

VOTED FOR DARE, HELPED TO BUILD ITS COURTHOUSE

Uncle "Bill Jord" Basnight, Aged 87, Tells of Early Life in East Lake

A spry old man for his years, one who works every day, and has never stopped farming is, Uncle William Jordan Basnight, who is visiting his son, W. P. Basnight at Manteo these days. "Uncle Bill Jord," as he is known to his acquaintances, voted his first time in the election that created Dare County from parts of Currituck, Tyrrell and Hyde, and as a young carpenter, helped his father build Dare's first courthouse, a structure that burned down just a few years ago.

Talking about his boyhood days in East Lake, Uncle Bill says, folks were concerned only with something to eat and to wear. They did not need money, but had to work for everything they got. In that time more than 70 years ago, people raised all their meat, corn, and potatoes, and wore their clothes on a loom.

"I never had any store clothes until I was a grown man, and earned the money to buy them with. We used to make part of our living in the swamps. I have stood in water to my waist in warm weather and cold weather, and sawed logs from juniper trees to make shingles from. We were tough then and could stand it, but the young people today couldn't stick up to it."

"I was hearty as a buck. If we got sick, mother did the doctoring, and mostly used quinine.

"We lived at the last house back from the road in what is called Twilford Neighborhood. It was about a half mile down to the lake, but the road was so bad in the winter we couldn't get out very well to the rest of the neighborhood. In fact there was no real road. We could go down to the lake and catch fish.

"I was a little too young to get in the Civil War, and too old to get in the World War. I remember good times and bad times." On September 29th, I will be 88 years old. I lost my wife early in life, and she left me seven children, three of whom were so young, they do not remember their mother."

Mr Basnight recently cleared up a three acre garden patch near Norfolk, just to keep in form. He spends much time visiting around his children. There are five sons and two daughters: W. P. Basnight of Manteo; S. C. Basnight of Mashoes; Walter and Bub Basnight of Norfolk; and L. S. Basnight of Moyock; Mrs. Seldon Creef and Mrs. Jepp Meekins of Norfolk.

Uncle Mann H. Basnight, well known boatbuilder, who recently died at Manteo, was a brother of Uncle Bill Jord.

TIME GROWING SHORT ON TAX COLLECTIONS

People Asked to Make Effort to Pay Before July 4; Advertisement July 6.

"Time is growing short on tax collecting, and the advertisement having been postponed, we will have to advertise property the first Monday in July or the 6th," Sheriff D. V. Meekins said this week. "This will have to be done unless the Commissioners order further postponement."

Collections have been better than in the past four years which indicates better times, also some communities have not made any money, while others have made a little.

The Sheriff no longer sells property for taxes under the new laws, but sells the tax receipt. Usually no one makes a bid, and the county continues to hold the claim. At the end of a certain period the Commissioners are required to place the account in the hands of the County Attorney, and he begins a foreclosure procedure which costs extra money.

"The worst thing I have to do, is to advertise taxes, because in some cases there are people not able to pay," the Sheriff stated. "Sometimes, a person who doesn't know better, gets mad but that is not so bad as to not carry out the law and have a shortage of accounts, which would be worse, and would bring more censure," he said.

When you see a young fellow killing time, you are simply looking at a needy old man in the making.

We remember the times we were right and forget the times we were wrong.

HARBINGER BOY IS AN AGRICULTURE TEACHER



THIS dapper and handsome young fellow with the nonchalance and savor faire of a city youth, is a brother of Chief Police Dowdy of Manteo, and son of T. G. Dowdy of Harbinger. His name is Elmer R. Dowdy, and he graduated with honor from State College in Raleigh in 1935, becoming a teacher this past season at Lillington. He specialized in agriculture. He is gifted with rare personality that makes him many friends. He is a hard worker. His mother, the late Clara Cantels Dowdy, was a sister of Oscar, and Jake Daniels, and Mrs. Mollie Baum of Wanchese.

WPA OYSTER PLANTING IS HALTED HERE

Work Has Been Halted Since Last Saturday; Lack of Funds Said to be Reason

Oyster planting in Dare County waters under the supervision of the WPA project for replenishing oysters has been closed down temporarily, according to information received from the project office in Elizabeth City. This work was halted last Saturday, after having been carried on since last November. The lack of appropriated funds to carry on this work is said to be the reason.

The curtailment of this work places Dare County at a loss two ways. One way is that it means that a payroll of approximately \$600 per week has been cut off and the second is that this valuable work comes to a stand still.

As a result of the curtailment of this project under the local supervision of Captain George Mann, both he and his sectional foremen and their crews have to seek other employment.

The following supervisors are affected: Alf B. Hooper of Stumpy Point, Robert Baum of Wanchese and Hugh Basnight of Manteo.

SURFMAN'S ASSOCIATION PRAISED BY ETHERIDGE

Popular Chief Warrant Officer Commends Idea of Life-Savers Association

"I am glad to see that the surfmen of the Seventh District Coast Guard, are contemplating forming a social organization for the enjoyment and advancement of themselves and families," said Walter Etheridge, Chief Warrant Officer attached to Headquarters in Elizabeth City, and formerly keeper of Nags Head Station.

"I believe it will be one of the greatest steps ever taken by the enlisted men, and hope they will meet with a unanimous response from every enlisted man, in their efforts to organize," he continued. "I believe headquarters will encourage it, and think it will do much toward creating a more wholesome interest and appreciation for the service."

Many other men have commented favorably, and a number of retired enlisted men have said they would like to join, just for the social feature of the organization. With leading men in the service favoring it and cooperating, as Walter Etheridge is doing, the association should soon make its value evident in a few months.

And then there's the chorus girl who is so dumb she thinks a pantry is a place where you keep underwear.

CAPT. EPH PULLS HIS TEETH WITH ORDINARY PLIERS

Remarkable Man, Weighing 301 Pounds at Age of 75 Has No Ailments At All

It goes without saying that Capt. Ephraim Meekins is a remarkable man. Last week, with a set of ordinary common wire pliers, he pulled two of his own teeth. He had jarred the teeth loose by chewing the meat from a bone.

Capt. Ephraim who will be remembered as the jolly bridge keeper so long on the Roanoke Sound bridge, is 75 years of age. He weighs 301 pounds. He has no aches nor pains, nor bodily ailments, so far as he knows. He can plow in the field, works hard each day, digs potatoes, and keeps up with the rest of the boys.

Capt. Eph is a great joker. He has played many a trick on his friends. He was for many years, associated in keeping a lighthouse with Capt. Lum Midgett. Capt. Midgett thought as much of beef hash as Jiggs (thinks of the proverbial corn beef and cabbage. Finally Capt. Eph became sick on hash, and thinking to have some fun with his friend, he surreptitiously withdrew a large white button such as may be found on the underwear of men, from the plate of hash that was served him.

"Where did you get that from?" Capt. Lum asked.

"It was in this here beer," Capt. Eph replied.

"Not to be feazed, Capt. Lum replied.

"I'd a thought they'd a took the clothes off the darn fellow before they ground him up," and he kept right on eating.

COLORED MAN RECEIVES FIRST BONUS IN DARE

Local Post Office Pays Out First Bonus To Pea Island Coast Guard Tug

The first bonus paid out in Manteo was paid at noon Tuesday to Maxie M. Berry, No. 1. Surfman at Pea Island Coast Guard Station, by C. R. Evans, postmaster at Manteo. The bonus came in the form of a number of \$50 bonds, and a check for the odd balance due this recipient.

"I am glad to get this," said Maxie Berry. "And I am going right out now to pay off some debts first thing."

Postmaster Evans stated that numerous batches of the bonus, bonds had gone forward to other postoffices in Dare County, Tuesday morning.

Many veterans will not receive their bonus this time, due to delays in the proper filing of claims, some of which had to be returned for corrections.

BEACH CLUB TO HAVE LIFE GUARD SERVICE

Something new for Nags Head and Kitty Hawk Beaches, is the employment of a professional life guard at the Beach Club.

According to Sidney Mitchell, manager of the Beach Club this season, this professional life guard service is to be had. A life guard's watch tower has already been constructed near the breakers and as the season gets into full swing expert lifeguards will be there to protect bathers from accidental tragedy.

W. C. GASKILL WILL RUN NAGS HEAD CASINO

Has Been Renovated and Is Now Stocked With Full Line Merchandise

W. C. Gaskill has accepted the position of manager of M. L. Daniels' Nags Head Casino this season and already a lot of work has been done toward the beautification of the place both inside and out.

This stand, which was formerly Parkerson's Bowling Casino and recreation center, has been taken over this season by Mr. Daniels under the management of Mr. Gaskill.

Besides Mr. Gaskill, Robert Midgett of Manteo is an employee there and likewise two young men from Hertford by the name of Harris and Winslow.

There are three great menaces to safe driving today: hic, hike and hug.

Bailey Led Entire Ticket in Dare



SENATOR JOSIAH WILLIAM BAILEY is popular with Dare County folk who appreciate his services at the National Capitol. He won a total of 1100 votes, more than any other candidate for either county or state ticket. He had three opponents.

BAILEY PLEASED WITH BIG VOTE GIVEN IN DARE

Led The Entire Ticket With Largest Number of Votes In Recent Primary

In a letter this week to The Dare County Times, in which he mentions that the bill providing for a salary of one-half dollar per day for a senator, Senator J. W. Bailey expressed great pleasure at the large vote given him in Dare County. Senator Bailey says:

"I have received the Times of June 12th. I came upon the publication of the votes and was proud and grateful to see that I had led the ticket. This fact will always be cherished by me. It is an honor which not only myself, but my children will always prize.

"I wish you would give to the people of Dare through your columns the assurance of my gratitude and abiding interest and of my desire to serve them in every possible way and to the full extent of my capacity. I am hoping to come to see you before the year is out. I have always enjoyed my visits to Dare. Let me say that I believe in the future of our Coastal section. I do not think we have seen even the beginning of what this generation will see by way of development in your region."

With every good wish,
Very truly yours,
J. W. BAILEY.

WPA WORKERS ADVISED LISTEN TO BROADCAST

Mrs. E. P. White, Supervisor of Woman's Work in Dare County, urges all WPA woman workers to listen in to an address by Harry Hopkins, WPA Administrator, over a National hook-up Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:30 o'clock. This speech is important as it will outline the new program on which relief work will be based after July 1st.

Past, present, and prospective WPA workers are urged to listen to this broadcast.

BOAT IS BURNED IN SOUND HERE TUESDAY

Small Gas Launch Worth Approximately \$1,000 Burns and Sinks in Roanoke Sound

Suffering the loss of a small gas launch estimated to be worth approximately \$1,000, Steve Meekins, prominent Colington fisherman, escaped without injury when fire consumed his boat off from Manteo in the Roanoke Sound Tuesday about noon.

Mr. Meekins was cruising toward home, having left Manteo a short time before with a small cargo of supplies of which a drum of oil was part. His boat caught on fire and burned so rapidly that he was not able to extinguish it. Being compelled to seek safety in a small skiff. The craft burned to the water line and sank.

FLORIDA PRAISED FOR ORANGES AND GOOD NEIGHBORS

Van Lewark, Home From Land of Oranges, Alligators, Sand Flies and Sharks

"The best neighbors you ever saw in the world," says Van Lewark, keeper of Indian River Inlet Coast Guard Station, of his new found friends in Florida. Mr. Lewark, who now lives at Fort Pierce in Florida where he has served for the past five years, is now home on a visit and expects to return this week end. He was formerly in Bodie Island Coast Guard Station near Manteo.

Mr. Lewark thinks the Florida working class of folks are a little better off than our folks. They have no fuel for heating to buy, and do not need many warm clothes. He is located about 275 miles south of Jacksonville, Florida, in territory similar to ours, and says the land of the orange groves is similar to that on the north end of Roanoke Island.

He has only one man in the station with him, young John Allen Midgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Midgett of Manteo. It has been rumored that a new \$50,000 station unit is to be built to replace the old one he now is in charge of.

Mr. Lewark, when asked about the sharks in that section and their danger to bathers, replied that the bathing places are roped off with a line running through a set of buoys that encircle the swimming grounds, and sharks will not go inside the area.

"Sharks are dangerous however, and he says he has seen 25 at the time swimming past, with their dorsal fins sticking up out of the water. Sand flies, an insect smaller than gnats, which go readily through the finest screens are a problem and give more trouble than anything else, he says. Mosquitoes are not so bad now that the ERA has drained the land, much as has been done in places in Dare County."

Mr. Lewark says an orange grove can be bought for \$2,500 now and then, some person growing tired of Florida and wanting to leave. He believes however, he will not remain, but wants to come back home, when his retirement is due two years from now.

He says there are plenty of alligators in that section, and taking the hides from a lucrative practice, some of them selling as high as \$10 each. The meat, he says is used to make soap. Some of the alligator hunters will reach his bare arms in the alligator's lair trying to prod him out, and never get bit, the alligator refusing to bite a man when under water.

GREAT LOSS OF BLUEBERRIES ON DARE MAINLAND

Forest Fires May Have Destroyed Thousands of Quarts; Berries Bring High Prices

"We believe millions of quarts of blueberries, or huckleberries, have been destroyed at Stumpy Point by forest fires this season," stated R. Dewey Wise who was in Manteo Monday.

"If we could protect these, I believe our people could make much money from the sale of berries. Capt. Ed Hancock, has a small patch of cultivated berries from which he is shipping large quantities to the north. They are packed in cellophane, bringing on the retail market 75 cents a quart.

"In Sampson County I am told the berries are selling from 25 cents to 40 cents a quart. Our land seems suited to the cultivation of these berries and with a little cultivation, Stumpy Point ought to be making thousands of dollars a year from the sale of them. People have never needed to sell them before, but in a few years we will find many people turning from their fishing to do other things, and this is something that should be profitable."

MRS MIDGETT NOT MARRIED

Mrs. Neva E. Midgett, proprietor of the Whalebone Filling Station, says, she wants it understood she did not get married this week as was reported. Just because a lady gets her hair fixed at the beauty parlor and goes to Elizabeth City to get a tooth filled, is no sign of marriage, she says.

NAGS HEAD WITNESSES GREATEST PROGRESSIVE STEP IN ALL ITS HISTORY

Inauguration of Modern Electrical Energy on Beach Will Prove Greatest Force for Development Known at Resort; to Benefit by New Low Rates

INDUSTRIOUS COUPLE IS MARRIED HERE



In the presence of a crowd of friends Mrs. Ollie Bell Mann, above, was married last Saturday night at 9:30 at the home of Jerry Parker, here, to Lawrence L. Swain of Plymouth. The ceremony was conducted by Justice of the Peace I. P. Davis. Mr. Swain is the attractive and well known operator of Your Beauty Shoppe here. The bridegroom is Company Clerk of the Virginia Dare CCC Camp. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Swain of Plymouth. For the immediate future both of these industrious young people will continue their respective work as in the past.

NAGS HEAD MAY HAVE A MOVING PICTURE SHOW

Talkies for Fast Growing Popular Summer Resort, According to Late Reports

Further proof that Nags Head is marching forward may be seen in the news that a modern talking picture show is to be erected at that fast growing summer resort. According to information reaching this newspaper, a picture show, that will be up to date is being contemplated by people who live out of the county.

The probable location of the show is near the Nags Head Hotel, a vicinity that is fast becoming the center of the new development known as Nags Head shores. Beside the Beach Club, and the Nags Head, there are three modern filling stations, and several boarding houses in this section, among them being Parkerson's, Perry's and Midgett's new places.

The building contemplated will be of adequate construction it is said, and so equipped that it may be converted into other uses when not suited to running pictures.

CURRITUCKIANS ANXIOUS TO ENTER DARE COUNTY

It is no trouble to travel in Currituck and find sentiment in favor of entering Dare County. Norris Sawyer, well-known merchant of Potters Point, the other day said he wished Currituck from Colington south was a part of this county. Harrison Etheridge, well known merchant of Spot, said he believed most of the people in his section favored joining Dare County.

LOCAL ATTORNEY WEDS HICKORY WOMAN

J. L. Russell Weds Resident of His Former Home Here Tuesday Evening

A marriage of much local interest was that solemnized here on Tuesday evening of this week. It was that of Mrs. Flossie Price of Hickory to J. L. Russell, local attorney.

The marriage bonds were tied by J. P. Davis, local Justice of the Peace. For the time being Mr. and Mrs. Russell are making their home in an apartment in the home of Edward Gray, but Mr. Russell says they will either buy a lot here and build a home of their own or buy a house and lot in the near future.

Beyond a doubt, Nags Head will now become the greatest summer resort on the Atlantic Coast. The inauguration of the modern electrical service, at low rates for this section will prove the greatest single event in its development.

Nearly \$100,000 will be spent by the Virginia Electric & Power Company by the time its lines are completed in the way from Norfolk to Nags Head. On July 1, the Virginia Electric & Power Company will take over the customers at Nags Head, and will also sell current to the Roanoke Utilities Company, who will re-sell the current to their customers on Roanoke Island.

An abundant supply of electrical energy will make things boom at Nags Head. People who would be satisfied with the advantages of Nags Head 20 years ago, are few and far between. Most people able to summer at the beach are now used to electric lights, running water, radios, electrical refrigerators and numerous other electric appliances for comfort and the saving of labor.

Assurance that these may be available at Nags Head and Kitty Hawk beaches will cause many people to build cottages who would otherwise turn up their nose at Nags Head. It will make possible more brilliant lighting of many cottages, and hotels, and lend an atmosphere of charm and color that would never be otherwise enjoyed.

The new low rates for current at Nags Head make it possible for people to cook with electricity. Frigidaire being able to buy current for six cents a kilowatt-hour, and a refrigerator using 60 kilowatts, you buy at the rate of three and one-half cents a kilowatt, and when you have used sixty at this rate, you get for two cents a kilowatt.

The total bill for 180 kilowatts, far more than the large home consumers of current on Roanoke Island use, would cost a total of \$6.95. And if you wanted to use more than 180 kilowatts, you would begin paying one and one-half cents a kilowatt. Looks good, and no wonder people use it for cooking; think about the time and trouble and worry saved. Under these rates a small family could cook with electricity, run a refrigerator and light the home, run a fan, and do other things for less than ten dollars a month.

If you are a large consumer of electricity and use in excess of 25,000 kilowatts, such as a small manufacturing plant would use, current may be obtained at the rate of just a fraction more than one cent a kilowatt.

These figures are obtained from rate schedules for North Carolina sent out from the Richmond office of the Virginia Electric & Power Company, effective April 1, 1936.

The improvement not only promises much for Nags Head, but for the community of Kitty Hawk. Eventually the lines will reach the people of Colington, Duck, and one may expect in a few short years to see the beautiful hills and shore lines of these places dotted with cottages and lodges of people of wealth who will come to spend money and find recreation. In short, the future will look better for most any sort of development for this section. Who knows, but that many little manufacturing plants and industries will spring up, to give employment to people that heretofore have been undreamed of.

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