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District Court Docket To Be Large Nov. 30

A criminal court calendar bearing the names of more than 50 defendants is scheduled for disposition at the Nov. 30 term of District Court.

A backlog of cases was built up because there has been no session of weekly court since Nov. 9. The sessions were skipped because the courtroom was used for a term of civil District Court and a term of criminal Superior Court.

In addition to the considerable number of defendants for court hearing, an even larger group of wrongdoers submitted to the clerk of the court and to magistrates and paid nominal fines and costs. Recent submissions include:

Maurice Lee Quidley, Avon, inspection violation, \$16; Roger Alston Shepherd, Portsmouth, Va., littering, \$16; Edward Ross Tolson, Frisco, defective muffler, \$16; Dana C. Aultman, Hornell, N.Y., 70-55 mph zone, \$26; Jack Burrus, Manteo, failing to secure load, \$16. Shere Williams, Buxton, 65-55 mph zone, \$21; John Arnce, Manteo, breach of peace, \$16; Frank Benedict Orben, Kill Devil Hills, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, \$19; Horace Grady Aycock, Littleton, 50-35 mph zone, \$26; Samuel David Hicks, Manteo, 72-60 mph zone, \$26.

John Jay Douglas, Edenton, registration violation, \$16; Dixie Walker Daniels, Wanchese, 71-60 mph zone, \$26; Matilda Elizabeth Baum, Kitty Hawk, failing to yield right-of-way, \$16; Stephen Wayne Daniels, Manteo, improper parking, \$26; Charlie Vinson McCleave, Manteo, driving without a license, \$41.

Jerome Parker, Battleboro, driving without a license, \$41; Robert Ray Maloney, Norfolk, Va., 65-55 mph zone, \$21; Walter Thomas Martin, Denton, 35-25 mph zone, \$21; John Phillip Dorsett, Arrey, N.M., 70-55 mph zone, \$26; James Ronald Evans, Charlotte, inspection violation, \$16.

James William King, Homer City, Pa., 50-35 mph zone, \$26; Dennis Patrick Shevlin, Norfolk, 75-60 mph zone, \$26; Gerald Wampler Stump, Waynesboro, Va., 35-25 mph zone, \$21; Carroll M. Constance, Buxton, hunting violation, \$26; Stephen V. Schroll, Havana, Ill., boating violation, \$16.

Aubrey Cavanaugh Kitchen, Virginia Beach, Va., 70-55 mph zone, \$26; Joyce Ward Philbrick, Chesapeake, Va., 70-55 mph zone, \$26; Frances Margaret Hurley, Reston, Va., 67-55 mph zone, \$26; Richard Reed Evans, Alexandria, Va., 70-55 mph zone, \$26; Harry Earl Forehand, Hopewell, Va., 65-55 mph zone, \$21.

Jeffrey Wilson Boone, Buxton, registration violation, \$16.

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Dietrich Appointed To Water Authority

William G. Dietrich, former member of the Kill Devil Hills town board, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Dare Beaches Water and Sewer Authority by the Dare County Board of Commissioners.

Dietrich will represent the Kitty Hawk area and fills the vacancy on the six-man Authority board created when Arthur V. Peterson, Southern Shores, left at the end of his two-year appointment.

Alva F. Rollins, newly elected chairman of the Water Authority, in making the announcement of the appointment, noted that Dietrich had been a member of the original Dare Beaches Water Study Group. This group recommended the establishment of the present Authority.

Dietrich is owner-operator of the Lamplighter Cottages in Kill Devil Hills where he presently resides. He is building a home in Southern Shores, however, and expects to be a resident of Kitty Hawk early next year. His move from KDH to Kitty Hawk was the reason he did not seek re-election to the KDH town board.

"Dietrich's background as a businessman and former Kill Devil Hills commissioner along with his past and present interest in the water and sewage problems of the area make him eminently qualified to work with and assist the Dare Beaches Water and Sewer Authority," Rollins said.

Lumber Still His Business



LEIGHTON LINWOOD GIBBS of Wanchese has spent his life on the water and working with lumber, and there is about his still sturdy figure and his clear ruddy complexion something that brings to mind the salt breeze and the good clean redolence of freshly cut wood.

In spite of the approach of his 80th birthday next year, he is a man constantly busy.

Out in his side yard is Dare County's only saw mill. Gibbs built it himself and operates it when he can get proper help. He said somewhat ruefully that the only man he trusts to work with him "couldn't stay away from drink" and got himself a jail sentence. But he's due to be released soon, and stacked up is a load of logs waiting to be cut.

Then there's his house. After his supposed retirement, Gibbs and his wife Evelyn bought the old Capt. Charlie Pugh house in Wanchese near the water. It hadn't been occupied for 15 years and was in such hopeless disrepair that Mrs. Gibbs said, "I cried when I saw it." But together they have restored the big spacious rooms and the white clapboard exterior. Gibbs did all the plumbing repairs and rewiring — even put in a second bath.

Hard work and starting from scratch are nothing new to Gibbs, however, and he comes from a family whose men were used to fending for themselves and making their way without help.

Gibbs tells the story of his great-grandfather, Samuel Dudley, who settled on Portsmouth Island just off Ocracoke early in the 19th century. He was one of three brothers who were raised in London and who all became doctors.

At that time, Portsmouth Island was a busy and flourishing port by reason of its deep inlet, the only one along this part of the coast. About a

Sheriff's Department Armed With Latest Equipment

Law enforcement operations are coming of age in Dare County with the use of some of the latest equipment available in non-metropolitan and rural areas.

The Sheriff's Department here is hooked into the Police Information Network (PIN) which stores traffic information in a "computer brain."

An operator has only to punch on a keyboard the license plate number of any vehicle registered in the United States. In a matter of seconds, the name and address of the owner of the vehicle will appear in green letters on a small black screen in front of the keyboard.

A driving record may be obtained by punching a driver's license number into the computer.

Sheriff Frank M. Cahoon said that PIN now is being programmed so as to provide a store of stolen item information which can be drawn on by punching the serial number of any item on the computer hook-up. This will enable officials to

NPS Director Favors Land Acquisition

Director Ronald Walker of the National Park Service last week advocated the acquisition of private property on Hatteras Island as the best course of action for the Federal government.

Beach nourishment and other erosion control methods such as groins and jetties do not work, he said. "If we find there are some alternatives that we've missed, we'll look at them, but that possibility is limited."

The NPS contends that to continue beach nourishment projects is a waste of taxpayers' money because the sand pumped in to build up beaches under the costly beach nourishment projects is washed away with each storm.

"I personally would like to see the federal government acquire, for a fee, the properties down there," Walker said. "We can no longer pour money into dredging sand into Buxton without seeing the end of the tunnel. And we see none."

"The thing that sold me was that strip — the whole area — is probably one of the most energetic coastal areas we have. The warm southern waters mix with the cold, northern seas and produce terrific forces on the Outer Banks," he said.

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Xmas Lights Will Shine For Parade

Manteo's new Christmas lights will come on for the first time Friday night when they light up the town for the annual Christmas parade. Manteo Woman's Club treasurer Linda Midgett said.

The lights were purchased this year with \$1000 from the town, \$500 from the Manteo Woman's Club, \$500 from the Manteo Lions Club, and the remainder of the \$3500 donated by Manteo businesses and individuals.

In addition to the Manteo High School band and Santa Claus, the parade will feature the Coast Guard LARC, Smokey the Bear and State Forestry Service representatives (unless they are called to fight fires), the Camellia Cow, the Girl Scouts, an Outer Banks Woman's Club float depicting a theme related to the Outer Banks Health Center, a float sponsored by the Duchess of Dare Restaurant and tentatively a float sponsored by the Manteo High School Science Club.

Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Manteo Elementary School, the parade will proceed south on U.S. 64 and 264, turn onto Sir Walter Raleigh Street, make a U-turn around the courthouse, and proceed down Budgeigh Street. The paraders will disperse at the Manteo Elementary School.

The Woman's Club requests motorists not to park on Sir Walter Raleigh and Budgeigh Streets during the parade.

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Heads Cape Hatteras Seashore



JIM L. DUNNING, newly appointed Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras Seashore, sits in his office at Fort Raleigh before a 100-year-old seascape by Thomas Moran. The painting of the storm tossed waves appropriately points up the challenges which the National Park Service official faces in his new post.

Commenting that Outer Banks beach erosion problems were "very complex," Dunning admitted that his first two weeks in office had been devoted to reading and conferring with officials, researchers and residents on the subject.

Dunning assumed duties at Fort Raleigh as superintendent Nov. 11. He comes to his new post from Denver where he was State Director of National Park Service in Colorado. Before moving to Denver, Dunning was Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, and Dinosaur National Monument.

He succeeds Robert D. Barbee who transferred in September to the NPS Western Regional Office in San Francisco.

Dunning is a native Californian — a "fourth generation" native of the state, he said — and holds a civil engineering degree from Fresno State University.

"I've been doing a lot of reading," Dunning said. "You might say I'm in the learning process."

In order to apply what he reads to the actual situation, Dunning said that he had been to Hatteras and talked to surveyors and to Robert Dolan who is under contract to monitor the action of the ocean on the sand which was pumped around Buxton.

"Dolan indicated that the sand is retreating again," Dunning said. He added that all the data about the sand pumping operation was being added to the information already collected about erosion problems.

"Jerry Wright and Ted Mew have the monumental task of bringing together all the expert knowledge gathered over the years," he said. "From this, we can make intelligent conclusions."

Dunning said that a report on the broad situation was due by March 1, 1974, and shuddered at the thought of synthesizing "lifetimes" of work in such a short period.

"We haven't changed any policy toward the Outer Banks," he said. "There are no plans between now and March 1."

Asked about the recent talk of buying property threatened by erosion, Dunning said that this was only one alternative which was being considered. "It is only a consideration now," he said, indicating that it was one among many.

Dunning met with Dare County manager Jack Cahoon, county commissioner William

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Red Cross Plans Swimming Classes For Outer Banks

Red Cross swimming instruction will be offered free in Dare County beginning in January, Dr. Ed North, Dare County Coordinator for Water Safety, announced Tuesday.

Lynne Butcher, who has volunteered four nights a week to teach the courses, emphatically said, "It is so important to learn to swim,

especially in this area. The ocean is treacherous. People need to know how to swim in the ocean. There is a way to swim in rip tides and currents, and people ought to know it."

If enough interest is shown through enrollment in the courses, Miss Butcher said that she will give instructions for beginners, advanced beginners, intermediate swimmers, swimmers, Junior Life Saving, Senior Life Saving, diving, survival swimming, water ballet, water exercises, and for the handicapped.

Each course except the Junior and Senior Life Saving, will be held two nights a week for four weeks. Junior and Senior Life Saving will last eight weeks.

Miss Butcher said she would teach persons of all ages. The youngest one she has instructed in swimming was only three months old, and the oldest was 85.

"I was so proud of her," Miss Butcher said of her 85-year-old student. "It took nine months but she learned to swim, and she received a special commendation for effort. She was so proud."

The beginner courses are for See RED CROSS, Page 7A

Warrant Sworn In Stabbing Case

A warrant sworn out by Mrs. Lloyd Meekins, Jr., Manteo, charged Otis Pledger, also of Manteo, with felonious assault with intent to kill Mrs. Meekins' husband, according to the Dare County Clerk of Court office.

Mrs. Meekins charged in the warrant that Pledger assaulted Lloyd Meekins, Jr. with "a knife with intent to kill, resulting in serious bodily injury." The warrant said that Meekins was stabbed after being struck on the head with a pool cue stick.

Meekins was taken in serious condition to Norfolk General Hospital where "he seems to be doing some better," Mrs. Meekins said.

Police said the incident occurred in Luvada's Place in Manteo.

Sheriff's deputies have served the warrant on Pledger who has posted bond for \$3,000, the Clerk's office said. A hearing has been set for Dec. 14.

Hang-Gliders Plan December Participation



NORTH CAROLINA HANG GLIDER SOCIETY members are slated to gather at the Wright Memorial in Kill Devil Hills on Sunday, Dec. 16, eve of the First Flight celebration. "This will be a big meet so bring kites and friends. We will drop Sunday morning at 9 a.m.," said Tommy Thompson of 104 Wright Street, Lewisville, N. C., spokesman for the organization. This photo by Aycock Brown was made during the summer as members of the organization and others were participating in the sport from atop Jockey's Ridge in Nags Head.

Dare Library Board Hears Well Problem

Water for the library was the chief concern of the Dare County Library Board of Trustees meeting which was held Nov. 26.

Well points in the shallow well which has supplied the building since it was built have become clogged. There is no way to reach the well to remedy the situation since the Harwood Room was built directly over the water source, cementing it in.

Library Board chairman Vera Evans told members that there is not enough room on the property to sink another well. Hook-up with Manteo water is, therefore, necessary. Negotiations are under way to complete running pipes to the library from existing mains. Meanwhile, a hose has been run from the house next door into the library tank, providing minimum water.

Dare librarian Lida Olmstead reported to the board on activities in the library for the quarter. Activities included story hours, club meetings, films, exhibits, and celebration of National Children's Book Week.

Mrs. Olmstead noted that book circulation in each month of the quarter except September over circulation in 1972. Bookmobile circulation fell below 1972 figures, however.

Ann Sanders, Albemarle Regional librarian reported that she had taped interviews with 16 Dare County elementary school children as a part of Nation Children's Book Week. The interviews were broadcast over radio station WOBR.

Mrs. Sanders also interviewed Huntington Cairns, Southern Shores, for station WOBR. That broadcast will be heard Dec. 3 at 10:15 a.m., Mrs. Sanders said. She said she discussed with Cairns the rapid growth of Dare County and the pleasures of the area besides fishing and swimming.

In addition, an hour long Cairnes taped interview with Cairnes was made for the library collection.

Mrs. Olmstead told the board that in the interest of conserving energy, the Bookmobile's schedule had been condensed from five to four days the first week of each month. She said that other measures included setting back the thermostat and using only necessary lights.

The board voted to amend the by-laws providing for a change in the meeting times of the board. According to the new schedule, meetings will be held in January, April, July and October. The day has been changed from Monday to Thursday and the hour from 3 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Republican Dinner Draws 150 Party Members To Hatteras

One of the largest political gatherings to be held in Dare County took place Tuesday night, Nov. 27, in Hatteras when more than 150 GOP party faithful attended a dinner at the Cape Point Restaurant.

Featured speaker was attorney John Wilkinson of Washington, N.C. Dr. W.W. Harvey, Jr., also addressed the group.

The meeting was chaired by Gage Williams, Dare County Republican Party chief.

GOP precinct chairmen were recognized. They were listed as: Goodrich Williams, Manteo, precinct; Weldon Craddock, Manns Harbor precinct; Seymour Gray, Avon precinct; Bennie Barnett, Frisco precinct; Vernon Gaskill, Wanchese precinct, and Dorothy Gaskill, Nags Head precinct.

Robert McWilliams was duly elected Nags Head precinct chairman recently. He was also duly elected an alternate to the state convention. McWilliams said that he had not been notified of the dinner. It was also pointed out at the dinner that a precinct chairman was needed for Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head.

Special recognition was given at the dinner to Vernon Gaskill, I.G. Scarborough, and Orville Scarborough for their outstanding work.

Wilkinson spoke on Republican philosophy, terming

the party "the real party of the people." He said that the Democratic party had abandoned the wishes of the people. He commented on the fact that the Democrats had been in power at the outset of every war except the Spanish-American war and that GOP administrations had ended the war.

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Golf Tournament Proceeds Go To OB Health Center

Golfers may support the Outer Banks Health Center as they golf this weekend at Duck Woods and Sea Seape Golf Courses by entering the Outer Banks Woman's Club sponsored tournament.

The \$5-green fees for tournament participants at Duck Woods Dec. 1 and at Sea Seape Dec. 2 will be given to the Outer Banks Woman's Club as part of its \$3500 pledge to the Health Center.

A luncheon will be available and prizes to winners will be awarded on Dec. 2, according to the Woman's Club.

Categories for entrants include Men's, Ladies, Mixed Scotch Foursome, First-time, and Juniors. Reservations may be made by calling Duck Woods at 441-5561, Sea Seape at 441-5528, or simply by registering at the club during the weekend.