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JUDGE COUNSELS MARRIAGE FOR PARENTS OF 5

Horner Suggests Wedding Vows In Lieu Of Jail Sentence

District Judge Fentress T. Horner turned social counselor Friday and suggested the unwed parents of five children go through a marriage ceremony and keep the father out of jail.

Ella May Meekins, the mother, quickly said she was ready to get married. The father, Delton Simmons, indicated he would go along with the judge's counsel and marry the woman with whom he said he lived.

Ella May haled Simmons into court on a charge of inadequate support. When the docket was called to 10 a.m. Simmons was not there. Ella May said she had seen him earlier in the day. Horner immediately levied a fine of \$25 on Simmons for failing to appear.

A few minutes later Simmons showed up. Horner canceled the \$25 fine but levied another of \$10 for being late.

Ella May testified that Simmons was two weeks behind in providing support money for their children. She said Simmons was aware of his laggardness because "he is around real often... he was there (at home) last night."

"Why do you let him stay there?" Solicitor Wilton Walker asked.

"Why, I don't know," Ella May replied.

"After five children don't you think it's time to get married?" Walker asked.

Horner interposed with the pointed suggestion Ella May and Simmons get married. He also indicated Simmons might have to do some time on the roads if he didn't get married.

"I'll marry him," Ella May said, smiling.

"I'd rather get married than go to jail," Simmons said, a grin on his face.

The judge continued prayer for judgment for two weeks and said he would forgo assessing costs of \$15. He told Simmons see COURT, Page Four

DARE SCHOOLS TO GET \$5,000 FOR BOOKS AND LAB

The federal government had reallocated about \$5,000 to the Dare County Board of Education for the purchase of library books and scientific laboratory equipment. But the board can't spend the money until federal and state education authorities set a new date for consideration of a marine biology program for this area.

More than a year ago, the board dusted off a marine biology plan created by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., former Manteo mayor and now a county commissioner, and asked the federal government for a planning grant. On Sept. 13, 1967, the board got a grant of \$25,000 to whip the program into shape. The planning cost \$20,000. The plan was turned down by the government because of the cost of the Vietnam war. The government asked that the plan be resubmitted. This was done.

Of the \$5,000 remaining from the grant, federal authorities approved use of \$3,000 for purchase of library books for county schools and expenditure of \$2,000 for scientific laboratory equipment. But the money was not to be spent until a new date conceiving the marine biology project was set.

Seth Henderson, superintendent of public instruction, said he expected a date to be set soon, possibly within a week. He said there was no doubt expenditure of the funds would be approved inasmuch as the \$5,000 in question already had been allocated.

Henderson said he expected eventual approval of the marine biology program. He said the board would keep submitting a plan for the project until it was approved.

NO COURT SEPT. 13 DUE TO SEMINAR FOR JUDGES

There will be no session of District Court here Sept. 13. There will be no judges available.

Judges Fentress T. Horner and W. S. Privott, who serve this district, were called to Chapel Hill for a seminar of all district court judges.

Court attendants said some 40 cases originally had been set for Sept. 13. These will be heard Sept. 20 and Sept. 27.

PREPARING TO GO 'IN THE DRINK'



GEOLOGISTS SPEND SUMMER STUDYING SEDIMENT, LIFE IN DARE COUNTY SOUNDS

An oyster moves his home from one area to another over the years and geologists have a clue as to how sediment is formed.

Seem unconnected? Not when it's the type of work that three marine geologists did this summer in Dare County.

An oyster may move his home as his environment becomes less salty, indicating that the region is becoming less influenced by the ocean.

"We check to see how the salinity changes because this is a controlling factor in organisms," said Dr. Michael O'Connor, one of the geologists.

He explained that the team had concentrated mostly on working their way from Wanchese, around the Inlet and up to Manns Harbor and the north end of Roanoke Island.

"The reason we chose this area is because the area around Wanchese can go from a more marine situation into the brackish water at the north end of the island," Dr. O'Connor said.

He said that the salinity changes indicate different types of organisms and the scientists try to collect samples of sediment from the bottom with these organisms in them.

By examining both the living and dead organisms in this sediment, the men can come to conclusions as to what factors affect the sediment formation.

The project is being sponsored by the East Carolina University geology department, now one year old. The three principal investigators include O'Connor, Dr. Stanley Riggs and Dr. Donald Winston.

Riggs and O'Connor are both assistant professors at ECU and Winston begins a year's leave of absence from the University of Montana at Missoula to teach geology at the University of Oslo in Norway.

The three worked together last summer on a project for Coastal Petroleum Co. in the Gulf of Mexico and on the other

projects.

O'Connor, a native of Eustis, Fla., received his Ph.D. from the University of Montana as did Riggs. Winston received his from the University of Texas.

Riggs is a native of Green Bay, Wis., and did his doctoral work at Beloit College and Dartmouth College. He worked with International Minerals and Chemical Corp. before going to ECU last year.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Winston did his undergraduate work at Williams College and graduate work at the University of Texas. He is now an associate professor at the University of Montana.

O'Connor taught at Florida Atlantic and Florida State Universities before coming to ECU this fall.

This program is a result of ECU's attempting to set up a marine program in their new geology department," Riggs said. "It's done in connection here with land at the old Roanoke School that was given to ECU by Dare County."

He explained that the purpose of the program is threefold: (1) to set up a marine geology program to study the estuaries, sounds, and coastal areas of North Carolina; (2) to evaluate the potential of the natural resources in these marine environments; and (3) to try to create ideas for pollution control and other problems that would help the people of this area.

Most of the work this summer is field work for the laboratory tests they will run all winter at the school.

"This is pretty much reconnaissance work," Riggs said. "There is not much time this summer to get in the lab work."

The three men went out in a 36-foot boat purchased by the school and took turns diving. Each man carried a plastic bag that he put sediment or organisms in.

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OCEAN HIWAY FALL MEETING AT NAGS HEAD

Three States To Be Represented Oct 20-21 in Promotion Planning

The Ocean Hiway Association which was organized in 1935 to develop and promote the Ocean Hiway between New York and Florida, will hold its fall regional meeting at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head, October 20-21.

Members, representing a cross-section of the business communities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, will attend the two-day meeting, to develop promotional programs for the winter and spring seasons.

According to Curtis Brooks of Norfolk, President of the association, the regional meeting will attempt to develop some type of "package plans" for motorists in an attempt to compete with the airlines and other highways which serve the north-south traveler.

Discussing the package plan idea Brooks cited the fact that airlines, working in conjunction with hotels and motels in Florida, have developed and are promoting 6 and 7 days vacations in Florida for as little as \$52 plus airfares. Brooks said that, "if we are to get our share of the travel market, some competitive plan must be developed and promoted extensively. To develop the package plan and then determine how and where to promote it will be our prime objective at this meeting."

Brooks went on to say that John Griffin, executive director of the association, has several proposals to be considered by the members during the meeting. Among them is a magazine which will be distributed to some 10,000 travel agents and AAA clubs on a bi-monthly basis. The magazine will focus attention on the moderate prices and many attractions available to the Ocean Hiway traveler along with interesting articles on special events and other items that may be of interest to those who influence travelers.

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PASTOR HONORED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT, CONGREGATION, FRIENDS



REV. WILLIAM S. BROWN, center is flanked by representatives of Roanoke Island Fire Department, last Sunday following the morning service at Manteo Baptist Church. The plaque, presented by Ellsworth B. Midgett, Jr., right, president of the department, and reads: "Rev. W. S. Brown, in appreciation for services rendered to Manteo Fire Department." The pastor joined the department shortly after coming to Manteo five years ago and has been active during that period as secretary-treasurer, and assistant engineer for more than two years. At left is fire chief J. F. (Jack) Wilson, Jr.

The presentation was followed by a "basket dinner" served on the church grounds and attended by a large portion of the congregation, members of other faiths and well-wishers.

TOWN BOARD DISCUSSES DOGS, DRAINAGE, BLIND CORNERS, VACANT LOTS

The Manteo town board discussed dogs, drainage, blind corners, weed-infested vacant lots, and sewage disposal at its monthly meeting Wednesday.

The town lawmakers approved destruction of a dog accused of biting a Roanoke Island citizen's post-hor, held that a Manteo resident should build up a lot so that the town's drainage system could drain it, instructed the chief of police to look into the blind corner situation, kicked around the idea of cleaning up vacant lots and then billing owners for the labor involved, and expressed hope that work would be started "soon" on the much-discussed and long-awaited sewage disposal plant.

The destruction of the dog belonging to Mary Ellen Davenport sparked discussion of a proposed dog pound to be established and maintained by the town and county. Mayor Sam Midgett said there was no place in the town for a dog pound and that he would take up the matter with the county commissioners.

"The dogs are getting to be a nuisance," Midgett said. "They just accumulate, especially when people don't pay any attention to them and let them run loose."

The dog situation, long a familiar problem in Manteo and on Roanoke Island, was brought to a head by the appearance before the board of Robert S. Smith, Smith said the Davenport dog, a "part" collie, bit him about two weeks ago. He said the dog had not been vaccinated.

Ken Whittington, Manteo police chief, kept the dog tied up for 10 days. Smith reported no ill effects other than pain from the bite. After the dog's restriction period, Whittington disposed of the beast with Mrs. Davenport's permission. This action the board approved.

The board found that the north end of a lot between County and First streets was lower than the town's drainage system. Juanita Parker, town clerk, said the feeling of the board was that the owner should build up the property to meet the drain. She said there was no discussion of the drainage system being lowered to handle the situation.

Chief Whittington said he began looking into the blind corner situation Thursday on order of the board. He said he would check every corner in

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BEGINNING OF A KILL DEVIL HILLS GARDEN PROJECT



SYMBOLICALLY, this photo showing Mrs. L. N. Greene and Kingdon Kirk of Southern Shores and the Rev. Hank Wilkinson of Kitty Hawk Methodist Church marks the beginning of a Sacred Garden on property in the vicinity of the Circus Tent summer location at Kill Devil Hills. Mrs. Greene, of New Brunswick, N. J., who spends much of the year at her Southern Shores cottage, was representing the Dunes of Dare Garden Club which is sponsoring the Sacred Garden. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson was representing the Dare County Ministerial Association which sanctions the Garden, and Kingdon Kirk a former Park Superintendent of Westchester County, N. Y., who moved to Southern Shores when he retired will be associated with sponsors in an advisory capacity. It is planned to make the garden one of the most outstanding and unusual projects of its kind ever attempted anywhere. (Aycock Brown photo)

NAGS HEAD SEEKS ADVICE ON WATER SUPPLY NEEDS

Board Looks Ahead To Demands Of Rising Beach Population

The town board of Nags Head voted unanimously Monday to employ professional engineering advice on how to increase and improve its water supply to meet needs of a rising population at the beach resort.

The board, headed by Mayor W. A. Williams, Jr., agreed to shave its professional advice with the town of Kill Devil Hills which also is experiencing growing pains because of increased use of recreational facilities by summer vacationists.

Williams and board members C. G. Brickle, Carl Nunemaker, Jess Newman, and Dewey Hayman spent considerable time at Monday's monthly meeting discussing plans for increasing the town's water capacity and how to keep the water pure.

Melvin Basnight, water superintendent for the town, said more water was used in Nags Head during August than in any comparable time. It was agreed by Basnight and the board that the time has come to look ahead and prepare to meet demands that are sure to be made for more water than is now available.

Mayor Charles Griffin of Kill Devil Hills met with the Nags Head governing body and participated in the discussion on expansion and improvement of water facilities. He asked Basnight to aid in presenting the problem to the Kill Devil Hills board at its Tuesday night meeting.

"The professional advice to be sought will be used to determine whether to buy a dredge and dragline, for increasing

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C OF C ANNUAL MEETING TO BE SEPTEMBER 21

Membership Drive In Third Week; \$5824 Contributions Through Wednesday

Annual meeting of the Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce is set for Saturday night, Sept. 21. The gathering will be at the Carolinian Hotel in Nags Head and will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30.

The event is the one affair held annually which is attended by much of the membership, although the directors' monthly and call meetings are open to the public. The chamber's non-resident advisory board will also attend the session next week.

Tickets are \$4 per person. They may be obtained from the chamber office and several business locations throughout the area.

Membership Campaign Through Wednesday of this week, the campaign for funds to operate the chamber for fiscal 1968-69 had brought in \$5824, slightly more than one-third the amount collected during last year's drive. The campaign is voluntary, by-mail contributions to date with no solicitation.

A list of those contributors for the new year is published elsewhere in this issue.

CHAMBER MEETING SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING

Tuesday night's scheduled meeting of the Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce was postponed due to failure in assembling a quorum of the directors. Many of the twelve-member body were out-of-town or otherwise engaged.

R. E. Parker, Jr., chamber president, has called a special meeting for 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, to attend to matters on the agenda. The meeting will be the board's final regular session of the fiscal year.

The annual membership meeting will be held on Sept. 21.

GOP LT. GOV. NOMINEE PLANS VISIT TO DARE

Don Garren, GOP nominee for lieutenant-governor subject to the Nov. 5 general election, will visit in Dare County on Sept. 16, according to V. G. Williams, county Republican executive committee chairman.

Williams and other Republicans will accompany the candidate on a tour of all Dare County, which will probably conclude with a dinner in the Avon area.