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COURT KEEPS PRESSURE ON WRONG-DOERS IN DARE

District Judge Fentress Horner continued his war on drunk and reckless drivers, shoplifters, and speeders in Dare County during a lengthy court session Friday.

He levied sizable penalties on four persons charged with speeding 100 miles per hour or more, ordered state road work for a man who passed worthless checks, and again expressed forcibly his impatience with persons found guilty of shoplifting.

Walter Ray Nixon of near Hertford, told the court he had cashed five checks totaling \$635 although he had no money in the bank. He said he did it "to pay bills." On his plea of guilty Horner sentenced him to 30 months the roads. The judge told Nixon he was "getting off light, because you could get two years on each count, or a total of 10 years."

The speeders caught doing 100 miles per hour or more were St. Clair Tillett, 17, Manteo; Hugh Allen Whitehead, 16, Buxton; Bobby Ray Casey, Richmond, Va.; and Brian Francis Lay, 20, Buxton.

Tillett and Whitehead were caught by Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bassett after a chase through Buxton. Bassett said the boys were driving tandem and pulled away from his police car traveling at 105 miles per hour. Tillett offered to plead guilty to driving 70 miles per hour in a 55-mile zone but Horner wouldn't permit it.

The judge put Tillett and Whitehead on probation for 12 months, fined them \$100 and costs each, and suspended their driver's licenses for a year. He gave each until Aug. 1 to pay their fines and insisted they earn the money for the penalty.

Casey pled guilty and got 90 days suspended on payment of a fine of \$150 and costs. His license was lifted for 12 months. Lay pled guilty to reckless driving as well as excessive speed and was sentenced to 12 months on the road suspended on payment of a fine of \$200 and costs. His license also was suspended for a year.

Michael Glenn Christian and Robert Paul Lang, both of Charlottesville, Va., were found guilty of shoplifting two small packages of imported ham from the Trading Post, a grocery store at Nags Head.

Horner fined the boys \$100 each and said he was "sorry to see young men like these get into trouble." He mentioned briefly another shoplifting case involving four Manteo high school youths which occurred at Nags Head in June. He also warned he would start sending violators to jail unless the wave of shoplifting stopped.

Richard Baer, III, operator of the grocery, testified he saw Christian "stuff something under his shirt." He said he then ran to the boys' car, opened an ice chest, and found two packages of ham which he claimed had not been paid for.

Both boys insisted the ham had been purchased on a previous trip to the store. Their attorney, Russell Twiford, pointed out that no one had seen the boys take anything, and that no search warrant was in evidence when Baer reached into the ice chest.

Horner said he was about to be lenient with Lenville A. Meekins, Avon, on a charge of drunken driving but changed his mind when Prosecutor Wilton Walker noted that the defendant had pled guilty to a similar charge five years ago.

"I was about to turn you loose, but I can't do it now," Horner said after Walker's blockbusting.

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MAGISTRATE APPOINTMENT GOES TO FORMER DEPUTY

George R. Frank, Kill Devil Hills, has been appointed magistrate of Dare County to assist other law enforcement officials in handling violations during the busy season at beach resort areas.

Frank, a former deputy sheriff, was appointed by Superior Court Judge Walter W. Cahoon, resident judge at Elizabeth City. The appointment was recommended by District Judge Fentress Horner who usually conducts court in Dare County.

Frank as magistrate will take some of the load off Magistrate Ralph Swain. Swain said he has been called upon day and night, seven days a week, to issue warrants and consider minor violations occasioned by the busy season on the beach.

NEGRO TO FACE MURDER CHARGE IN FALL TERM

Clyde Ferbee, 28, Currituck county negro, was bound over Friday to the fall term of Superior Court for trial on charges of second degree murder in the death of John Ellis, 26, also a negro from Currituck.

Ferbee was released under \$3000 bond after a preliminary hearing before District Judge Fentress Horner.

The shooting occurred about midnight June 23, according to testimony at the hearing.

Ferbee and Ellis and a group of friends rode from Currituck to Manteo in Ferbee's car. Levi Simpson, one of the passengers, said Ferbee and Ellis argued during most of the trip. He said Ferbee held a gun on Ellis and finally ordered him out of the car. He said Ferbee stopped the car suddenly and then he heard a gunshot.

Simpson said he didn't know what had happened to Ellis but he saw some blood on Ellis' shirt. He said there was no blood before the gunshot.

Simpson insisted he didn't know what had happened to Ellis because "I was looking out the window and didn't pay too much attention to what was going on." He said he "was sure nervous."

After the shooting, Ferbee took Ellis to a hospital at Elizabeth City where he was pronounced dead.

600 SCOUTS TO ATTEND COAST HERITAGE TRAIL TOUR IN DARE SATURDAY

The population of Dare County, already increased by the large number of summer residents and visitors, will swell even more on Saturday with the influx of six hundred and twenty-five Coastal Carolina Council Girl Scouts and their leaders, coming to the area for the Dare Coast Heritage Trail Tour.

The tour, commencing at 1 p.m., will include Fort Raleigh, Wright Memorial, The Elizabethan Gardens and Bodie Island, as well as most other area points of interest and significance.

Two hundred of the Scouts will be housed at the 4-H Camp, twenty-six will be at the Salvo Campground, two hundred and eighty-one girls will come for the day only, and the remaining number have made private arrangements for housing.

Manteo Girl Scouts will serve as tour guides and hostesses for the incoming group. Members of the Manteo Womens Club, which sponsors the local Scouts, will assist on Saturday. They are: Mesdames Kenneth Whitney, Arvin Midget, Bobby Owens, Annie Spone, Nancy Whaley, Joe Pool, Earl Green, Mearl See SCOUTS, Page Two

DISTINGUISHED DANCER VISITS LOST COLONY



MISS ALICE CONDODINO, a distinguished member of the Jose Limon Dance Company, is shown with Duncan Noble, production coordinator and assistant to Joe Layton of The Lost Colony, at Waterside Theatre last week end. She now has her own dance group and will be doing guest appearances this summer as well as with the Limon company at Connecticut College this summer. She has been a guest teacher at the North Carolina School of Arts in Winston-Salem, from which many students are members of The Lost Colony company. Noble stated that Life magazine features her classes in an article for publication during the coming autumn. (Aycock Brown photo)

CAPE HATTERAS WATER FUNDS ARE FINALLY OKAYED

Farmers Home Administration Loan of \$705,000, Grant of \$570,000 to Build System

Congressman Walter B Jones announced today the approval of loans and grants totaling \$1,275,000 for the Cape Hatteras Water Association, Inc. The Congressman said the funds include an outright grant of \$570,000 and a loan of \$705,000. The latter amount was increased by \$75,000 to cover the costs not anticipated when the funds were originally sought.

The Association will serve upwards of 500 customers in the Hatteras, Frisco and Buxton areas and is anticipated to be in use by spring or summer of 1968.

The additional \$75,000 was requested of Farmers Home Administration after bids opened several weeks ago exceeded estimates.

NAGS HEAD TOWN BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTS NEW BUDGET

The Nags Head town board by unanimous approval of commissioners present, voted to accept the proposed 1967-68 budget. The budget, which calls for a \$4,631.70 increase for the coming fiscal year, was presented June 19 at a special board session, at which time it was tentatively approved.

The new budget, totaling \$137,997.19, will be allocated as follows: administration, \$19,785; police department, \$18,850; maintenance shop and street department, \$16,245; fire department, \$10,350; and water department, \$23,505.

The debt service is increased from \$49,387.50 to \$49,633.50, with payment on the land purchased for the watershed decreased to \$7,874.69 from last year's figure of \$8,296.44.

The tax rate, which is now set at 95 cents on each \$100 valuation, will remain the same.

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting, held on July 3 at 9 a.m. in the Nags Head Town Hall, was attended by Mayor W. A. Williams, Jr.; Commissioners C. G. Brickle; J. L. Newman and C. P. Nummacker. Dewey L. Hayman was unable to attend.

The board received a delegation of citizens from the area around Whalebone Junction, requesting that Plover Street, located in the Whalebone area between 158 Business and Bypass, be opened and paved. Percy Meekins acted as spokesman for the group, saying that the opening of this road would help business in the area considerably by making the section more accessible.

No action was taken, but the commissioners placed the matter under advisement, stating that it was not possible to open See BOARD, Page Two

SLAIN MEMBER OF THE LOST COLONY COMPANY



BRENDA JOYCE HOLLAND, who would have been 20 years old Saturday, missing since Saturday, was the victim of death by peculiar circumstances. Her body was retrieved from Albemarle Sound Thursday and sent to the Norfolk Crime Laboratory for examination. Speculation is that the perpetrator of the heinous act threw the body into the water from the Umstead bridge spanning Croatan Sound. No positive leads had been established at press time Thursday.

HARRIED, HURRIED, HECTIC HOLIDAY FOR NAGS HEAD, KILL DEVIL HILLS

The police departments at Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills spent the past Fourth of July holiday on a variety of matters from larceny to burst pipes, but still managed to come up smiling on Wednesday.

Chief Donnie Twyne of the Nags Head department, still going, after almost twenty-hour duty for the past five days, reported that the majority of his arrests were for violation of the Nags Head surfing ordinance. The ordinance prohibits surfing within 350 feet of the piers.

Twyne said he had taken in 27 surfers in violation, and in addition to this had warned seven underage youngsters engaged in the sport.

Twyne and his assistant, Mike Wood of Greensboro, a student at the University of North Carolina, have been on call twenty-four hours a day working in sixteen-to-seventeen hour shifts each, often keeping both cars going simultaneously.

The Nags Head department had approximately twelve traffic violations over the week end, mostly speeding, a few for reckless driving and one drunk driving charge.

Shoplifting episodes at both the Colony House and The Gallon took up part of Saturday. Around ten persons were cited for public drunkenness, but Chief Twyne says this is about average for any summer week end.

TWYNE AND SWAIN HAVE BUSY TIME ENFORCING SURFING ORDINANCE

Police Chief D. F. Twyne, Nags Head, and Magistrate Ralph Swain, Manteo, were busy during the July Fourth holiday week end enforcing the Nags Head town ordinance relating to surf board riders.

Twyne said he picked up 27 violators of the surfing ordinance July 1-4. That time was the high point for vacationing population on the beach. Twyne said he found no violators July 5-6.

The violators were given citations to appear before Swain who assessed them costs of court—\$15 each. Most of them paid promptly, he said.

Swain said most of the violators were from out of town and out of state.

The surfing ordinance prohibits surfers from riding their boards on the waves within 350 of any fishing pier.

Twyne said the piers at Nags Head had signs on either side, and that signs also were attached to buoys offshore.

TWO DROWNED IN DARE SURF OVER HOLIDAYS

Tragedies Five Days Apart Break Dare Beaches' Five Year Record

For over five years there has not been a water fatality on the Dare Beaches. This record was broken Friday, June 30 by the drowning of a West Virginia youth and again Wednesday, July 5, when a New York visitor met his death.

Ham Yong Lee, 18-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Kwan H. Lee of Beckley, W. Va., was drowned off the beach at Ocean View Cottage Court, where his family was vacationing, around 11 a.m. Friday.

Lee's mother, who was on the beach at the time, stated that she had seen her son go under, but assumed he was swimming underwater, which he had been doing for some time that morning.

Another eyewitness, Lt. Col. J. L. Lockley, Woodbridge, Virginia, is quoted as saying the boy was diving and swimming underwater in surf no more than waist high. Lockley, like Mrs. Lee, thought the youth was merely playing when he did not emerge.

After several moments, however, he became alarmed and summoned Bob Burgess, Beach Service lifeguard from the station located at the Kitty Hawk Manor.

Burgess began immediately to search for Lee beyond the shallow area, using the rescue float provided for that purpose. Ocean View Manager Charles Bailey secured the additional services of Woody Boyce from the Cavalier, and the two together located Lee.

Both the Ocean Rescue Service and the Kill Devil Hills Resuscitator were immediately on hand. Dr. G. M. Harbart, Charlottesville, Va., a member of the University of Virginia School of Medicine faculty, vacationing in the area, administered heart message to the youth, while members of the Ocean Rescue Squad kept up mouth to mouth resuscitation for two hours. Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., of Manteo was also summoned to the scene.

Jay Richardson, owner of the J & J Beach Service which furnishes the beach lifeguards and maintains the Ocean Rescue Team, stated that very little water was expelled from the youth.

Shortly after 1 p.m., Lee was pronounced dead.

Second Tragedy
Dare's second drowning occurred DROWINGS, Page Four

BODY OF LOST COLONY GIRL FOUND IN MOUTH OF ALBEMARLE SOUND

Brenda Joyce Holland Spotted From Air And Pulled From Water After Missing Since July 1; Remains Sent To Norfolk Crime Lab To Determine Cause of Death; No Suspects Held; Sheriff Predicts Long Investigation.

The body of Brenda Joyce Holland, a member of the Lost Colony company, was pulled from the gray, placid waters of Albemarle Sound about four miles west of Mashoes shortly before noon Thursday.

Miss Holland, 19, had been missing since July 1.

Dare County Sheriff Frank Cahoon said identification of the body was difficult because of its condition. The body was sent to the crime laboratory at Norfolk, Va., for an autopsy and clues to cause of death.

The body was spotted by Maj. John A. King, Kinston, and Capt. Jack S. Howell, members of a Civil Air Patrol group aiding in the search. Searchers on the ground then put out a small boat and picked up the body, practically at the mouth of Mashoes Creek and in the wash of the sound.

Cahoon said he did not know how the girl died. He said he would let the crime lab experts provide the answer.

"This is no matter for an amateur to guess at," Cahoon said.

Asked what his next step would be, Cahoon said, "a lot of investigating."

The sheriff, weary from almost constant searching, said there was no one under arrest in connection with the girl's death, and that he had no suspects in mind.

It is believed that the Holland girl left the home of Danny Barber, a singer in the show, sometime after Barber fell asleep. They had been to a local tavern, as is the custom with the cast and crew of the company, after the Friday evening performance, according to Barber, a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and were seen there by friends.

They left the tavern and drove to a Nags Head fishing pier, where they stayed for a short time watching the fishermen. Following this, they returned to Barber's house, which he shares with Rodney Britt.

Seventy-five members of the Lost Colony cast and crew joined Sheriff's department officials on Monday to help search for their missing member in a wooded area near which a pocketbook and wallet belonging to Miss Holland were found.

George Washington King, a local Negro, brought the wallet into the Dare County A.B.C. store in Manteo between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Monday, showing it to store manager Guy Midgett. Midgett quoted King as saying, "I found this Saturday night. Do you suppose it belongs to that girl that's missing?" King is unable to read, so Midgett looked in the wallet which contained a driver's license. He then checked the paper, and finding the name the same, told King to take it to the sheriff's department.

Midgett said he assumed that King would do so, as he did not seem upset or reluctant to do so. Midgett told A.B.C. Supervisor Robert Midgett of the incident. A while later he said he heard Midgett calling the sheriff's department to see if King had brought in the wallet. He had not.

King was reportedly fearful that he would be locked up for public drunkenness, the reason for his failure to report directly to the sheriff's office.

King was picked up and questioned by sheriff's officers. He took the officers to the roadway on which he said he found the billfold while driving a farm tractor. A search of the area uncovered a shoulder pocketbook, later identified as Miss Holland's. The pocketbook was located some 100 feet from where King found the billfold. Cosmetics were strewn, according to deputies for 20 feet.

A borrow pit at a nearby asphalt plant was searched, as was the surrounding area. Members of the Lost Colony, sheriff's department, and others continued the search.

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BODY OF MISSING BRENDA JOYCE HOLLAND FOUND AT MASHOES THURSDAY



COVERED IN SKIFF IS THE BODY OF BRENDA HOLLAND, The Lost Colony make-up supervisor missing since last Friday night, which was spotted by Capt. Jack S. Howell and Major John A. King of the Kinston Squadron of the N. C. Civil Air Patrol Thursday morning along the shore of Albemarle Sound near Mashoes. They are shown on the dock along with Dr. James L. Henson of Greensboro, a dentist who was at his vacation home in the small village six miles north of Mashoes Harbor (right in photo) let Sheriff Frank Cahoon use his outboard-powered skiff to bring the body to the little harbor. Sheriff Cahoon is seated in the skiff. Dr. Henson examined the dead girl's teeth and then, finding them loose, expressed the opinion that she had been struck in the mouth. Two other CAP planes had entered the search for the missing girl. Also on Thursday morning, two USMC troop carrying helicopters from the Marine Air Facility at New River, Camp Lejeune, joined the search by air and with troops who combed the woods for clues. (Aycock Brown photo)