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COAST GUARD OPTIMISTIC REGARDING CHANCES OF NEW RETIREMENT BILL

New Measure Calling For 20-Year Retirement For Coast Guards Sponsored by Three Different Congressmen; Has Strong Support; Believed Likely to Pass

Introduced in identical form in three separate measures sponsored by three different Congressmen, the bill providing for 20-year retirement in the Coast Guard Service is viewed with optimism by Coast Guardsmen in the Seventh District.

H. R. 2558, introduced by Representative Graham A. Barden of the Third Carolina District; H. R. 2543, introduced by Representative Lindsay C. Warren of the First District of North Carolina, and H. R. 2385, introduced by Representative James A. O'Leary of the Eleventh New York District, all provide for 20-year retirement for the Coast Guard Service. And all are identically worded.

Many people think it rather odd that the same identical measure should be introduced in Congress by three different Congressmen under three different numbers, but the explanation for this lies in the fact that Congressmen Warren, Barden and O'Leary all hail from districts where there are a good many Coast Guards, and they all wanted to be able to point out later that they introduced a measure to provide 20-year retirement for Coast Guards. The bill also has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina.

This bill, unlike its predecessors, has the strong support of Coast Guard Headquarters and the Treasury Department and is believed to have a better-than-fair chance for passage. It has been referred to the committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, of which Congressman Warren is a high ranking member.

For the enlightenment of its many readers who are connected with or interested in the Coast Guard Service, the Dare County Times reprints herewith the contents of the new Coast Guard retirement bill:

A BILL
To increase further the efficiency of the Coast Guard by authorizing the retirement under certain conditions of enlisted personnel thereof with twenty or more years of service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commandant of the Coast Guard (hereinafter referred to as the "Commandant") shall assemble annually a Coast Guard Enlisted Personnel Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), to be composed of not less than three commissioned officers on the active list of the Coast Guard. It shall be the duty of the Board to recommend for retirement such enlisted men of the Coast Guard, who have twenty or more years of service, whom the Board determines, in its discretion, should be retired from active service. The recommendations of the Board shall be transmitted to the Commandant for final action. If the Commandant shall approve the recommendations of the Board, the enlisted man who, within thirty days after receipt of such notification, files with the Commandant a written protest of the action taken by the Board in his case, shall not be retired involuntarily under this Act unless a subsequent annual Board again determines in its discretion that such enlisted man should be retired and so recommends, in which case such enlisted man may, upon approval by the Commandant, be retired from active service with retired pay as prescribed by section 5 hereof. At the expiration of thirty days after receipt by an enlisted man of notice as aforesaid, in the event that no such protest is filed by him within the period prescribed, such enlisted man may, upon approval by the Commandant, be retired from service with retired pay as prescribed by section 5 hereof. If the Commandant shall disapprove any recommendation of the Board, the enlisted man concerned shall retain his status in the Coast Guard to the same extent as if his case had not been considered.

Sec. 2. An enlisted man of the Coast Guard who has twenty or more years of service may, upon suitable application to, and approval by, the Commandant, be retired from active service with re-

JUDGE J. BUSHROD LEIGH FAVORITE TYRRELL SON



HON. J. BUSH LEIGH as he is known far and wide, mostly by his title "Judge," surviving from the old days when he was judge of the Elizabeth City court, is one of Tyrrell County's favorite sons, and came from the Fort Landing section. The old colonial farm house in which Judge Leigh lived as a boy stands intact on the road near the Dare County ferry. Judge Leigh often comes to Manteo court-house in his search of land titles, and is highly popular for his good humor and high spirits.

tired pay as prescribed by section 5 hereof.

Sec. 3. The total number of enlisted men who may be retired in any one fiscal year under sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not exceed the whole number nearest to 1 per centum of the total enlisted force of the Coast Guard on the active list as of January 1 of such year, to be divided in such proportion between retirements under sections 1 and 2 of this Act as may be determined by the Commandant.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to call any enlisted man who has been retired pursuant to this Act into active service for such duty as he may be able to perform. While so employed such enlisted man shall receive full pay, allowances, and benefits authorized by law, shall be eligible for promotion, and shall be entitled to the benefits of continuous service for such rank and for such length of time as he is or has been employed in active service, and when relieved of active service shall retain upon the retired list the rank and service held by him at the time of such relief, with pay and such increases as are prescribed in section 5 of this Act.

Sec. 5. The annual rate of pay of any enlisted man retired under this Act shall be 2 1/2 per centum of the sum of his base pay and all permanent additions thereto at the time of his retirement, multiplied by the number of years of his service: Provided, That any enlisted man retired under this Act who has been cited for extraordinary heroism in line of duty, or whose average marks in conduct during his service in the Coast Guard shall not be less than 97 1/2 per centum of the maximum, shall be entitled to have his retired pay increased by an amount equal to 10 per centum of the sum of his base pay and all permanent additions thereto at the time of his retirement: Provided further, That the retired pay of any enlisted man retired under this Act shall not in any case exceed 75 per centum of the sum of his base pay and all permanent additions thereto at the time of his retirement: And provided further, That the determination of the Secretary of the Treasury as to what constitutes extraordinary heroism for the purpose of this section shall be final and conclusive.

Sec. 6. (a) The provisions of this Act shall be supplementary to, but shall not be construed to limit or supersede, existing laws relating to the retirement of enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard.

(b) The Commandant may prescribe such regulations, which shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COLLARDS FLOURISH HERE LIKE THE GREEN BAY TREE



ELSEWHERE in The Times is a story about A. J. Hartley's collard patch. It reminds us of the old days when collards was a staple article of diet in the coastland, and here is a picture of collards growing on the Anketell farm at that time. This is typical of the four acres Mr. Hartley is growing.

DARE ABC STORES MIGHT BE CLOSED IF TAX INCREASE

Proposed 10 Per Cent State Whiskey Tax Would Hurt Small Control Counties

That Dare County may have to close its profitable ABC liquor control stores if the joint finance committee of the General Assembly acts favorably on a proposal to increase the State tax on whiskey from seven to 10 per cent, is the word brought back from Raleigh this week by M. L. Daniels, chairman of the Dare County ABC Board.

Mr. Daniels, together with A. J. Daniels, chairman of the County board of commissioners, attended a hearing on the proposed increase before the joint finance committee of the legislature on Tuesday. He said the testimony at the hearing was unanimously against the proposed increase in whiskey taxes.

During the 1937-38 fiscal year, Dare County's ABC stores realized a net profit of around \$6,700, from which the State of North Carolina exacted around \$3,300 in taxes. The tax paid by Dare County amounted to 48.5 per cent of the net profits, which was the highest percentage among the 27 ABC counties in the State.

The smaller ABC counties, with comparatively small net profits, have been finding a large slice of their profits eaten away by the seven per cent State tax. If this tax were increased to 10 per cent, as is now proposed, small counties like Dare would have to go out of the liquor control business, Mr. Daniels pointed out upon his return from Raleigh this week.

HYDE COUNTY'S SUNDAY CLOSING LAW REPEALED

Thanks to Representative George E. Davis, motorists who hereafter find themselves entirely or practically out of gas in Hyde County on a Sunday will be able to buy the needed fuel for their automobiles.

A bill which was introduced in the General Assembly by young Representative Davis and which was quickly passed by both House and Senate repeals Hyde County's Sunday closing law and permits filling stations to do business on the Sabbath.

MARTIN AND BEAUFORT PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Southern Albemarle Association Urged to Include Two Populous Counties

A movement is now on foot to invite Martin and Beaufort Counties to become members of the Southern Albemarle Association, leading civic organization of this section, it was announced by C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, president of the Association last week.

Martin County, according to Mr. Tatem, should become a member, as the territory covered by it was in the original Southern Albemarle section, while Beaufort's interest would lie in the fact that it is closely associated with the charter member counties, Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington.

If these two counties were admitted, such action would bring together for the common interest of the section, six counties with a total population of 94,000, divided as follows: Beaufort, 35,000; Martin, 25,000; Washington, 12,000; Hyde, 9,000; Tyrrell, 7,000; and Dare, 6,000.

Congressman Lindsay Warren suggested Beaufort's entrance, and others have suggested that Martin become a member. They have many interests in common with the original members of the organization and their addition would greatly strengthen the association in its efforts to advise and assist in the development of the whole section by cooperative action.

Mr. Tatem said he had talked with State Department of Agriculture officials, and they are in favor of the union constituting one of the zones which they are now arranging in their program of sectional development.

The proposal to add these counties will likely be brought up at the next meeting of the association, to be held in Dare sometime this summer.

There has always been strong sentiment within the Association against including any other counties, particularly larger counties than those which originally formed the Association. The view is that four counties of similar size, interests, and faced by similar problems, might best pull together. Any other course was expected to result in declining interest.

COMMUNITY BLDG. HERE WILL HAVE A PAID MANAGER

Fred Howard to Supervise Community Use of New Building

In order that Manteo's new community building might become a community building in fact as well as in name, a manager whose salary will be paid by the NYA but who will work under the direction of the board of directors of the building is to be placed in charge of the building in the near future.

Fred Howard, who does the spectacular Indian dance in "The Lost Colony" and is Manteo reporter for the Daily Advance of Elizabeth City, has been chosen for the job of directing community use of the building.

Howard's duties will consist principally of working out details for the use of the building by various community groups, assigning hours for certain activities and seeing that the property is not damaged or abused. The board of directors, in deciding to employ a manager for the building, did so in order that the building might be a real community building and not just another public office building.

Meanwhile, the offices in the building are rapidly being filled. The men's division of the WPA moved in on Monday of this week, followed shortly by the county health department. The welfare office, the women's division of the WPA and the Home Demonstration Agent were to move in today and tomorrow.

The room to be used by the public library is not yet ready for occupancy but will be made ready as quickly as possible.

CAPT. WARD RECALLS FIRST GASOLINE HERE

Was Brought to Manteo by Capt. John Thos. Daniels Some 40 Years Ago, He Says

Capt. Henry Ward, well-known Roanoke Island man, recalls the first barrel of gasoline ever brought to Manteo. He says some 40 or more years ago, a party of New Jersey fishermen came down to Oregon Inlet, bringing with them the first gasoline boat ever brought to this county. He said they sent word by him one day as he came up to the steamboat wharf at Skyeo, to order a barrel of gas sent down to them.

He says, the late W. P. Lennon put in an order for the gas, but because the Old Dominion Steamer "Neuse" carried mail and passengers, the Captain refused to bring the gas, and it was sent down to Manteo by Capt. John Thos. Daniels.

W. P. Lennon took it in his cart, and carried it to Skyeo, Capt. Ward says, and the Jersey fishermen, finding they knew less about fishing at Oregon Inlet than they thought decided to go South, and came into Manteo. They came to see if Capt. Ward had gotten their gas, so he had to get a horse and go to Skyeo, to have Mr. Lennon bring back the gas.

Capt. Ward says, counting the 50 cents freight to Manteo, and the 25 cents each way hauling to Skyeo and back, the gas cost a total of \$4.50, or about seven cents a gallon net.

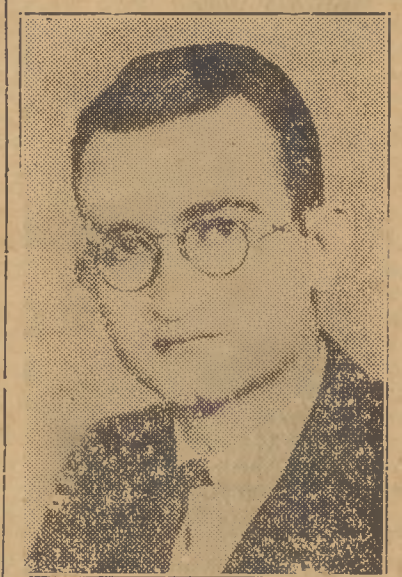
An air pump run by contact with the outside of an automobile fan belt has been invented to supply a strong, constant vacuum for operating a windshield wiper.

More than 34,000 new motorboats were placed on the waterways during 1938.

"OUTER BANKS ROUTE FOR AIRLINE PLANNED HERE AROUSES WIDE SUPPORT

Establishment of Line Between Manteo and Beaufort Via Ocracoke Now Hinges on Beaufort Preparing Landing Field For Planes; Elizabeth City Interested and Stanley Wahab Offers Backing

MAKING GOOD IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS



LORIMER W. MIDGETT is an expatriated native of Dare County who is making a name for himself in Elizabeth City. The only son of the late Brad Midgett of Manns Harbor, Lorimer has lived in Elizabeth City since he was a baby, but he still has a warm spot in his heart for Dare County. After graduating from the University of North Carolina, he taught school at Elizabeth City for several years before entering the insurance field some 15 months ago. He is with the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., and handles fire, life and automobile insurance. At the age of 28, he is looked upon as one of Elizabeth City's most popular and most successful young men. He is now serving as a member of the board of commissioners of Pasquotank County, and last week he was elected Dictator of the newly organized Order of Moose lodge at Elizabeth City. His mother, known to her many Dare County friends as "Till Midgett," is now married to Guy F. Hudgins, who is stationed at Seventh District Coast Guard Headquarters in Elizabeth City.

HYDE CHAMBER HAS NAMED COMMITTEES

Has an Ambitious Program For This Year; 12 Committees Named

With an ambitious program to work on, the alert and progressive Hyde County Chamber of Commerce has appointed the following committees to carry out its numerous forward-looking activities:

Mail, Passenger and Express Lines: M. A. Matthews, chairman; T. C. Tunnell, and Lee Mann.

Hyde County Fair: R. L. Jones, chairman, J. M. Long and Pratt Williamson.

Safety: E. A. Williams, chairman, P. E. Swindell and R. L. Jones.

County Newspaper: R. E. Tunnell, chairman, Dallas Cuthrell and E. C. Miller, Jr., secretaries.

Roads: George P. Carter, chairman, P. D. Midgett and W. J. Lupton.

Conservation and Development: A. J. Harrell, chairman, R. L. Jones and Leland Dudley.

Industry: E. R. Stewart, chairman, D. L. Berry and R. E. Gibbs.

Advertising: H. C. Jones, chairman, E. A. Williams and R. L. Patrick.

Incorporation: B. W. Williams, chairman, E. C. Miller, Jr., and Guy Cuthrell.

Program: For Swan Quarter meeting, April 3, 1939, P. G. Gallup, chairman, Dr. Fitts and R. E. Tunnell.

Membership: Guy Cuthrell, chairman, W. H. Cox and R. E. Tunnell.

Legislative: R. E. Tunnell, chairman, P. D. Midgett and H. C. Jones.

CHARTER GRANTED

It was stated in this paper last week that the Utilities Commission had granted a charter to W. A. Wahab for a transportation line between Ocracoke and Manteo. This was incorrect. The charter was issued to the Ocracoke-Manteo Transportation Co.

Considerable interest both locally and away from home has been manifested in plans for a proposed airline via Ocracoke between Manteo and Beaufort as outlined in this newspaper last week. The Roanoke Island Flying Service, of which A. H. Ward is president, and Dave Driskill, chief pilot, looked into the feasibility of operating such a line.

Immediate interest resulted, and came a prompt response from Stanley Wahab of Baltimore, native of Ocracoke who has made a large success since leaving home, but who never fails to come back and play Santa Claus to his home folks. Mr. Wahab has been quick to see many possibilities in the coastland, and he is quick to endorse the proposed air route, and offers financial backing, should any be needed.

Owners of the Roanoke Island Flying Service seem inclined to begin operation of the line with the coming of summer, but it is doubtful it could extend to Beaufort until that community improves its landing field to make it dependable in all weather conditions. In view of the interested response that came from Beaufort and Morehead City, it is believed the required cooperation will be given.

In the meantime a note of the proposed air route has been made by the Elizabeth City Daily Advance, which is well aware of the great possibilities of the Million Dollar airport being constructed at city by the U. S. Coast Guard. The Daily Advance on Wednesday carried the following editorial reference, which is typical of the comment that is being made:

As Certain as Sunrise
The Daily Advance is keenly interested in the proposal, announced in last week's issue of the Dare County Times, to establish an air line between Manteo and Beaufort this summer.

Even with the road program of the Southern Albemarle completed, the motorist setting out from Manteo to Beaufort would have a long, long way to go in travelling to his destination. But by air, Beaufort and Manteo are only an hour apart.

The Daily Advance is interested in the proposal, however, not so much from the standpoint of its bringing Manteo and Beaufort within an hour of each other as from the standpoint of the development of communication by air with the outside world for other points in Dare, particularly those below Oregon Inlet.

As one compares motor car transportation today with what it was 25 years ago and looks at recent development of the airplane and at the program of the government to teach flying to the youth of the country, he can but feel that the airplane is going to be the principal mode of transportation in reaching the outside world for all of the more isolated communities within the next 25 years. In other words, mail and passenger service by air is the logical answer to the demand of the North Carolinians from Knotts Island to Smith Island at the mouth of the Cape Fear at the mouth of the Cape Fear for speedier communication with the outside world. The Daily Advance believes such service is coming within the present generation, barring a collapse of civilization in another world war, just as certainly as tomorrow will see another sunrise. The people along the banks and those who do business with them will both do well to ponder the results of such service.

CARTERET FOLK ARE INTERESTED
Beaufort and Carteret County are extremely interested in plans for the plane service, according to advices reaching this paper Thursday, to the effect that the Chamber of Commerce officials and town officials of Beaufort are completing plans to prepare landing facilities in West Beaufort, a quarter mile from down town and about two miles from Morehead City.

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