and-neck with the record year of 1966. Near-capacity crowds at the amphitheatre have been experienced in recent nights, with standing room-only last Saturday night. Paid attendance for that showing was 1720.

Persons deciding at the last minute to extend vacations find it impossible in most instances to do so because of already-booked reservation. Many of the larger facilities from Kitty Hawk through Ocracoke have near-full bookings for August toward the end of the spring months.

General consensus among persons attending the Dare County Tourists Bureau's board of directors meeting in Manteo Wednesday was that 1968 would break all records for travel and business in general. Probably one of the most accurate barometers is the sale of alcoholic beverages which during July increased eleven percent over the corresponding period last year.

Sales at the Nags Head and Manteo stores totaled \$105,779.85 compared to \$94,086.00 for July 1967; in the Manteo store July 1968 sales totaled \$22,789.35 compared to \$18,532.70 last year. In Nags Head store, gross sales were \$82,990.00, up from \$75,553.30 in 1967.

Robert H. Midgett, supervisor of the system, said that the increase was the greatest in history. It is significant, too, that the increase is recognized despite opening of a store in neighboring Currituck County.

National Park Service statistics, not officially available, indicate vast increases in visitation to all Park areas with the Wright Brothers Visitors Center showing an increase of some 60% over 1967.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS: JOLLY BOATS, SHARKS, OTHER BOATS TO RACE IN SOUNDS

Sailing seems to be the sport as far as activities at the Carolinian Hotel are concerned for the coming month or two.

From August 27 to 30, the hotel will host the American Shark Association National Championship with sailors competing from all over the United States.

This is the first time this event has been held on the Dare Coast and it is expected to draw 150 people, according to Julian Oneto, manager of the hostelry.

The World's Jolly Boat Association Championship will hold its international regatta at the hotel from Sept. 4-7. Entries from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England, and the United States have already been received.

Oneto said about 200 people are expected for these races. He said the championships were held in Nags Head in 1963 and the group voted to come back to the area because of the fine sailing conditions.

Both of these regattas are sponsored by Outer Banks Sailing Association. Commodore of that group is Dr. Lloyd Griffin of Elizabeth City.

This association will hold its annual regatta on Sept. 14 and 15 with seven or eight different classes of boats represented. Sailors from the eastern seaboard are expected for this competition.

Other Gatherings  
Oneto said Home Security Life and Insurance Company will hold a banquet and dance for its representatives in the Albemarle area on Sept. 20. A group of about 100 people will attend.

The annual chamber of commerce banquet and dance will be held at the Carolinian on Sept. 21. Teachers in Delta Kappa Gamma will meet for their 15th annual meeting there the same day.

The N. C. Department of Conservation and Development is bringing a group of officials from the German airline, Lufthansa, to the Carolinian on Sept. 24 as part of a state-wide effort to promote foreign travel here.  
On Sept. 27, 28, 29, the Carolinian will host its annual fall See RACING, Page Four

## NEW MANTEO COACH



DOUG "FUZZY" THRUSTON has been named football coach at Manteo High School. The son of Hal Thurston of Rocky Mount, he has resided there most of his life. He is a newlywed of six weeks to the former Helen Baldwin of Winston-Salem. She will teach in the Manteo school system.

Although young for a coach, he holds an excellent record. When in Rocky Mount in 1961 he received the Billy Smith Memorial Trophy for outstanding lineman of the year. This alone brought him to the attention of many college coaches and it is likely the most-thought-of award at Rocky Mount.

The huge-framed man has played football since he was ten, beginning in the midget program in his home town. He followed the game into junior high, military school, back to Rocky Mount for three years where he played under Chris Carpenter, winning the state 4-A Championship and then to Stanton Military Academy (prep school) where he excelled as a lineman.

Wofford College of Spartanburg, S. C., offered him a scholarship. He accepted and gained valuable experience under Coach Connelly T. Sindow, who designed the offense now used by the Minnesota Vikings.

When asked if his offense would be like the Vikings, he replied, "somewhat maybe, but like all the other offenses that I have played too." Reluctant to talk about special plays he See FIRE, Page Three

## FRANK PROMOTED

Michael E. Frank has been promoted to Lance Corporal as of July 12. He is serving with the 1st battalion, 4th Marines, in Vietnam. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Frank of Kill Devil Hills.

## FORT RALEIGH HOTEL PURCHASED BY A. E. SADLER

Mrs. A. E. Sadler confirmed Thursday that she and her husband have purchased the Fort Raleigh Hotel from Mrs. Woodson B. Fearing, Sr., and her sons, Woodson B. Fearing, Jr., and Charles S. Fearing.

The purchase price was believed to be about \$40,000.

Mrs. Fearing would not confirm the sale. Her son, Charles, said the sale had been completed.

Mrs. Sadler said, "Oh, yes, it's all been settled. We bought the hotel and are going to make apartments out of it."

She said her husband hopes to begin work on the 37-year-old building within the next month or so.

The Sadlers own a group of cottages in Nags Head, across the highway from Jockey Ridge.

The hotel had been in the Fearing family since 1941 when it was purchased from the late C. C. Duvall.

## DARE SCHOOLS OPEN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The opening schedule for Dare County schools has been announced as follows: August 29 and 30, teacher orientation; September 2, Labor Day, no school; Sept. 3, pupil-teacher orientation; Sept. 4 school begins.