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DARE SHERIFF'S DEPT. EMPLOYEES GET PAY RAISES

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Approval Granted at Wednesday Night Dinner Meeting of Dare Board

Is a husky young deputy with less than a year's evperience to be preferred to a middle-aged, experienced officer who has built up 15 or more years of seniority with the sheriff's de-

And should he be paid more or at least as much as the older

These were the questions that the county commissioners tried to answer at a Wednesday night dinner meeting at Spencer's restaurant in Manns Harbor.

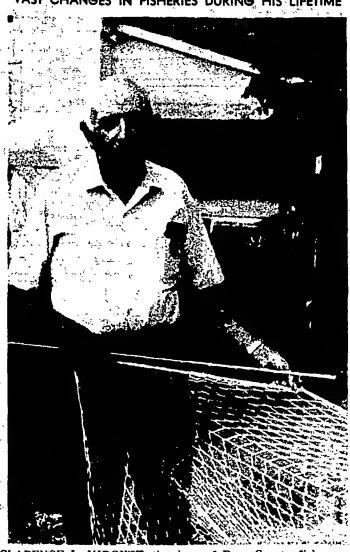
The commissioners apparently decided youth is to be preferred to experience as evidenced by the fact that a young deputy (Sam Pledger, who has been with the department less than a year) received a \$1,020 per year salary increase, while an older deputy (Raymond Basnett, who has approximately 15 years experience) received a \$232 sal-

"If you were the sheriff and you had to send a deputy out on a petty tough case-would you send a 57-year-old man like me, or a deputy who was maybe 25 "years" younger?" Board Chairman Stanford White asked a reporter after the meeting.

Then, answering his own question: "You know which one you'd send: the younger one. And that's what we were up against here tonight. We want to reward seniority, and we realize that experience counts. But so does youth."

in the sheriff's department, and the commercial business. in our other departments too;

VAST CHANGES IN FISHERIES DURING HIS LIFETIME



CLARENCE L. MIDGETT, the dean of Dare County fishermen, works on a net in front of his Manns Harbor home. Midgett has been involved in commercial fishing since he quit school in the seventh grade to go into fishing on a full-time basis...

"Fishing was right good during the depression." Clarence Midgett said recently as he sat "This is the problem that in his Mann's Harbor home rewe're up against—the salaries calling his first half-century in

"Actually, we didn't feel the are based on seniority. This depression too much," Midgett See RAISES, Page Four said. "Fishing was pretty good

and we fared much better than the farmers in Hyde and Tyrrell they recommended that the counties.

take it all the way around, we didn't do too badly. Of course Columbia High School for 1968we didn't get along as well as 69, and that two white teachers we did from 1918 until 1929. I be assigned to Tyrrell High think we did better then, all School. things considered, than we are doing today.

to get scurce. And this genera- for 1969-70. tion today: they don't like to pick bones out of their fish. Severinson decision. They've got to have everything

Midgett, who was born Manns Harbor Oct. 7, 1894, quit school in the seventh grade to go into fishing full-time. He started out with William Frankwith one of his old pals, Claude

1918 "in the hard fighting near the end of the war", and Midgett started fishing with Frank-lin again in 1918. "This partnership lasted until Bill died about house builde -he could do just commissioner doesn't like it. about anything that came

Midgett, who operates his See MIDGETT, Page Two

**DEFIES HEW ON** MIXING PLAN

TYRRELL BOARD

Students, May Attend School Of Choice During 1968-69

COLUMBIA - School chilhen in Tyrrell County may atend any school of their choice during the 1968-69 year, according to Supt. M. L. Basnight.

Basnight said the Tyrrell board of education decided on a complete freedom of choice after the Department of Health. Education, and Welfare turned down the county's school plan for 1968-69.

Basnight said he received a letter July 26 from Dr. Eloise Severinson, regional civil rights director for HEW, setting guidelines for Tyrrell County schools. He said Dr. Severinson informed him that if the school system was to be in compliance with federal regulations all students and teachers in grades 1-4 might be assigned to one elementary school and all students and teachers in grades i-8 to the other..

She said that for 1969-70, all students in grades 7-12 should be assigned to Columbia High School and all students in grades 1-6 assigned to Tyrrell

Columbia High School is a predominatly white school and Tyrrell High School is prelominantly Negro.

Basnight said the letter came as a suprise to the board. He said that two representatives of HEW visited the schools in Tyrrell county June 12 and met with the board. He said that while in session with the board first and second grades from "Prices weren't too good; but Tyrrell High School along with their teachers be assigned to

Basnight said the HEW rept resentatives also recommendes "Prices were alright during that the board complete the the 1940s" he continued, "but, by current building program and that time, fish were beginning to plan for total integration This plan was upset by the

Basnight said the board,

realizing the amount of work necessary and so little time rechoice system during

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DR. W. W. HARVEY

## lin, and then did some fishing DARE BOARD MEMBER SCORES PLANS TO ACQUIRE ESTUARIES

five or six years ago," Midgett presentation to the 1969 legisla- sioners that the author Chessaid. "Bill was a boat builder, a ture, and at least one county ter Davis of the Winston-Salem



SPECIAL PROGRAM BY "LOST COLONY CHOIR"

MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR of "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama, under direction of Ronald Shirey, will present a 35-minute program of Buch's "Magnificat" in the Lost Colony Building (next to the Elizabethan Garden) on the Fort Ralegh National Historic Site Sunday night at 8:30. Shirey is shown above conducting some of the talented singers in a "warm-up" for the drama backstage of the Waterside Theatre. The public is invited to the Sunday night performance. Admission is free. (Aycock Brown photo)

AVON C. G. RETIRES

Representation and the - C TANK 2 POLICE THE STREET AND THE ST E TEXTS THE WAY SUP TO

RAYMOND W. SCARBOR-OUGH, boatswain's mate first has a delicious flavor, but people maining before the opening of class, a resident of Avon, was school teachers who, in turn, are mer. don't want to be bothered with school to make a complete retired from the U. S. Coast the moving forces behind the "They are not getting paid" has a delicious flavor, but people maining before the opening of class, a resident of Avon, was eat steak, or something, inoperate on the freedom of years active duty. He served from July 23, 1948 to July 31, See C.G., Page Seven

In recent months, 200 Hyde they did.

UNDER DIRECTION OF MISS REBECCA SWINDELL

SCORES OF HYDE TEENAGERS

AID IN HISTORICAL RESEARCH

County teenagers have been "Some of them were under roaming the countryside in the impression they could do. search of long-forgotten his- or not do, this assignment, as torical tidbits. These junior historians have been looking for they didn't get to work, they old tombstones, family diaries decided to 'accept' this assignand records, wills and land ment."

Miss Rebecca Swindell of Fairfield, president of the Hyde ing? County Historical Association.

"Well, in the first place," appears to be the moving force Mrs. Swindell explains, "most chind the youthful exuberance of these students have been these young Hyde County very enthusiastic about this istorians. Or, more precisely, project. Some of them kept she seems to be the moving right on working on it even aftforce behind a number of local er school was out for the sum-

picking the bones out. So, they change in grades 1-8, decided to Guard after completing over 20 200 young student-historians. for it either, except for Miss "The children in the eighth Lyn Harris (an ECU business with the U. S. Coast Guard through the eleventh grades major and a native of Engel were given this as an assign- hard) who is paid through ment," Mrs. Swindell explained. PACE, a federally-sponsored "They did not have a choice, program. though some of them thought See RESEARCH, Page Three

What sort of work have these

reluctant researchers been do-

the largest docket of the year. There were more cases than in the long session of July 19, but they were disposed of more quickly. sent to the roads for 12 months ach after Horner accused one of them of lying about a forc-

STRIVING TO DOCUMENT HYDE HISTORY



MISS REBECCA SWINDELL of Fairfield and Miss Lyn Harris of Engelhard examine one of the many historical documents that they have handled in recent weeks. They are trying to sort, file and classify a number of such documents which they hope will be readily available to posterity. Their research into the history of Hyde County has been aided by the efforts of a number of school tacchers, students, and members of the Hyde County Historical

DANIELS REUNION MONDAY, AUG. 19, BETHANY CHURCH

MAIL SHOULD BE -

ADDRESSED TO BOX 428

MANTEO, N. C. 27954

NOT TO INDIVIDUALS

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SHEPHARD FREED

AFTER ADMITTING

WITNESS' CHARGE

Lawver Claims Teacher Inno-

cent Because "Not Exposed To Sight"

Bruce G. Shepard, a school

teacher, was freed in District

Court Friday of a charge of

admitted the act which led to

Judge Fentress T. Horner

found Shephard not guilty after

defense attorney Forrest V.

Dunstan cited a Massachuetts

decision in a similar case which

held the defendant innocent

because parts of his body were

'not exposed to sight." It was

testified that Shephard "turned

his back" during the act lead-

Horner agreed that according

to the evidence Shephard's

private parts had not been "ex-

posed to sight" and that the

defendant should be freed.

Later, it was found that a

North Carolina decision in an

exposure case had held the op-

posite view. But by that time

Shephard had been found not

After Shephard was freed,

Casper Meekins, whose wife

was the prosecuting witness,

asked to be heard. In open court

and from the audience section

of the courtroom, Meekins said

Shephard had committed as

similar exposure act two years

ago on a public highway in

"This man is a school teach-

"He ought to be fired," Horn-

Shephard taught biology and

physical education. He was em-

ployed in the Weeksville school

in Pasquotank county two years

ago and in the Windsor school

in Bertie county last year. Re-

ports indicate he has a teack-

coming school year.

ing job in California for the

The courtroom was crowded

as Horner and Solicitor Wilton

Walker began plowing through

Two Norfolk youths were

ible trespass charge. The

judge also ordered the owner of

had leased to R. M. Coltraine

to stay out of the structure

unless he had a proper court

order. There were other cases

of trespass and the usual run

Mrs. Helen Meekins was the

only witness to appear against

Shephard. She said a girl who

lived at the motel she and her

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of traffic violations.

restaurant building which he

er-teaching our young," Meek-

ing to the charge.

guilty.

public view.

ins said.

er said.

his arrest.

indecent exposure although her

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Melvin R. Daniels has announced that the Daniels family reunion will be held Monday, Aug. 19 at the Wanchese Bethany Methodist Church.

Rep. W. R. Roberson of Beaufort County will be the speaker at the 4 p.m. gathering.

"We're asking all those who would like to join with us to come on down," Register of Deeds Melvin Daniels said. "Just bring along a little picnic basket, that's all.

'We'll furnish the benches and... lables, and the ice-cream and ice water. And we got the church  $_{zi}$ air-conditioned about three months ago, so I think it will be a little more comforatble this

This (reunion) was started by the honorable Josephus Daniels of Raleigh in 1943, and it's been an annual affair ever since. "You know, the Daniels first came down here from Massachusetts in 1740. My granddady bought about half the island down here, but the Daniels inter-married with the Paynes, the Midgetts and everybody else so that it's all been pretty well divided up now."

WAYES, AYDLETT POST OFFICES REMAIN OPEN; MANTEO ALSO ON SAT.

A memorandum from the Post Office Departments regional office in Atlanta has rescinded and earlier decision to close the post offices at Waves and Aydlett. The memorandum also rescinds an earlier order which would have required the Manteo Post Office to have closed on Sat-

## 'DARE COUNTY NIGHT' AUGUST 18; FREE LOST COLONY SEATS FOR 1000

"Dare County Night" will be observed at "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama on Sunday, August 18—the 381st unniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, first child of England parentage born in the 16th century New

General Manager John W. Fox announced today that 1,000 seats first-asked-for first-served basis, to residents of Dare County. He said the 1,000 tickets are now evailable for distribution from the business office of "The Lost Colony" in the Dare County Community Building in Man-

"We would suggest that a member of the Dare County fumily come into the office and redaest the number of tickets required for the immediate members of the Dare Countty residents," Fox said, "because when the 1.000 tickets are gone, there will be no more on a free basis."

"But," he added, "if there are the Waterside Theatre Box Office on a first-come, first-served the honor in the Jaycee-spon-

Miss Junnita Mitchell, "Miss Dare County" of 1968 in the Jaycee-sponsored contest, will be on hand at the theare on "Dare County Night" to help welcome guests. Fox also said that Barbara Dare Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry, H. Thomas, will make an appearance in the August 18 performance as the baby, "Virginia" Dare". Barbara's mother is Marjalene Thomas, the Queen Elizabeth of the 1968 production of "The Lost Colony", She is the former Marjalene Midgett who was born within a mile or so of the theatre and has been in the drama almost every year since 1988, Harry Thomas is principal of the Elisabeth City high

Another feature of the tradition "Dare County week-end" at Fort Raleigh will be the sixth annual John White Art Show in the Lost Colony Building next to the Elizabethan Garden, Admission will be free to this event scheduled from 1 until 6 I. Long II is in charge of the art show, isaugurated by the late Albert Q. "Skipper" Bell of





JUANITA MITCHELL, daughany left on the night of the welcome guests for "Dare Counspecial performance-August 18 ty Night" at "The Lost Colony" they will be distributed at on August 18. She is "Miss Dare County of 1968," having won

'MISS DARE COUNTY'S



ter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. "Red" Mitchell of Nags Head, will help

Smith.

push-button today. "Take shad, for instances: it

Smith was killed in France in

A bill providing for State created around Buxton.

At Monday's meeting of the

hind his house, says, "I've done lead to the same type problems

board, Dr. Wallace W. Harvey warned that stateownership of own private wildfowl refuge be-this Dare County land could that federal ownership has

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO MRS. MORRISON FOLLOWING SUNDAY NIGHT SHOW



pin. on Friday, Saturday and
Sunday, August 16-18. William SUSAN PALMER, stage manager of The Lost Colony, presented on behalf of the drama's company a dozen long-stemmed red roses at the conclusion of Johnny Walker's and Rick Van Winkle's "An Evening of Dance" in the Educational Workshop Building backstage at Waterside Theatre on Sunday evening. Lost Colony Production Coordinator Duncan Noble introduced Mrs. Morri-"Dare County Night" at behalf of the drama's Company for the interest she and her husband Dr. Fred Morrison have "The Lost Colony" will precede shown in making The Lost Colony one of the greatest of all outdoor productions. Also introduced Family Reunion scheduled at to the audience and receiving a gift of flowers was Sonya Tyven, a dance instructor of the N. C. Wanchese on Monday, August School of the Arts in Winston-Salem under whom many of the Colony dancers have studied. She Rondal K. Tillett spent last week end on the Dare Coast. (Aycock Brown photo)

condemnation and acquisition of Referring to a recent article Coastal estuarine land and in 'Wildlife' magazine, 'Dr. waters is being prepared for Harvey told the other commis-Journal-Sentinel) states that this bill will be introduced during the next session of the

legislature. "In this article," Dr. Harvey continued, "we are being condemned left and right for just about everything we've done down here, including the way we run our mosquito-control

program." The Manteo physician said the magazine ran pictures of drainage ditches in Wanchese and over on the Dare mainland, and stated that "the ditching and draining of our marshland in the name of morquito control . . . sometimes alters beyond our ability to restore the character of the land and water."

Dr. Harvey told the commisioners that: "This article intimates that we in Daro County are hostile to fish and wildlife; See BOARD, Page Five

DARE BOARD MEMBERS PAID THEMSELVES OVER \$2100.00 DURING JULY

One more testimonial to the need for a competent county manager in Dare County is con tained in the records of expenditures during July, for which county commissioners drew a total of \$2110.63 for per diem, travel and meals. This figure does not include any other expenses in connection with operatio of that office.

The hreakdown is as follows:

W. S. White, chairman ... \$710.45 Dr. W. W. Harvey, v-ch 111.25 Pennel A. Tillett ..... J. W. Scarborough ...... 318.35 W. P. Dillon .... 185.46 \$2,110.63 Association.