

# THE DARE COUNTY TIMES

The Weekly Journal of the North Carolina Coastland—Devoted to the Interests of More Than 30,000 People of the Four Southern Albemarle Counties

VOL. IV; NO. 204

MANTEO, N. C., MAY 26, 1939

Single Copy 5c

## STORMY PROSPECTS MAY BE AHEAD FOR SEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

### Government Reorganization Plan Wipes Out the District; Officers Lost Nothing, Altho Identity Merged With Norfolk; Just a Follow-Up of Body Blows Struck at Service During the Past Five Years

Following up the body blows dealt the shore service of the U. S. Coast Guard during the past five years, comes news this week that the 7th Coast Guard District is to be abolished by the Government reorganization plan. Announcement is made also that the personnel of Elizabeth City will not be changed, and that the officers will hold their rank, the commander in fact receiving promotion if he wishes.

But it was told when the first great blow was struck the service three years ago in the abolishment of stations, that nothing would be lost, the personnel would be maintained at its former number and the men would be given more time for leisure.

History has proven there has been a decline in the number of men in the 7th District, and no one can deny the men aren't having to work harder than before.

So now we see the shore service finally swallowed up by the cutter service, and the administration of it transferred and lost with the sea service, although the great record of the Coast Guard is largely due to the noble work of the men on shore. It appears to be the case of one branch getting the upper hand and making the most of it.

However, Congressman Lindsay Warren, in whom the men of the shore service have great confidence, strikes a reassuring note this week in the following statement issued under his name, and is quoted here as follows:

"As you well know, the President by reorganization plan number two transferred the Lighthouse

## MANTEO'S POSTMASTER IS APPOINTED FOR LIFE



HON. CHARLES R. EVANS, the largest man ever to serve as postmaster of Manteo, was last week confirmed by the Senate to hold the office for life. Mr. Evans has been in business in Manteo for more than 20 years, and has held the postmastership at Manteo since the changes made during the first part of the Roosevelt administration. Mr. Evans is the son of the late Asa V. Evans, for many years a popular citizen and official of Dare County. He attended the University of North Carolina and returned home to go in business, running for many years one of the leading stores in Manteo, which he still owns. He is a genial, capable, friendly man, and under his administration, the postoffice has given excellent service which has met with general approval, and praise. He weighs something less than 300 pounds, is yet under forty, and has never been wined. A man with a good life for life, looks like a sure bet for some bright gal, but the Postmaster is a smart man. In all seriousness, it is doubtful if in the entire county, a more popular choice could have been found for this rapidly growing office.

## LIONEL MIDGETT DIES OF CYCLE MISHAP INJURIES

### Funeral Today at Wanchese; Roy Davis, Jr., Recovering From Accident

Funeral services will be held in Wanchese today for Lionel Robert Midgett, 18, who died Wednesday afternoon from injuries received last Saturday in a motorcycle accident.

His jaw was driven against his brain and his skull, chest, arm and leg badly fractured when the motorcycle on which he and Roy L. Davis, Jr., were riding crashed into an automobile at the southern end of the Coinjock canal bridge.

Midgett, driver of the motorcycle, was taken to the Norfolk Marine Hospital where physicians from the beginning held no hope for his recovery. He had been released from a hospital only a short time before, following an earlier motorcycle accident in which he and Henry Parker were injured.

Twenty-year-old Davis is the son of Roy Davis, of Manteo, Dare County's representative in the North Carolina legislature. His most serious injury was to his knee which was operated on Sunday at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. His only permanent injury was the loss of two or three front teeth and doctors said he would be able to return home in about two weeks.

Midgett is survived by his parents, Frank and Bernice Sanders Midgett; three sisters, Freda B., Helen W. and Loretta Y. Midgett; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Midgett, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Sanders, all of Wanchese.

According to Willis Dowdy, canal bridge tender, the motorcycle, a 1939 Harley-Davidson, was going

(Please turn to Page Eight)

## MANTEO ROTARIANS ENTERTAIN A NOTABLE



The close-up picture by Ben Dixon MacNeill presents first, Roy L. Davis, president of the Manteo Rotary Club, Leon F. Montague of Kansas and Dr. W. W. Johnston, past president of the Club. Mr. Montague, representative of the office of the Secretary of Rotary International visited Rotary in Dare several days ago, was lunched at Parkerson's with Mr. Davis, visited with Dr. Johnston, and saw Fort Raleigh with Mr. MacNeill. He spoke to Rotary during 45 minutes Monday night in an inspiring message touching on the cardinal points of Rotary, vocational, community service, club service, and international activities. Following the meeting he met with the directors of the Club and discussed Rotary objectives for the coming year. He is a Kansas Rotary district governor, and left the plains of his home state to become a member of the staff of Rotary International. The picture was made at Fort Raleigh. Charlie Overman was in charge of the program.

## SEVEN SURVIVORS OF WELL KNOWN DANIELS CLAN



HERE THEY ARE, the living sons and daughters of the well known Capt. John Thomas Daniels, who died in 1908. They gathered together Sunday for the first time in many years. Three of them live on Roanoke Island and four at Newport News, Va. Capt. John Thomas Daniels for many years ran a boat between Manteo and Elizabeth City. In later life he removed to Portsmouth, Va., where he died. His body is buried in the cemetery at the old homeplace on Croatan Sound.

## HATTERAS LEAPS TO FRONT WITH MANY SPORTSMEN DURING FISHING MONTH

### Beach Crowded With Rod and Reel Men Seeking Channel Bass and Blues; Tourists Homes at Cape Hatteras Busy; Hatteras Hotel Has Many Guests

Hatteras leaps to the front with a record attendance of sport fishermen during the month of May. By Monday of this week the count had run to over 700 of fishermen who had visited from Cape Hatteras to Hatteras Inlet. On some weekends the tourist homes at Buxton were filled to overflowing.

The Atlantic View Hotel at Hatteras had to send part of its guests to homes in the neighborhood. Other homes regularly catering to roomers were filled up. Most of the fishermen spent their time surf casting near the Cape or the town of Hatteras. Fishermen came from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Rhode Island mostly, and from a dozen other states. The hotel alone fed a daily average of 25 people.

The fame of Hatteras and its excellent boats and guides, as well as its good fishing, has been spreading much of late. The Hatteras Development Co., Stanley Wahab of

(Please turn to Page Four)

## TERM SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES MONDAY IN DARE

### Many Cases to Come Before Judge Leo Carr Next Week

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, will preside at the term of Superior Court which convenes at ten o'clock Monday morning, May 29. Superior Court, while not expected to last many days, has on its docket many cases in which the public is generally interested.

Coming up for trial the third time is the case against Jethro Midgett, Jr., young Nags Head boy who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Ethel Drinkwater Hartley and Winston Green on the highway near Manteo two years ago. This case resulted in conviction a year ago and a prison sentence for the defendant; but his attorneys plead for a new trial on the ground that they had discovered new evidence that would be helpful to their client. Judge Everett Thompson granted the motion for the new trial at the November term of Superior Court.

Another case which has excited great interest is that against Edgar Williams of Nags Head for assaulting Mrs. Stella Whitehurst and the case in which Mrs. Whitehurst is charged with attempting to kill Mrs. Williams. The case happened a few months ago at a filling station on the beach highway and was a sensation when heard before the Recorder's Court. In the encounter, Mrs. Williams was severely beaten and had many cuts and bruises.

Another case of much interest is that of young McDonald Montague of Wanchese, who is to be tried for several counts of burglary and stealing a boat. Montague confessed to robbing the store of Billy Tillett and stealing the motor boat of Ernest Etheridge and some three nights later was caught while burglarizing the store of John Cudworth.

Along with the general list of civil actions, most of which have been hanging on the docket for a year, are several divorce actions.

## MAJOR GEO. GILLETTE FISHES IN DARE WATERS



MAJOR GEO. W. GILLETTE, the greatly admired Chief of Engineers of the Wilmington Division, having charge of the waterways of eastern North Carolina, was again a visitor in Dare County this week, visiting Hatteras Monday night, and in Manteo Tuesday night. While on his visit, he fished at Oregon Inlet, and left Wednesday for Wilmington.

## DESK WINS PRAISE AT RALEIGH NYA EXHIBIT

A solid oak desk built by the Dare County's Boys NYA work project won high praise at the state exhibit held last Friday and Saturday at Raleigh. Mrs. Helen Duvall Daniels, the county NYA supervisor, attended the conference, and stated on her return that P. S. Randolph, state project supervisor, and Charles L. Hayes, district property supervisor of the NYA, praised the desk as being one of the most perfect and beautiful articles on exhibit. The desk was built under the supervision of the project foreman, Marshall T. Tillett of Nags Head, and when returned from Raleigh, it will be used in the office of Melvin R. Daniels, register of deeds.

The girls' share of the exhibit consisted of clothing they had sewn, and Mrs. Daniels stated that the work of Dare county girls compared very favorably with articles from the rest of the state.

## TYRRELL'S HOME AGENT

Tyrrell County has a new home agent after four years. Miss Mary Blanche Strickland, of Wake County, and a graduate of Greenville Teachers' College has been assigned to that County.

## 14 BROADWAY PLAYERS TAKE IMPORTANT ROLES IN LOST COLONY DRAMA

### Sam Selden Returns From European Trip to Direct Roanoke Island Play This Summer. Catherine Cale and Donald Somers to Return With the Show

## HEADS COMPANY THAT HAS HELPED US GROW



DR. LEMUEL SHOWELL BLADES is a figure not generally well known in Dare County, being that he is a man of retiring and studious nature, but nevertheless he figures in Dare County's progress in a big way, and is a most interesting and genial man when you get to know him. He is president of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, with principal offices in Elizabeth City and which owns all the telephone and telegraph lines commercially used in Dare County. It has been only a few years since Dare County was without commercial telephone facilities. When the Elizabeth City company came in and established the local exchange, there were many people who said it wouldn't succeed, because other lines on Roanoke Island had gone down. The company's vision has been justified, and now it is a heavy taxpayer in Dare County, and its lines serve the entire coast. It has been one of the greatest of all contributors to the development of the Dare County beaches at Nags Head and Kitty Hawk.

## COAST GUARDS OF SEVENTH DISTRICT NEW YORK RACES

Many of the finest men of the Coast Guard stations of the Seventh District, most of them Dare County boys, left Elizabeth City the past week end for the Coast Guard rowing races in the Hudson River between the crack crews of the First, Fifth and Seventh District. Elimination contests were held earlier in the spring. Heading the group from Elizabeth City, where they have undergone intensive training for several days under the direction of Chief Boatswain Walter Etheridge, are the following men: T. J. Harris, Coxswain of Kill Devil Hills, Clyde Beacham of Nags Head, John Wise of Virginia Beach, William Hooper of Little Island, Rob Austin of Washwoods, Chesley C. Midgett of Oregon Inlet, Erving Gray of Ocracoke, Walter Lewis of Cape Lookout, Andrew Midgett and Ion Lewis of Fort Macon, and Dalton Hooper of A. B. 21 of Elizabeth City. Ion Lewis is a motor machinist's mate and is a brother of Walter Lewis. Dalton Hooper and William Hooper are brothers and sons of E. O. Hooper, formerly keeper of Gull Shoals Station.

## R. J. ALEXANDER NOW ON PALMOLIVE PEET ROUTE

R. J. Alexander, pleasant, likable and wide-awake salesman has recently taken over the sales-promotion job in the northeastern North Carolina Counties for Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, and is now making his first contacts among the merchants of this section. He makes headquarters at Rocky Mount. While a native of Virginia, Mr. Alexander is well known through this section, having worked the tobacco trade for many years.

Fourteen Broadway actors have signed for important roles in the 1939 production of Paul Green's historical drama "The Lost Colony", scheduled to begin its third summer season at the Waterside Theatre, Manteo, N. C., July 1, according to an announcement made today by Harry Davis, associate director of the new production. For the past few days Mr. Davis, of the Carolina Playmaker staff, and Paul Green auditioned more than two hundred actors in order to find the most suitable and professional talent for the third summer presentation of the North Carolina drama. Their task was not only to fill roles which had not been adequately handled by performers in the past but to replace actors unable to return to Manteo.

The following actors will be "loaned" to the Roanoke Island Historical Association by the New York City Federal Theatre Project: Henry Buckley, Beatrice Hendricks, Tom Greenway, Whitney Haley, Robert Donaldson, Boyd Agin, Robert Lowes, and Julie Arden. Violet Lester, who was loaned last year by the Federal Theatre, is returning as wardrobe mistress at her own request.

Katherine Cale, whose sympathetic portrayal of Eleanor Dare—the First Mother—is well-known to North Carolina—will return for a third time to play this powerful and spirited role. Also returning are Bob Bowers, who was last seen on Broadway in "You Can't Take it With You," and Donald Somers, whose Old Tom is one of the highlights of "The Lost Colony."

Announcement as to what roles these actors are to perform in "The Lost Colony" will be made following the arrival of Samuel

(Please turn to Page Four)



One of the disadvantages of modern life is the stress it puts upon the human endurance. Easy living and easy achievement have contributed greatly to making the human race effeminate, soft and weak.

The cycle of human life may be expected in reason to encompass a definite amount of pain, of fear or of anguish, and without experiencing these, we might not be so well fitted to measure out kindness and justice and charity toward our fellowman. Unless one has guts, his capacity for accomplishment is limited. "Guts" means the grim, unflinching determination to succeed with honor, regardless of the cost. Some successes may not be worth the price, but who is there who may always fairly judge?

I have seen many deserving men struggle from small beginnings through great hardships and reverses, to found a growing business just ready to flourish. With all prospects wonderfully encouraging, like a sailing vessel before a fair wind, their sails have suddenly flibed across and upset their ventures.

So often the world never knows what little zephyr blew its foul breath into the man at the helm, already weak and exhausted from a long battle.

Maybe he just didn't have quite enough grit.

I have seen strong men shrink away from the surgeon's heroic punishment upon the injured form of a loved one—men who could wade into a sea of battle where death might threaten instantly. The greatest pain I had ever known at the time, was to hold my little boy in vise-like grip when he with all his childish love and trust appealed to me in his fright, as the doctor deftly stitched his lip that a dog had lacerated with heavy claws. But the child was saved from permanent disfigurement. I have suf-

(Please turn to page three)

### Fishing and all Out Doors

—By—  
Aycok Brown  
Authority on Fishing News

Carolina coastal communities are reaping rewards from the plugging which has been given our salt water fishing by the State News Bureau under the direction of Bill Sharpe in Raleigh. Before this season has passed coastal residents are going to see that it pays to advertise, especially when a group of publicity experts such as those employed at the State News Bureau are handling the copy and ideas.

From Assistant Director Paul Kelly, of the Department of Conservation and Development came a special report on activities in the sports fishing communities along the coast following a current survey. It follows:

"More fishermen from other states are fishing for channel bass, bluefish and other ocean fish along the North Carolina coast this year, in the vicinity of Nags Head, Hatteras, Ocracoke, Drum Inlet, Cape Lookout and Atlantic Beach, and all the way down to Southport, than have ever been seen in those parts, according to reports being received by the Department of Conservation and Development.

For several weeks now hotel and fishing camp accommodations have been filled to capacity and the reservations keep pouring in every day.

"It is the best fishing season we have had in a long time (just prior to the market crash in the late 20s—to be exact) one of the fishing guides reported down on the Banks. Most of the out of state fishermen are from New Jersey and New York. Quite a number are flying down in airplanes. (Three plane loads of fishermen were in Beaufort over the week end.)

This heavy influx of fishermen from other states is attributed to the publicity that has been given of the coastal section by the fine drum fishing there by the news bureau of the Department of Conservation and Development, and by the rod and gun editors who have recently visited the area and fished for fish-

(Please turn to page three)