

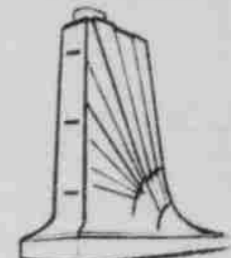
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Alky User Is Grounded For 2 Years, Fined

Judge Fentress T. Horner sentenced two convicted violators of narcotics laws to jail in District Court Friday and levied a heavy fine on a third because of his youth.

Horner also sentenced two admitted shoplifters to perform many hours of work for their victims in lieu of going to jail.

Henry Steward Hassell, 32, with addresses in Virginia Beach, Va., Manns Harbor, and Austin, Texas, felt the court's wrath because of his attempts to make a mockery of the state's traffic laws, especially as they relate to use of alcohol.

Several months ago, Hassell surfaced here after a sojourn in Austin. He was arrested on a charge of drunk driving. He refused to take a breathalyzer test which would have determined exactly his state of inebriation. For such refusal, he automatically lost his driving permit for six months. He was convicted in District Court and sentenced. He got the standard punishment, including an additional 12 months' suspension of his driving permit.

Hassell appealed to Superior Court, pled guilty, and received confirmation of his lower court punishment — including loss of driving permit. He said in open court that he had mailed his Texas permit to the Texas department of motor vehicles.

A few weeks later, Hassell was picked up and charged with driving while his license was revoked. He had a license — from Virginia. Horner asked how he got the Virginia permit.

"Why, I told the license people in Virginia Beach about my troubles here and said I needed a permit," Hassell said, "and they gave me one."

"You lie," Horner said. "You lied when you got that license. The state of Virginia doesn't give out driving permits in face of convictions like yours."

Horner sentenced Hassell to six months suspended for five years upon payment of a fine of \$200 and costs and ordered him not to operate a motor vehicle for two years. Hassell appealed under \$300 bond.

Records in the clerk of the court's office show that Hassell is under a second charge of driving while license revoked.

Richard Rush Furst, 19, Pt. Pleasant, Pa., pled guilty to a charge of shoplifting artificial bait valued at \$1.56 from a fishing pier. He got 90 days suspended on condition he report daily to the pier and work from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at any task assigned until Aug. 31. He was ordered to pay costs.

Billy Wayne Gibson, 22, Williamston, pled guilty to a charge of shoplifting post cards valued at \$3.08 from a fishing pier. He was sentenced to six months suspended upon condition he report to the pier manager Oct. 16 and work daily at various assigned tasks for 30 days. He was ordered to pay costs and to stay sober.

William Hartwell Cox, 16; Thomas Franklin Cox, 18; and Lee Allaby Rives Stott, 17, all of Bon Air, Va., pled guilty to possession of 12.5 grams of marijuana.

The defendants really were small boys. Their baby faces were framed by the prevailing long hair which made them look even younger than their years.

The older Cox and Stott each was sentenced to six months in jail. William Cox, because of his age, got six months suspended for five years upon payment of a fine of \$500 and costs and put on good behavior for five years. The older Cox and Stott appealed their jail sentences.

Harry Edward Niser, 34, Manteo, pled guilty to a charge of failing to stop his boat at the order of state officer.

William Biggs of the wildlife protection service said he saw Niser's boat running without lights in Roanoke Sound and challenged it. Biggs said the Niser boat slipped away and went under the Roanoke Sound bridge at a point the state boat could not follow. Shortly thereafter, Biggs said, he was able to apprehend Niser.

The judge sentenced Niser to six months suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200 and costs.

Hendon Hunt Riddle, 23, Nags Head, pled guilty to charges of speeding 50 miles per

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Her Book Is For Children



ANITA FLETCHER of Ocracoke is the artist-author of a new book expressly for children — "A Coloring Book Guide To The Outer Banks." She is shown with her two daughters, Molly (1) and Lamarr to whom she has dedicated the book. The book is now on sale at Ocracoke gift shops and stores and those of other Outer Banks' towns and villages.

Mrs. Fletcher started the book "because it was something that wasn't here." She thought it would be representative of the Outer Banks and something children would like. (V. Evans photo)

The book contains simple pictures of Outer Banks scenes of historical and general interest which all children will relate to and enjoy coloring. Ocracoke ponies, a campsite, Blackbeard, the area lighthouses, feeding the gulls from a ferryboat are among the pictures which even the youngest child will recognize.

Mrs. Fletcher, a native of Engelhard, and her husband, David, who hails from Edenton, first lived on Ocracoke when Fletcher was local ranger with the Park Service. When they were transferred from Ocracoke, they "missed it so much" that they determined to go back. Fletcher left the Park Service and now is employed by the N.C. Wildlife Commission on Ocracoke, Bodie and Hatteras Islands.

"It's a fine place to live," Mrs. Fletcher said. Many of the pictures in the coloring book are of Ocracoke scenes and reflect her love for and interest in the area's beauty and history. "A Coloring Book Guide to the Outer Banks," by Anita Fletcher, Times Printing Co. publishers, 16 pp., \$1.25. (V. Evans photo)

Cape Hatteras Chief Ranger



LAWRENCE D. ROUSH has recently taken up his duties as Chief Ranger for the Cape Hatteras Seashore.

Roush comes to Roanoke Island from the National Park Service Regional office. Prior to that assignment, he served as superintendent of a small park in Arizona and one in Alabama.

He replaces Robert Cheesman who has been assigned to Florida. As chief ranger, Roush is responsible for the protection of the park's resources and the people who visit it. "Forest fires, safety hazards, law enforcement — they all come under the responsibility of the chief ranger," he said.

Roush is married and has two sons, 16 and 4. The family resides at Fort Raleigh. (V. Evans photo)

Geologic Past Of Outer Banks Explored

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series on the natural environment of the Outer Banks. Much in the news today, the environment will become increasingly important in the future. This exploration of the geologic past of the Outer Banks will set the scene for future studies of the fish, birds, shells, plants and trees — among others — which go to make up the barrier islands.

By HILDA BUKOWSKI
Raw northeast winds began suddenly to whip the sea into furious waves. Under bleak skies, the air became permeated with icy salt spray blown from the frothy breakers. And snow began to fall. Without mercy, the sea assaulted the Outer Banks in mid-February 1973.

Before the onslaught ended, a dozen cottages in Kitty Hawk fell victim to the sea; the 90-year-old Arlington Hotel in Nags Head suffered fatal injury; and three motels in Buxton were licking their wounds.

Lying beneath the in-transigent ocean breakers were some 1,000 feet of broken asphalt from N. C. 12, the single highway linking the Hatteras Island villages with each other and with the rest of the world. Eleven years earlier the rampaging ocean had cut completely through Hatteras Island, forming a new inlet.

Despite the catastrophic nature of these recurrent events, they are an important part of the continuing existence of the barrier island system, according to recent scientific studies. Hurricanes and nor'easters regularly lash the island chain, eroding it in places, relocating sediment, cutting inlets, and closing others.

"This process is not destructive, but constructive, if undisturbed by man," ecologist Paul J. Godfrey said. "It is the means by which the ocean builds and moves the barrier islands, and this movement is essential for their continued survival."

The drama of the massive process responsible for the formation of barrier islands dwarfs the mightiest storms and hurricanes of today when viewed in terms of the geologic history of the earth and the worldwide effects of these processes during "the ice age."

Under great forces of the universe, the earth was born some five billion years ago. And after two billion years had passed, life began on earth.

Nearly three billion more years had passed when mysteriously things began to change. It was then only about 2.5 million years ago that the earth became cooler and the first of four great glacial epochs began. This was the Pleistocene era. Scientists are still unable to explain the sudden cooling of the earth's climates which had previously been warmer and lacked the harsh contrasts between the arctic and the tropics.

The last great glacier, the Wisconsin, is still having its effects upon the earth. It began its invasion of the North American continent about 40,000 years ago. By 15,000 to 20,000 years ago it had reached its greatest penetration.

The massive ice sheets had trapped enough sea water as they spread southward to lower sea level 300 feet from its present level. The shoreline of North Carolina and Virginia was then 50 to 100 miles east of today's coast.

Formed during the melting of the Wisconsin Glacier was the barrier island chain which borders much of the east coast of the United States and includes the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

One widely accepted theory among scientists holds that the barriers formed about 4,000 to 5,000 years ago when the melting of the glacier slowed enough to permit sand dunes to form before the retreating coastline. When this happened, the rising ocean flooded the land behind the dunes separating them from the mainland.

Another theory projects that the barriers were formed by the longshore current which gradually deposited sediment in projections, called spits, from

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Park Service To Reenact Beach Apparatus Drill



HISTORIC BEACH APPARATUS DRILL is shown in an old photograph. A re-enactment of this drill will be presented on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. near Coquina Beach by Cape Hatteras Seashore. In the foreground is the cart which carried the rope used in the rescue operation. The man on the platform at left represents the sailor stranded on his boat at sea. The object dangling in midair is the breeches buoy, a pair of canvas pants

attached to a pulley, into which the sailor climbed and was pulled across the waves to land. The rope which extended from land to ship was shot by the famous lyle gun.

Cape Hatteras Seashore is presenting this demonstration of "living history" to aid the visitor in understanding the history of the area and the lives of the men who served, many times heroically, in the Life Saving Service and the Coast Guard. (Photo courtesy of National Park Service)

Morgan To Be Daniels Day Speaker



HON. ROBERT MORGAN, attorney general of North Carolina, is to be the featured speaker at the annual gathering of the Daniels clan on August 19 at 4:30 p.m. The clan will meet at the Methodist Church ground at Wanchese, the home place of the clan.

Morgan, Democratic nominee for the United States Senate, will be presented to the clan by Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., son of the late Mr. Daniels, one of the founders of the annual gathering.

"Daniels Day" as the gathering is now known, was started some 40 years ago by the late Josephus Daniels and the late Melvin R. Daniels.

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'Living History' At Coquina Beach Wed., Aug. 14

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Superintendent J. L. Dunning announced today that a re-enactment of the historic Beach Apparatus Drill will be presented Wednesday August 14 at 2:00 p.m. near the site of the Laura A. Barnes shipwreck at Coquina Beach.

The beach apparatus and techniques to be demonstrated were first used by the U.S. Lifesaving Service (1874-1915) and then by the U.S. Coast Guard until about 1954 to rescue sailors from their stranded vessels.

The two most exciting elements of the beach apparatus drill are the firing of the

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Local Officials In Raleigh To Block Shipyard Move

A report that the State Department of Transportation was considering moving the shipyard and maintenance operation from Manns Harbor to New Bern sent a delegation of county and party officials to Raleigh Thursday.

The group met with Elizabeth Holmes, assistant to Troy Doby, Secretary of the DOT. Making the trip to Raleigh were: county commissioners Russ Langley, Rondal Tillett and Tom Gray, county manager Jack Cahoon, Gage Williams, chairman of the county Republican Party, Goodrich Williams, member of the Republican Party executive committee, and Hughes Tillett.

The proposal to move the shipyard was made because it was believed that the Manns

Harbor site did not have room for expansion to accommodate two new and larger ferryboats.

"They claimed that the ferries couldn't be hauled on the railways over there," Gage Williams said. "We told them the rails situation could be remedied by spending \$2,300,000."

"Ms. Holmes was very well informed on the area," Langley said. "But she was under the impression that we didn't have the acreage for expansion."

Both Langley and Cahoon made statements at the meeting, citing the disastrous effect of removing a \$363,000 annual payroll from the county and the fact that state operations bring the third of the county's only three industries.

Langley and Williams said that Ms. Holmes was "very sympathetic" and that they felt the meeting was highly successful.

"Ms. Holmes assured the committee that nothing would be done any time as soon as far as moving the facility," Langley said. "She said that she wanted to know a lot more about

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Free SCS Booklet



HENRIETTA LIST from the Dare County Soil Conservation Office delivers the first set of booklets, entitled "An Appraisal of the 1974 Potential for Outdoor Recreation in Dare County, North Carolina," to Times Printing, Inc. for binding. The publication was compiled in large part by personnel from the Soil Conservation office with assistance from various other governmental agencies and bodies. It provides a general analysis of development potential of various aspects of the county's recreation industry. The booklet is free upon request at the Soil Conservation office in Manteo.

In classifying ten categories of development, the researchers took into consideration such elements as climate, scenery and scenic areas, natural areas, historic areas, soils, water, fish and wildlife, populations of people, proximity and access, rural ownership, and land use patterns.

The ten categories which were classified as to high, See SCS, Page 1

Coast Guard Reports Numerous Cases

Coast Guard Group Cape Hatteras personnel were kept busy searching for, refloating, and towing vessels which were in distress during the week of July 29 through August 4.

Oregon Inlet crewmen reported nine cases. Five of these vessels were disabled with engine trouble and had to be towed to safe moorings.

The coastguardsmen refloated the Michelle and the Sea Foam, both party boats, which were taking on water. A third vessel had to be refloated and towed to safe mooring. Passengers in an outboard motorboat which had capsized had to be carried to shore by the Coast Guard while a private boat towed the capsized vessel to safe mooring.

Hatteras Inlet crewmen towed the Ronny, which was disabled with engine trouble, to safe mooring. They also assisted in a search for an overdue craft which was eventually located by other authorities.

When the sailboat, Sea Witch, went aground, personnel from the Light Attendant Station Coinjock rendered assistance and towed the vessel to safe mooring. They also participated in a search for an overdue outboard which they located. Ocracoke crewmen refloated the Odax which was lost and aground. They towed to safe mooring the fishing vessels Judy and AnnieLee.