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### VOTED FOR DARE: HARBINGER BOY IS AN **HELPED TO BUILD** 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 THIS dapper and handsome young in East Lake, Uncle Bill says, folks fellow with the nonchalance and potatoes, and keeps up with the were concerned only with some- savior faire of a city youth, is a rest of the boys. thing to eat and to wear. They did not need money, but had to on a loom.

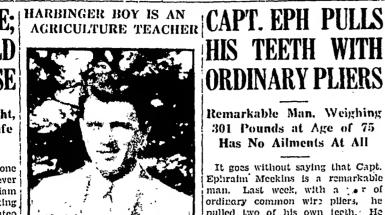
ed the money to buy them with water to my waist in warm weather and cold weather, and sawed logs Mollle Baum of Wanchese. from juniper trees to make shingles from. We were tough then wPA OYSTER gles from. We were tough then people today couldn't stick up to

"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 Twiford 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 Civil War, and ton old to act good times and bade times. On Beptember 29th, I will be 88 years and she left me seven children, three of whom were so young, they do not remember their mother."

Mr Basnight recently cleared up three acre garden patch near Norfolk, just to keep in form. He ways. One way is that is means and two daughters: W. P. Basnight of Manteo; S. C. Basnight of Mash- comes to a stand still. oes: Walter and Bub Basnight of Norfolk; and L. S. Basnight of this project under the local super-



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Remarkable Man, Weighing 301 Pounds at Age of 75

> Ephraim Meekins is a remarkable man. Last week, with a jor of ordinary common wire pliers, he pulled two of his own teeth. He had jarred the teeth locse by chewing the meat from a bone. Capt. Ephraim who will be renembered 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 hodily ailments, so far as he knows. He can plow in the field, works hard each day, digs

Capt. Eph is a great joker. He brother of Chief Police Dowdy of Manteo, and son of T G Dowdy of has played many a trick on his work for everything they got. In Harbinger. His name is Elmer R. friends. He was for many years, that time more than 70 years ago, Dowdy, and he graduated with hon- zesociated in keeping a lighthouse people raised all their meat, corn, or from State College in Raleigh with Capt. Lum Midget's. Capt. and potatoes, and wove their clothes in 1935, becoming a teacher this Midgett thought as much of beef past season at Lillington. He spee- hash as Jiggs thinks of the pro-"I never had any store clothes inliged in agriculture. He is gifted verblat corn beef and cabbage. Finuntil I was a grown man, and earn- with rare personality that makes ally Capt Eph became sited on him many friends. He is a hard hash, and thinking to have see We used to make part of our living worker His mother, the late Cara fun with his friend, he surreptiin the swamps. I have stood in Daniels Dowdy, was a sister of tlously withdrew a large white but-

> temperwear of men, from the plate sight that was served him. "Where did you get that from? Capt. Lum asked.

PLANTING IS plied. HALTED HERE

Work Has Been Halted Since right on eating. Last Saturday; Lack of **COLORED MAN** 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 tempor-

arily, according to information irein Elizabeth City. This work was halted last Saturday, after having been carried on since last November I lost my wife early in life, The lack of appropriated funds to carry on this work is said to be the reason.

The curtailments of this work places Dare County at a loss two Maxie M. Berry, No. 1. Surfman spends much time visiting around that a payroll of approximately by C. R. Evans, postmaster at Manhis children. There are five sons \$600 per week has been cut off and teo. The bonus came in the form the second is that this valuable work of a number of \$50 bonds, and a As a result of the curtailment of

MANTEO, N. C.F.Friday, June 19, 1936 Bailey Led Ertire Ticket in Dare

DARE COUNTY TIMES

# HIS TEETH WITH **ORDINARY PLIERS**

## Has No Ailments At All It goes without saying that Capt.

Occar, and Jake Daniels, and Mrs. ton such as may be found on the

"It vas in this here beef," Capt. Eph replied, Not to be feazed, Capt. Lum re-"I'd a thought they'd a took the

clothes off the darn fellow before they ground him up." and he kept

**RECEIVES FIRST BONUS IN DARE** 

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



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

JOHN ADAMS SHAW VISITS IN MANTEO WITH BIG VOIR Gential Old Gentleman Teacher and Preacher, Has Excellent Memory

Of Names "An old gentleman who was born

preached in 22 states, taught school in five castern North Carolina counties and remembers a lot about his travels, peeped through the window of the Dare County Times office, last Saturday afternoon and

comeone on the inside bld him In willinhimame this orial half dollars has passed till news story and even the old gentle-senate. Senator J. W. Balley at man himself was unaware that his

It was John Adams Shaw o Elizabeth City. He is now well ripe "I have received the Times of with years, but still an active thinker. Soon he learned that the chap

name of Clyde Mason in Mount Pleasant school in Washington

FLORIDA PRAISED NAGS MEAD WITNESSES FOR ORANGES AND **GREATEST PROGRESSIVE** GOOD NEIGHBORS STEP IN ALL ITS HISTORY

Van Lewark, Home From Land of Oranges, Alliga-Sand Flies and tors. Sharks , <sup>-</sup>.

"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 exepcts 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 fuci 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 Mr. R. T. Midgett of Manteo. It has been rumored that a new \$60,000 station

unit is to be built to replace the old one he now is in charge of. IN the presence of a crowd of ning water, radios, electrical refri-Mr. Lowark, when acked about friends Mrs. Ollie Bell Mann, above, the sharks in that section and their was married last Saturday night tric appliances for comfort and the danger to bathers, repl.ed that the at 9:39 at the home of Jerry Parkbathing places are roped off with cr. here, to Lawrence L. Swain of

a line running through a set of Plymouth. The ceremony was conbuoys that encircle the swimming ducted by Justice of the Peace I. grounds, and sharks will not go in-P. Davis. CIPS. Swain is the atside the area. ractive and well known operator

and he says he has seen 25 at the bridegroom is Company Clerk of time swimming past, with their the Virginia Dare CCC Camp. He on November 6, 1856, who has dorsal fins sticking up out of the is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. water. Sand flies, an insect small- Swain of Plymouth. For the imer than gnats, which go readily mediate future both of these inthrough the finest screens are a dustrious young people will continue problem , and give more trouble than their respective work as in the past.

> are not so bad now that the ERA NAGS HEAD MAY has drained the land, much as has been done in places in Dare Coun Mr. Lewark says an orange grove HAVE A MOVING can be bought for \$2,500 now and

then, some person growing tired of Florida and wanting to leave. He believes however, he swill not re-

main, but wants to come back home, Talkies for Fast Growing when his retirement is due two Popular Summer Resort, years from now. According to Late Reports He says there are plenty of alli-

gators in that section, and taking the hides form 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

Inauguration of Modern Electrical Energy On Beach Will Prove Greatest Force for Development Known at Resort; to Benefit by New Low Rates INDUSTRIOUS COUPLE Beyond a doubt, Nags Head will IS MARRIED HERE now become the greatest summer

most on the Atlantic Coast. The inauguration of the modern electrical service, at new low rates for: this section-will prove the greatest. single event in its development. ..... Nearly \$100,000 will be spent by, he Virginia Electric & Powerand

Company by the time its lines are completed an 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 o their customers on Roanoke Is An abundant supply of electrical

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OF THE GREAT CARO-

LINA COASTLAND

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energy will make things boom at. Nags Head People who would be atisfied with the advantages of Nags Head of 20 years ago, are lew and far between. Most people able to summer at the beach are now used to electric lights, run-

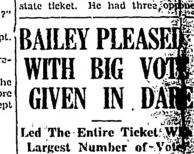
gerators and numerous other eleccaving of labor. Assurance that these may be a-

vailable at Nags Head and Kitty Hawk beaches will cause many meople to build cottages who would otherwise turn up their nose at Nags Head. It will make possible more brilliant lighting of many tures, 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 peo ple to cook with electricity. Filmag-

ine being able to buy current for sh cents, a kliowalt thour & and all t, the rate of three and one half cents a kilowatt, and when you have used sixty at this rate, you get it for two cents a kilowatt.

The total bill for 180 kilowatts far more than the large home concumers of current on Roanoke 15land 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'

Further proof that Nags Head is a kilowatt. Looks good, and no wonmarching forward may be seen in der people use it for cooking; think' he news that a modern talking about the time and trouble and picture show is to be created at worry saved. Under these trates ?? that, fast growing summer resort, small family could cook with elec-Norfolk; and Li S. Basnight of Moyock; Mrs. Seldon Creef and Norfolk vision of Captain George Mann, Maxie Berry. "And I am going abiding interest and of my desire and a lot more people in Washing-arms in the alligator's lair trying According to information reaching tricty, run a reirigerator and uget both he and his sectional foremen right out now to pay off some debts to serve them in every possible way for and Tyrrell counties and the to prod him out, and never get bit, will be up to date is boling conten-things for less than ten dollars of

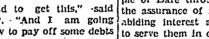


In Recent Primary

lons that the bill providing for ining of the Re

The first bonus paid out in Maneo was paid at noon Tuesday to at Pea Island Coast Guard Station.

check for the odd balance due this recipient. "I am glad to get this," -said





Led The Entire Ticket W Largest Number of-Votes

In a letter this week to The Den county Times, in which he mer

pressed great pleasure at the large trip would make news.

vote given him in Dare County. Senator Bailey says: June 12th. I came upon the tabu

lation of the votes and was proved who bid him "come in" was a and grateful to see that I had he Mason and straighway he recalled the ticket. This fact will always that he once taught a man by the be cherished by me. It is an honor which not only myself, but my

children will always prize.

County. That Clyde Mason was the "I wish you would give to the pro- father of the chap to whom he was ple of Dare through your columns talking. The old gentieman also the assurance of my gratitude fand knew the rest of the Mason family

