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STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL FUNCTION IN DARE COUNTY

Interesting Comparisons On Teachers, Taxation, Graduates, Support

"A Ranking of School Administrative Units — July 1968" prepared by The Statistical Services of the Department of Public Instruction gives some interesting and provocative information concerning the schools of North Carolina.

Dare County ranks 151st out of 160 administrative units in the state in enrollment of pupils in the public schools; the smallest enrollment in any of the eastern counties. The holding power of the Dare Schools, the number of 5th graders in 1959 who graduated in 1967 ranks us as 33rd out of 109 counties with a percentage of 63.6 or 68 graduates out of 107 fifth graders. Of these 68 graduates, 35 entered college which ranks Dare as 22nd of 166 administrative units.

Teacher preparation is shown in the fact that Dare ranks 155th of 160 units with teachers of less than an "A" certificate, another way to say it is that 84.6% of our teachers have an "A" or higher certificate. We rank number 15 out of 160 units in the number of teachers paid entirely from local funds. This shows that our effort to lower the number of pupils that each teacher teaches is very good. Dare is not one of the wealthier counties and yet our effort in this direction ranks our schools quite high.

Per-pupil expenditure from all sources—Federal, State, and local ranks us 54th out of 160 administrative units, with an expenditure of \$447.31 per pupil. We are not quite as good in this category as Hyde, Currituck, and Camden counties. Personal income of our population ranks us as 75th out of 100 counties, above Camden and See STATISTICS, Page Six

NEGROES PERSIST SCHOOL 'LAY-OUT,' MAKING DEMANDS

Hyde County negroes numbering about 200 staged a peaceful demonstration in front of the courthouse Tuesday afternoon in "anticipation of the slated arrival" that night of Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC president. He arrived at Engelhard by plane shortly after 9 p. m., accompanied by a party of 5.

Abernathy went to the O. A. Peay School which was the scene of disruptive and destructive activities by some of the negro youths two weeks ago. Abernathy was reported to have returned to Georgia Wednesday afternoon, after speaking to a gathering of some 600.

There were no arrests Tuesday, and the promised mass "jail-in" on Wednesday failed to materialize. Sheriff Charlie J. Cahoon said Wednesday afternoon that the day had been "quiet." He indicated that activities on the civil rights front Wednesday consisted of meetings at Jobe's Chapel Church, headquarters for most of the activity prior to marches.

The Tuesday march culminated with reading of a resolution passed earlier by the primarily-negro Hyde County unit of the N. C. Teachers Association. That resolution called for the board of education to "develop a plan of school desegregation which will utilize all of the existing schools in the county on a desegregated basis."

The resolution threatened that "if no action is taken to relieve the school situation, the members of Hyde County unit of the NCTA will call of the National Education Association to announce a 'sanctions alert' and invoke sanctions if necessary upon Hyde County's school system."

Now entering its third month, the strike of schools originated then because negro elements were alarmed over the projected loss of Davis school at Engelhard and O. A. Peay school at Swan Quarter.

The desegregation plan which triggered the strike was approved by HEW and would eventually bring all students of the county except for Ocracoke into one education facility—the new Mattamuskeet School. The strike is not 100% effective. There are some 60 students attending the Peay school, while about 70 are now enrolled at the Davis school, taking advantage of the educational benefits.

CARLSON WINS WESTVACO 15-YEAR SERVICE AWARD



ALAN CARLSON of Manteo, (right), receives Westvaco's jeweled, 15-year service award from Quentin Bell, manager of Westvaco's North Carolina Woodlands. Carlson, a native of Lynn, Mass., and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and Duke University Graduate School of Forestry, joined Westvaco in November, 1953. He was Tyrrell District Forester until 1960, when he was named Assistant Woodlands Manager.

Active in the Society of American Foresters and local community affairs, Carlson helped organize SAF's Albemarle Chapter and is presently a leader in Scout work in Dare County. He is also a member of Toastmasters. He is a Marine Corps veteran. Carlson is married to the former Miss Jean Allen of Kinston and they have four children.

EXCITING PROGRAM BEING SHAPED FOR DECEMBER 17 CELEBRATION

An exciting program arranged by the Air Force Association and Ralph V. Whitener, secretary of the national advisory board of The First Flight Society is scheduled for Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk on Tuesday, December 17.

The ceremonies beginning at the Visitor Center, Wright Brothers National Memorial at 10:30 o'clock will conclude with the annual First Flight Luncheon at the John Yancey.

Distinguished guests attending this 55th anniversary of the Wright Brothers famous first flights of December 17, 1903, will be Col. Charles "Chuck" Yeager and Col. Jacqueline Cochran.

Col. Yeager was the first man to fly a plane faster than the speed of sound and Col. Cochran was the first woman to perform this feat. Each have many other aviation achievements, and two of four portraits to be unveiled during the luncheon program will be of these two amazing personalities.

Portraits of Admiral Richard Byrd, the first to fly over both the North and South Poles, and Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic will also be unveiled.

The thrilling events of the ceremony at the National Memorial Visitor Center will be memorial flights over the area by at least three branches of the Military, the Air Force, Navy and See PROGRAM, Page Five

COMING NOV. 30TH



MISS BESSIE DRAPER, a long time friend and former health nurse of Dare before illness necessitated her retirement, is scheduled to return to Dare County, Saturday afternoon, November 30. Her plans are to remain through Monday, Dec. 2.

Confined to a wheel chair since a stroke in the spring of 1962 "Draper" as she is known here, will be at the home of Mrs. Raymond Wescott on Pine Street in Manteo.

Mrs. Wescott extends an invitation to all friends of Miss Draper in the area to come by and visit.

MOTEL OWNER'S PLEA GUILTY TO LARCENY CHARGE

Norfolk Man, Backer of Nags Head Development, Heard in Virginia Court Monday

Roy S. Wicker of Norfolk, a principal in the development of Pebble Beach Motel at Nags Head, pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny Monday in Corporation Court, Part II, held in Norfolk.

Wicker changed his plea from not guilty to guilty after a jury heard witnesses' testimony indicating that he (Wicker) had bought lumber stolen from Adlington-Beamon Lumber Co., after setting up a deal with an employee of that firm.

Judge W. Moultrie Gerry who presided declared a mistrial after Wicker indicated he wished to change his plea. He originally had pleaded not guilty.

Gerry said that sentencing will be delayed until Jan. 7 when Wicker will be tried for three other charges of grand larceny. Those cases also related to receipt of stolen merchandise.

Goods valued at \$229.70 were involved in the Monday trial. A key witness was Arvon Zachariah Baxter, 35, a former employee of the lumber firm, who testified that he stole three loads of material which included 20 sheets of 3' x 8' plywood, 36 sheets of 1' x 4' plywood and four doors. Baxter has been indicted for grand larceny and is awaiting trial with three others whom Virginia authorities say provided Wicker with materials from Colonial Block Co.

No direct evidence linking the stolen materials with the Nags Head facility was introduced Monday, but testimony to that effect had been brought out in earlier hearing in police court. Baxter testified that he took four doors to the Channel Club Co. at 771 Stapleton St. on Feb. 28. He said that Wicker asked him to get the doors for which he received \$4 apiece.

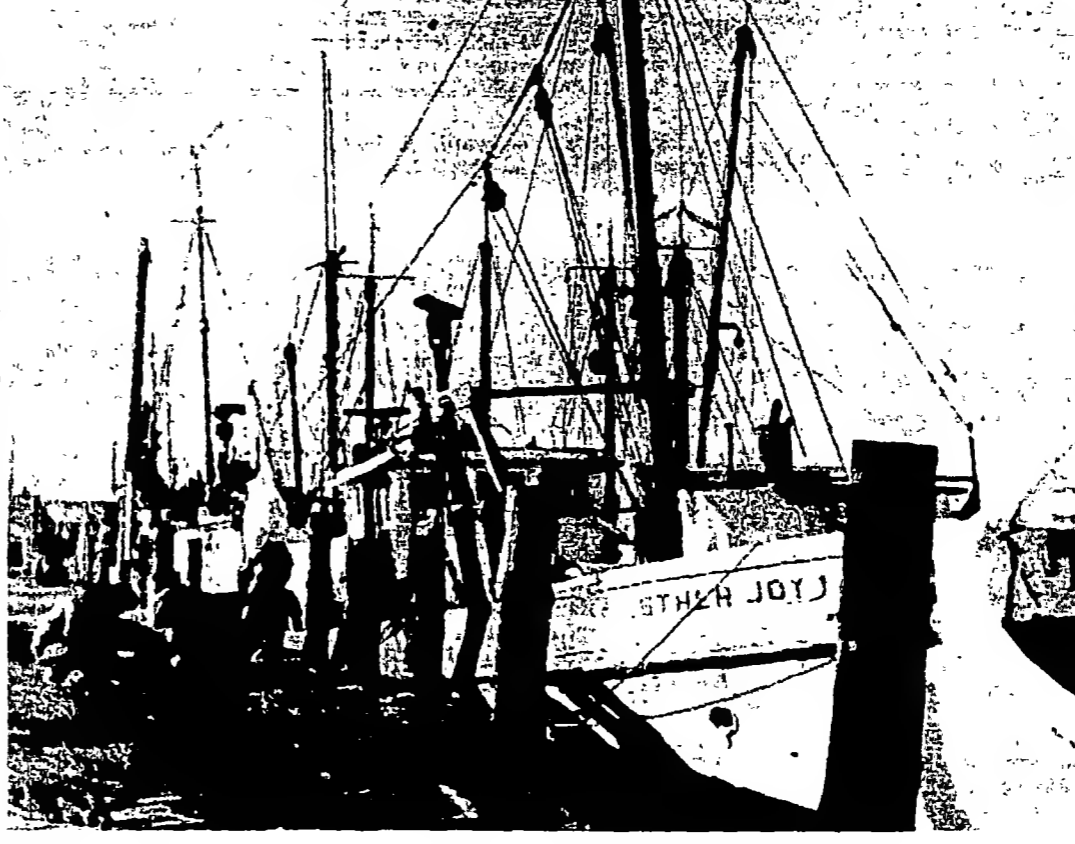
In an opening statement, Gordon Campbell, one of Wicker's attorneys, said the doors were left at the Blue Channel because the driver who delivered them was unable to get to his proper destination. He said the driver was told by Wicker that if the doors were left at the Blue Channel that the risk belonged to the driver. Frederick T. Stant, Jr., who recently was defeated in the U. S. Congressional race, also represented Wicker.

The motel is one of Nags Head's more attractive facilities. It is located on the oceanfront, and earlier was operated by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Jewart who sold their interest some two years ago to Wicker and Ed Coyner, Jr., of Virginia Beach.

Coyner disposed of his interest, and last spring George M. Holmes, operator of a nursing home in Norfolk succeeded Coyner as partner.

In turn the Wicker-Holmes interests were recently deeded to Pebble Beach, Inc., and it is presumed that the ownership interests therein are essentially the same as prior to incorporation.

FISHING FLEET RETURNS TO WANCHESE



SHOWN ARE some of the ocean trawlers in port at Wanchese where up to 50 or more vessels will be basing during the offshore fishing season in waters near Oregon Inlet. At present most of the vessels are dragging for flounder and other bottom species of food fishes, but later there will be swordfishing rigs operating from Wanchese. (Aycock Brown photo)

PLAN YULETIDE BEAUTY NOW FOR ROANOKE ISLAND

Garden Club Invites All Homemakers to Participate in Christmas Decorating Contest

The Roanoke Island Garden Club is asking every homemaker on the island to give evidence of the spirit of Christmas by decorating the main door and possibly the approach to the home in such a manner as to give a feeling of pleasure to passersby, to home visitors and even to the homefolks themselves. VEPCO is encouraging the club's appeal to individual decorators by offering prizes for the best-done doors. An electric frying pan will be the first prize, a toaster for the second and an electric hand mixer as the third prize. Though winning a prize is fun, the club urges that such is of small value compared with making the island more beautiful at the Christmas season.

The off-island judges will evaluate the attractiveness of the decorations on Saturday evening, December 21st, and their evaluation will be based on the following points: 1. Use of natural materials, green, or dried; 2. In keeping with Christmas; 3. Originality of design, emphasizing simplicity; 4. suitability to the placement or location. The judging will include all the homes on the paved streets of Manteo, likewise in Wanchese. Also the main highway through the island from the Washington Baum Bridge to the Umstead Bridge going to Manna Harbor, the road through the Mather Vineyard area and the Airport Road. The project committee is asking that all decorators living private on lanes or roads that head away from the main thoroughfares, such as Seaton Drive, the Park Service residences, Lost Colony dormitories, Rogers Road, Westside and other locations not listed; phone in their names to either Mrs. A. Q. Bell or Mrs. Melvin Jackson of Manteo.

JOHN WILSONS ARE HONORED AS HE RETIRES



JOHN F. WILSON of Manteo, who is retiring as ferry superintendent, was honored by his co-workers employed by the State Highway Commission's ferry system last Friday night, at The Carolinian, Nags Head. He is shown with Mrs. Wilson who shared honors with him and each received gifts, he a watch suitably engraved and she some sparkling jewelry.

More than 125 persons, ferry personnel, active and retired highway officials, plus a multitude of friends attended the banquet preceded by a hospitality hour in the Cypress and Anchor Rooms of the hostelry. George Fuller of Buxton, administrative assistant to the ferry operations manager, arranged the successful party which concluded with a live music dance. (Aycock Brown photo)

TRIMARAN 'TROIKA' RENDERED AID BY OREGON INLET C.G.

Oregon Inlet Coast Guard gave assistance to the trimaran "Troika" early Tuesday morning when its motor became disabled about 20 miles southeast of Oregon Inlet.

The vessel which had asked for assistance was contacted by the Coast Guard and towed into Oregon Inlet about 9 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, of Copaque, N. Y., were aboard the "Troika" which was enroute from Cape May, N. J., to Grand Bahamas, (where the vessel's owner William E. McClatchy lives) when she encountered trouble during a stiff southwest breeze, according to Cape Hatteras National Seashore officials who investigated the incident.

CAPE HATTERAS FEATURE ON TV SPECIAL DEC. 11

National Broadcasting Company's Project XX new season opener, "Down to the Sea in Ships," will feature a segment on North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

The color documentary special, to be televised on December 11 at 10 p. m., "is the story of man on deep waters, a groundswell of nautical drama and adventure, of maritime legend and mystery."

NBC urges viewers to "travel to Cape Hatteras, graveyard of the Atlantic, for a look at the wreckage of ships whose names have long been forgotten in the sea that killed them."

North Carolina's famed Cape, along with the surrounding area, will be featured some seven minutes in the presentation.



HUNTING SEASON IS NOW UNDERWAY

MOST OF THE BLINDS in the sounds and marshes of the Outer Banks were occupied by nimrods hoping to make kills as the migratory wildfowl season opened in North Carolina waters. There were some reports of hunters getting their limits shortly after daybreak on Wednesday. One of the many hunters was Billy Brown of Manteo shown here with his stand of decoys which he hoped would lure wildfowl in range of his blind at Oregon Inlet during the current week before he returns to ECU in Greenville for the winter semester beginning next week. (Aycock Brown photo)

TURKEY SHOOT DEC. 14

A turkey shoot will be held on December 14 at the location of the Circus Tent on U. S. 158 By-pass, Kill Devil Hills from the hours of 1 to 5:30 p. m.

Sponsored by the Outer Banks Kiwanis Club proceeds will be used toward the youth scholarship fund available to seniors at the Manteo High school.

GIANT BLUES TAKEN FROM FISHING PIER

Giant blues, two of them, were caught from the Nags Head Fishing Pier Wednesday afternoon Dave Mizzelle, pier operator, reeled in a 16-pounder, and John Martyn of District Heights, Md., caught a 13-pounder.

Mizzelle reported that a few more were hooked by pier anglers but not landed. "The blues were on the move, and at the rate they were traveling south, they should have been in vicinity of Oregon Inlet by nightfall," he said.

BARNABY PLAQUE TO BE DISPLAYED



THIS PLAQUE OF THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA and featuring the slogan "They Taught Us To Fly" will be on display at the monument during ceremonies marking the 65th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at the National Memorial at Kill Devil Hills. (NPS photo)

BANK ROBBERY AT NAGS HEAD NETS 15-YEAR SENTENCE

Frank Berry Forbes of Shiloh Sentenced in U. S. District Court Tuesday

Frank Berry Forbes, 31, of Shiloh, was sentenced to 15 years confinement in Federal prison Tuesday for his part in robbing the Nags Head branch of Planters National Bank and Trust Company last January 30. The robbery which occurred at about 9:45 a. m. was accomplished by two persons wearing coveralls and caps over their heads and faces. A total of \$13,889 was taken, only \$45 of which has been recovered to date.

The jury in U. S. District Court deliberated one hour and 20 minutes before returning the guilty verdict. Judge John McKenzie of Eastern Virginia District court presided over the session, held in Elizabeth City.

Forbes was arrested on October 24 at a service station on the Camden Causeway where he was employed. His accomplice is still being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Forbes denied on the stand having visited the Dare Beaches within the previous 18 months. Thomas Dowdy, chief of police of Kill Devil Hills, however, said that Forbes along with two others, was in a car that was parked at Avalon Pier, about three miles from the bank, on the night of January 29. He said that he had made the observation between 11:30 p. m. and midnight.

L. S. Blades, III, vice-president of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., showed company records indicating a collect call made the same night from Kill Devil Hills to Forbes' home in Shiloh. The caller gave his name as Frank Forbes.

Some members of the Forbes family testified that the defendant was at home working on cars at the time of the offense.

Forbes' attorney, Clarence Morse, said that the man Chief Dowdy talked to at Avalon pier could have been "another Frank Forbes." The defense attorney also pleaded that anyone could have placed a collect call and given Forbes' name. There are a lot of people with that name in Northeastern North Carolina," he noted.

Government witnesses included four businessmen from the Shiloh and surrounding area who had turned over nine marked \$5 bills to FBI agents. The marked bills were kept in a bank drawer. Eight had been spent by Forbes, the other by George Allen, Jr., Forbes' brother-in-law who was the first to tell the FBI that Forbes had bragged of robbing the bank testimony indicated.

Allen said that Forbes had a lot of \$5 bills that looked "right new." He testified that he saw the defendant washing some of them, and was told that Forbes wanted them to "look old." Allen said he was told by Forbes to "keep my mouth shut" about the bank robbery unless he wanted to see "how a .32 pistol felt." Forbes denied threatening Allen.

Attorney Morse questioned the whereabouts of the rest of the stolen money and said that Forbes could have received the marked money through normal channels. Weldon Hollowell, an assistant district solicitor, said that the bills spent by the defendant ran in "sequence and that there was "no evidence that stolen money had turned up from any other source."

Richard E. Jordan of Manteo, long-time employee of the bank, who was on duty when the crime was committed at Nags Head, said he could not identify either robber because both wore knit caps over their faces. "I couldn't even tell the color of the skin," he said.

He said the first man in approaching pointed a gun at him and told him to "lie down on the floor and do what he told me and I wouldn't get hurt." Jordan said one man stayed by him and asked him the location of the cash drawer. "I heard paper rattling. A few minutes after that the man asked me if there was any money in the vault." He said he told them there was, then heard them go in.

One of the bandits asked him if the vault was ventilated, then they made him crawl in where he stayed for about 10 minutes. They slammed the vault shut and threw the bolts but did not see ROBBERY, Page Six