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CIVILIAN DEFENSE FOR DARE COUNTY GETS OFF TO ENTHUSIASTIC START

Meeting Monday Night Brings Out More Than One Hundred Men and Women; More Volunteers Being Sought to Help Carry Out Program

Civilian Defense got off to an enthusiastic start in Dare County Monday night when more than one hundred men and women assembled in the courthouse and formed an organization under direction of Martin Kellogg, Jr., chairman of the county of Local Civilian Defense, and Jim Vannote, commander of the local post of the American Legion and chief observer of the Aircraft Warning Service.

They were there of practically all ages from 10 to 75, and there was no doubt as to the determination of all to do their bit and the willingness to act as volunteers for a service that will cover every hour of the 24 in each day for whatever service may be required of them.

Business and professional men and women, county officials, skilled and laboring men, high school boys and NYA girls of Manteo and a fair representative groups from Wanchese and communities of Nags Head, Colington, Kitty Hawk and Duck all were there for a common purpose, to do their bit in whatever way they could for the defense of homes and businesses in this county.

Chairman Kellogg announced the purpose of the meeting, stating that another meeting will be held the last of the week to consider further policies and probably to undertake the forming of a home guard for Manteo. Chief Observer Vannote announced that he was instructed to form groups in every community in the county to observe and report airplane movements over the county. He said the local post of the American Legion was limited in membership and asked for volunteers from the civilians assembled.

As a response and without encouragement twenty-three immediately came forward and agreed to accept whatever hours might be assigned for whatever work they could do. These volunteers are: L. A. Alley, C. C. Jones, Billy Walker, J. P. Choplin, John Ferebee, Roland Sawyer, Charlie Morgan, J. M. Vannote, Martin Kellogg, Jr., P. Davis, R. L. Lesko, W. M. Joliff, W. A. White, C. D. Swain, H. L. Smith, W. B. Fearing, J. C. Gross, Mrs. Louise Meekins, D. B. Fearing, Mrs. Cleale Dunnagan, Billy Cox, Edward Etheridge, Harvey Hostvedt and Belton Burrus. D. H. Daniels for Wanchese, Linwood Tillett for Kitty Hawk, and David Toler for Duck, volunteered and were named chairmen for their respective communities.

Chairman Kellogg reported Wednesday night that the organization was giving fine service, that reports were being made promptly and with accuracy and that every hour of the day was well cared for. Numerous airplanes have passed over Roanoke Island since the meeting, but Kellogg believes that every one which has passed over here has been duly and properly reported.

In a statement given out for the public to the Dare County Times, Kellogg said that the people should not become disturbed over reports of any kind until they are confirmed through his office. He said that blackout orders and other orders for home defense would come through his office or through the office of Mr. Vannote.

Kellogg asked the Times to request all interested persons to contact his office immediately, as there is need for every available person in the county. "There will be plenty to do," he said, "and so we have our own duties to perform, so in order to make it easy on every one and give each person his share of service, we need every person who will work."

PILE DRIVEN AT MANTEO AIRPORT

A pile driver this week is driven in Croatan Sound on the east side of Roanoke Island near proposed Manteo airport to get rid of jetties that will be used to shelter seaplanes using the air. It is believed plans for letting the contract for the airport be taken up shortly. The State has allotted \$404,000 to construct the airport.

ROOSEVELT LEADS A UNITED PEOPLE



PRESIDENT Franklin D. Roosevelt, who leads a united America against the Empire of Japan, who without reason, attacked this nation Sunday. The President has pledged the country to help wipe out all gangster nations in order that the people of the future may live in a free world.

THE NAVY CALLS FOR MORE MEN HELP MAN SHIPS

Men From 17 to 49 Urged to Volunteer For Service

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—"The United States is at war and the need for men in America's fighting Navy is urgent," today asserted Lt. Comdr. McFarland W. Wood, officer-in-charge of Navy recruiting in the Carolinas.

"Carolinas have always been foremost in defending this country in time of war and I am sure the people of these two Southern states will not fail to respond now," he declared.

"During all the wars in America's history, the men in North Carolina have joined the colors to fight off attackers, and a quick, large muster of recruits is expected from the Carolinas to help defend the nation in this time of crisis.

"The Navy is relaxing its physical standards to enlist men between 17 and 49 years of age in the regular Navy or Naval Reserve. Men with physical defects will be accepted if the defects can be corrected after entrance into service. Applicants who have had previous physical rejections or who think they might be rejected are asked to contact their nearest recruiting station.

"All active men between the ages of 17 and 49 may now take a definite step toward defending America by applying at Navy recruiting stations in North Carolina at Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Wilmington, or in South Carolina at Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, Florence, Charleston.

The Raleigh recruiting station and the 11 sub-stations over North and South Carolina have gone on full war-time footing, with all recruiters being placed on 24-hour call.

IKE DAVIS, JR. HOME ON VACATION AFTER 20 MONTHS

Ike Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Davis of Manteo, arrived home Sunday from Oakland, California, after an absence of 20 months. Mr. Davis is with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, and is now on vacation. He has been stationed on the boat "Pioneer" with headquarters in Oakland. The last two summers have been spent in Alaska, the winters being spent on the west coast of the United States. Mr. Davis traveled east by automobile with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, who are visiting Mr. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Davis at Wanchese. Mr. Sam Davis is chief engineer on the Pioneer.

Do your part to help win the present war.

A SUCCESSFUL SON OF TYRRELL, HYDE, DARE



WILLIAM N. GIBBS is a favorite native son, for he spent much of his boyhood in three counties of Tyrrell, Hyde, and Dare, so all three perhaps, must share him. He is one of the successful men in authority at the Norfolk Navy Yard, and we reprint here an article by one of his admirers and old neighbors. Mr. Gibbs often visits Dare County where he spent many years as a young man, working at Manns Harbor. The following article is by Dallas C. Twiford formerly of East Lake, now of Norfolk:

Your newspaper has given many interesting written reports of North Carolinians who have made good, and to my mind William Norman Gibbs, the son of the Old North State, will rank in the first column.

He was born at Fairfield, Hyde County, and at the age of six his parents moved to Tyrrell County and settled on the banks of the Suppernong River, adjacent to the Albemarle Sound. He attended the Columbia high school until the age of 12. Ships were plying trade from the Creswell port to different parts, and he shipped on the schooner Hubbs with the well known Captain Joe Cooper. He followed inland water trade of the Albemarle, Croatan, Pamlico Sounds, and the different tributaries until sixteen years of age. He then followed the coastal ship trade from Maine to South America. When twenty years old he was captain of the French square rigged ship Barthovenia, and also captain of several other large sea going sail ships and during fifteen years of deep sea sailings traded at different ports on the seven seas.

He, along with his wife and children, bought some property in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and took an interest with a partner in the wholesale hardware business. Later he sold his holdings at a small profit, and moved back to the old homestead on the Suppernong near Columbia, Tyrrell County. With his two brothers, he went in the saw mill business known as the Gibbs Brothers Lumber Company. He became dissatisfied with his brothers over methods they wanted to put into effect, and sold out his investment to them, and accepted a position with the Government at the Norfolk Navy Yard and has held that job for the past twenty years. The Navy Yard has prospered from year to year, and today twenty-seven thousand employees receive their pay check every Friday. He is master of the riggers and laborers shops No. 72, and under his command and supervision twenty-eight hundred employees receive their orders from his office daily.

His private secretary, E. H. Pargoe, and Mrs. A. E. Branch, chief clerk, and sixteen bookkeepers, clerks and stenographers, distribute the bosses orders to the supervisors, leadingmen and riggers, and the day's work goes on. From his office the deep sea diving department is under his supervision, and interesting to know how useful and essential it is to the Navy Department. It might be interesting to know that the weekly payroll at the Norfolk Navy Yard is \$1,257,486.91, and is estimated that thirteen thousand more employees will be added to the payroll, making a total of forty thousand by July 1, 1942.

He, along with the other masters of the Yard, and with their cooperation, have helped to build the largest ship yard in the United States, and in this time of emergency that service rendered by him for the past twenty years rates him an outstanding North Carolinian. His pride of preparations are now making things ready for ship Alabama, and storage of

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BOARD OF EDUCATION WARNS AGAINST "GYPS"

Only Recognized Correspondence Schools Should Be Patronized

Many solicitors of "gyp" correspondence schools are now working in North Carolina taking advantage of the current wave of defense prosperity according to numerous letters received by the State Board of Commercial Education. The public should heed this warning and investigate the school and the solicitor before signing a contract for correspondence course. Anyone solicited should go to the local high school principal or school superintendent for information or secure a report on the school from the National Home Study Council, Washington, D. C.

Many correspondence schools offer courses of instruction valuable to those who wish to upgrade themselves into more responsible and better paid jobs. In practically every commercial organization will be found the bookkeeper who aspires to become an accountant, the typist who proposes to become a secretary, and the junior executive who hopes eventually to be taken into the firm. Such ambitions are worthy and are encouraged by modern management.

Unfortunately, not all correspondence schools offer courses of instruction that are of equal merit. Some of them are recognized as offering instruction of the highest quality available within their respective fields while others have nothing of merit to offer. The latter kind may be readily recognized by their claiming to have a "special offer" for a "limited number" of students, guaranteeing by contract or insinuation that a "job" will be given, that students are "selected" for "advertising" purposes, that their representatives are "Vocational Engineers," or representatives of "Civil Service."

The North Carolina law requires that all persons soliciting students within the State of North Carolina for commercial colleges, business schools or correspondence schools located within or without the State of North Carolina shall be required to secure on July first of each year an annual license from the Board of Commercial Education. Any person soliciting students without first having secured such license "shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or thirty days' imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court." (p. 62 Supplement to Public School Laws, issued by State Superintendent of Public Instruction.)

Any person solicited for enrollment in any commercial college or correspondence courses should ask to see the solicitor's license card, and should report to his local school principal any unlicensed solicitor. If the solicitor is a representative of a reputable school he will have a license or will immediately obtain one.

Through a Carnegie Corporation grant in 1925, an organization was established to inspect and "rate" the various American correspondence schools. This organization, the National Home Study Council, Washington, D. C., has, during the past fifteen years, been able to approve only forty-six of the four hundred and eighty correspondence schools now operating within the United States. Their 1941 Home Study Blue Book, which lists all of the approved home study schools, will be sent to anyone, free, upon request. The Council also investigates and takes fitting action against any school reported to it as being guilty of fraudulent or unethical practices. Before enrolling with any correspondence school it is advisable to consult with your local high school principal, city librarian, or secure a report on the school from the National Home Study Council, Washington, D. C. It is always sound procedure to investigate before investing or signing a contract.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN DECEMBER 19

All Schools to Close at Same Time; Classes Resumed on January 5

Christmas bells will ring out for Dare County school children on Friday, December 19, when all schools in the county will close for a holiday of more than two weeks. Classes will be resumed on Monday morning, January 5. Attendance has been good during the fall months, and good work has been done, according to a report from the office of Superintendent R. I. Leake.

More than 11,731,200 pounds of duck, chicken and turkey are consumed every year by the sailors in Uncle Sam's Navy.

TO CRACK DOWN ON SOME BEER PLACES IN DARE

Notice Being Served to Clean Up or Close Up; Licenses to Be Inspected

Some of the beer dealers in Dare County are not doing right. At least the Board of Dare Commissioners seem to think so, because of complaints they hear that beer joints often allow whiskey drinking on the premises.

The Dare Board, and the Manteo Town Board discussed the matter in joint session Monday and decided to give close scrutiny hereafter to persons who may wish to sell beer, and also to bear down on some of the places complained of.

Heavy penalties are provided for those who sell beer without license, or without obtaining approval first. Warrants are to be sworn out for such places.

BASNIIGHT-GAUTHIER WEDDING SATURDAY

Bridal Party Extensively Entertained; Bridegroom's Parents From Manteo in Attendance

The wedding of Miss Marjorie Jane Gauthier to Arvin O. Basnight, which took place in Washington, D. C., on Saturday evening, December 12, is of much interest to their friends in North Carolina. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Locke J. Gauthier, with the Rev. Thomas A. Calnan of St. Michael's church officiating. The bridal music was played by a string quartet.

The bride was escorted by her father, and she wore a gown of antique ivory satin, fashioned on Empire lines with a fitted bodice and wide, billowing circular skirt, ending in a long train. Her veil was full length and made of illusion, which was held in place by a calot of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and bouvardia.

Miss Virginia Guill was maid of honor and she wore a gown of turquoise taffeta, fashioned on Empire lines, with a sweetheart neckline and a full-flaring skirt. She carried a bouquet of American beauty roses. The bridegroom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen Basnight of Manteo, had as his best man his brother, Thomas Allen Basnight, Jr.

A reception was held after the ceremony and refreshments were served in the flower-bedecked dining room, which was lighted with candles.

The bride is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and attended Immaculata Junior College. Mr. Basnight attended North Carolina State College, and is at present a junior personnel officer in the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Among those attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Basnight, Mrs. Horace Douth, Charlie Midgett and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tillett of Manteo.

The bridal party was entertained extensively during the week. On Thursday night Mrs. Dick Carlson was hostess at a buffet dinner. On Friday night the bride's mother entertained the bridal party and all out-of-town guests at a dinner party. Early Friday evening, Mrs. Marshall Finnan was hostess at a cocktail party. After the wedding and reception on Saturday night Mr. Dick Carlson was host at a dance at the Shoreham Hotel.

BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN COLLECTED BY MUSIC CLUB

A goodly number of Bundles for Britain were collected Wednesday night by the Roanoke Island Music Club, when the organization sponsored a program of Christmas music at the Manteo school house. The audience was small but most appreciative, and the program was well received. Assisting the music club in putting on the program were Robert Midgett, who sang as a solo "O, Holy Night"; Lynn Sneedon, who sang a number of Christmas carols; Marianne Midgett, Betty Morgan, Helen Meekins, Jean Parker, Patricia Davis, Dorothy Topping and Franca White, who in groups sang Christmas carols. Accompanists were Mrs. Rennie Williamson and Miss Helen Evans. The program was arranged by Miss Adde Gould, program chairman for the club. As the final number Miss Gould played a recording of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Several familiar carols were sung by the entire audience at intervals during the evening.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.—Matthew 5:10.

WANCHESE MAN MAKING GOOD IN COAST GUARD



LYNTON R. DANIELS of Wanchese, now living in Florida has many reasons to be pleased with his record in the Coast Guard. Although now a commissioned officer, he started as a cook in Bodie Island Coast Guard station. He is the son of Mrs. Florence and the late Joe Tom Daniels. Occasionally we get a line from him when he writes in to renew his subscription. In a letter the other day, from Fort Pierce, Fla., he says:

"It might interest you to know I had dinner yesterday with Sherman Culpepper over at Fort Pierce Station, and there were five Dare County boys at the same table. We had wild duck. Sherman, who is the son of John Culpepper of Nags Head, is commanding officer there now, with about 35 men under him, and is doing a good job. He has Silas Gard from Kitty Hawk, and Mahlon Williams of Avon, both rated men. I have Julian Gray with me on the Vigilant as Executive officer, and he is a darn good one at that. Van Lewark lives here, and in fact we have quite a Dare County colony in Fort Pierce."

MANY DARE COUNTY BOYS IN WAR ZONE

Much Concern Felt For Those Known to Be in Fighting Area

Much concern is being felt for Dare County boys who are known to be in the war zones or near Hawaii and the Philippines. Dare County has furnished many of its native sons to one branch or another of government service, and a large percentage of them are now in the region where the active fighting is going on.

Among those known to be in the war zone are Delton Cox, son of Mrs. Lillie Cox of Manteo, who is stationed at Guam; Howard Twyne, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Twyne of Manteo, who is in the Philippines; Clifford Midgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Midgett of Manteo; at Pearl Harbor; Jerry Cox of Manns Harbor, in the Philippines; Carl D. Gard of Kitty Hawk, Willard Daniels of Wanchese; Luther Daniels of Wanchese, with the Geodetic Survey at Guam; Lawson Bannette of Buxton; Thurman Ballance, son of Ellsworth Ballance of Hatteras; who is a navy carpenter at Pearl Harbor; Lester Ballance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ballance of Hatteras, and Mr. Isiah Ballance of Hatteras, both in the Navy at Pearl Harbor; Jarvis Hines of Kitty Hawk, and son of L. C. Parker of Manteo.

Mrs. Clifford Midgett is in Hawaii with her husband.

MRS. WILLIE MIDGETT IS REPORTED AS IMPROVING

Mrs. Willie Midgett, who was suddenly stricken with a serious illness several weeks ago, is reported to be slowly improving, and is now able to recognize her family and friends. Her many friends and acquaintances will be glad to know that she is better.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CHURCH DECEMBER 21

A Christmas program will be given at Mount Olivet Methodist church in Manteo on Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 in the evening. The program will consist of Christmas music, in both group and solo form, and will take the place of the regular evening church service. The program is being arranged by Mrs. Rennie Williamson, chair director.

Not to avenge one's self upon one's enemies, is the command of almighty wisdom; and we take this to be a safer guide than the promptings of human nature.

MORE FUNDS BEING ASKED BY RED CROSS

Country Attempting to Raise Additional \$90,000 in View of Recent War Events

The American Red Cross, which completed its annual roll call on the 30th of November, has within the last few days issued another appeal to the public, in view of the latest war news, and will within the next few days send representatives to call on each citizen of the community. This time the Red Cross is asking for donations, and Miss Helen Evans, roll call chairman for Dare County, makes an especial appeal to everyone to contribute liberally, willingly and cheerfully. The country is attempting to raise an additional \$90,000, of which amount Dare County is being asked to contribute \$1,000.

One half of this amount will remain in the county, the other half going to National headquarters. Miss Evans calls attention to the fact that in case of disaster in our own community, the Red Cross will be the first agency to reach us and to give relief, and for this reason if for no other, the organization should have liberal support from local citizens.

STUDENTS COMPLETE RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSE

The class in Red Cross first aid sponsored by the Dare County chapter, Red Cross Friday, December 5, completed the courses and members of the class were presented with certificates as administrators of first aid.

The commencement exercises were given in the Fearing Cafe Friday night at 11 o'clock.

R. H. Atkinson ably introduced Dr. W. J. Fenton. Dr. W. W. Johnston and Dr. A. G. Harris made short talks of appreciation for the untiring efforts of Dr. Fenton in his work. Melvin Daniels acted in the capacity of master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Louise Meekins, chapter chairman, announced that the following persons received certificates:

E. O. Arnold, R. H. Atkinson, M. R. Bonner, D. E. Bostic, Mrs. Z. V. Brinkley, C. A. Caldwell, Oscar R. David, Miss Amanda Etheridge, Mrs. Annette M. Evans, Mrs. Mary B. Good, Walter J. Harris, John J. King, R. I. Leake, Miss Isabel Lennon, Hugh J. McArthur, Mrs. Louise M. Meekins, Mrs. C. S. Meekins, Mrs. Irene B. Midgett, Mrs. Charles Morgan, W. R. Pearce, Mrs. Vivian Ryder, Mrs. Laura S. Skinner, Miss Sarah S. Smith, L. L. Swain, L. H. Hodden from the CCC camp d'd not qualify because he was not of age.

NAVY WANTS TYPISTS AND STENOGRAPHERS TO ENLIST

Navy headquarters for the Sixth and Seventh districts has issued a call from Charleston, S. C., for men between the ages of 17 and 50 who are qualified as typists, stenographers or both typists and stenographers.

The volunteers will enlist as yeomen with ratines offered depending on professional qualifications. Men who enlist in this branch of the service receive from \$60 to \$99 per month depending on their rating and are provided living quarters and meals, or additional allowance if not stationed on a naval reservation.

Volunteers must be in good health and the enlistment in the Naval Reserve will be for four years with the obligation to report for active duty as the Navy needs their services.

Men enlisted in the reserve are not subject to military training as prescribed under the selective service act. An original uniform and medical facilities are furnished at no cost to the volunteer.

Those men interested in this branch of the Naval service should write to Captain A. G. Howe, USN (Retired), Box 147, Charleston, S. C. This letter should state typing speed, rate of taking dictation, age, number of dependents, present position and rate of pay.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS AT TRANQUIL HOUSE

Mrs. Elmer Midgett entertained her bridge club Wednesday evening at the Tranquil House. After a number of progressions, Mrs. Hugh Basnight was awarded high score prize, and Mrs. Frank White received bingo. A salad course with drinks was served by the hostess. The tables were laid with Christmas covers, and nothings and tallies were also suggestive of the Christmas season.

Give if thou canst, an alms: if not, afford, instead of that, a sweet and gentle word.—Herrick.