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MANDAMUS SUIT AGAINST SHPWC CONSIDERED BY HYDE-TYRRELL COUNTIES

Resolutions Passed Agreeing Share Expense of Mandamus Suit to Show Cause Why Columbia-Swan Quarter Road Should Not Be Completed; Mass Meeting Set For 25th at Fairfield; Other Business at Meeting

Resolutions setting forth their intentions to enter a mandamus suit against the State Highway and Public Works Commission requiring the commission to show cause why it should not complete an all-weather road between Columbia and Swan Quarter were passed by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners in session at Swan Quarter Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The resolutions set forth the belief that on or about the 16th of November, 1931, the State Highway and Public Works Commission bound itself by letter addressed to Hon. Lindsay C. Warren, member of Congress, to construct an all-weather road connecting the county seat of Hyde with the County seat of Tyrrell in consideration of the Federal government agreeing to construct a bridge across the Island Waterway Canal along the route near Fairfield. The Federal government, the resolutions continued, has carried out its part of said contract by having completed the construction of said bridge more than four years ago.

The resolutions followed the wording of similar resolutions passed recently by the Tyrrell County board of commissioners, with each board agreeing to assume half of the expenses of such a suit including attorney's fees, providing that any bills in connection with the suit shall first be approved by the respective boards.

The resolutions further ordered that a joint meeting of the Hyde and Tyrrell County boards of commissioners together with the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce and any other interested citizens or groups be held in the school auditorium at Fairfield at 7 o'clock the night of October 25 or at such other date as would suit the convenience of the Tyrrell board to discuss the facts involved and to outline future action to be taken.

The Hyde County commissioners at their meeting this week also accepted a contract with the State Department of Agriculture for Bang's disease eradication work in Hyde County with the county agreeing to provide a helper for the veterinarian sent here by the state.

W. J. Lupton, county accountant, was authorized to list the suits instigated for taxes in behalf of the county and to ask a non suit in those cases where full payment has been made and no judgment entered.

A resolution was passed petitioning the state department of agriculture to refrain from using or allowing to be used in Hyde County any hog cholera virus, since, the resolution pointed out, the disease or diseases prevalent in Hyde County have not been definitely determined to be hog cholera and since the movement of hogs in Hyde County is largely export rather than import.

Settlement was made by Tax Collector S. O. Jones for the 1938 taxes and the 1939 books were turned over to him.

The Engelhard Banking & Trust Co., at Swan Quarter was designated as the official county depository for another year.

The county agreed to sponsor a WPA project for a community building at Ponzer at no expense to the county other than \$500 previously appropriated for that purpose.

A request of the board of education for permission to borrow \$4,000 from the state to be counted in the 1940-41 budget for the purpose of installing sanitary toilets at the Swan Quarter, Fairfield and Engelhard schools was continued until the next meeting.

JUDITH WESCOTT IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

The general condition of Judith Wescott, two-year-old child ill of infantile paralysis, is somewhat improved, according to Dr. W. W. Johnston, attending physician. Judith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Novin Wescott of Manteo, became paralyzed from the neck down last week. None of the paralysis has left her but she is able to eat and her general condition seems better.

ISLAND IS STILL POPULAR WITH CAMERA MEN

Four Jam Handy Representative Here With Movie Camera

Shots of Fort Raleigh, the Alligator River at Kilkenny, and Nags Head woods will form part of a feature length moving picture, depicting the development of American civilization and sponsored by General Motors.

Four men from the Jam Handy Organization, Detroit, Michigan, left Wednesday after spending several days in this section taking the shots. Their company, ranking with Hollywood companies in the amount of film used, was commissioned to do the job. The four are Gordon Avil, cinematographic director, L. E. Raupp, assistant director, Al O'Dea, general technician, and Bernard Haugh, assistant cameraman.

Local Men Guides

Their work began in August in Cumberland, Maryland, and from there they went south to Williamsburg to photograph the colonial reconstruction. While in Dare and Tyrrell counties they were assisted by Bob O'Neal, Ben Dixon MacNeill, and A. C. Stratton who gave them information about this section and served as guides.

Leaving here they plan to go back to Williamsburg and into Pennsylvania. When they reach New York City they will take pictures of General Motors' display at the World's Fair which shows the world as it is expected to be in 1960. These pictures will be a part of the film which will show America's development from early settlement until an imaginary 1960. The film will be impressionistic rather than historical and detailed, giving a general idea of changes and developments. A special kind of lens and a new technique will aid in the impression of time passing, bringing scenes from a distance to close range.

Will Go West

From New York the four cameramen will go west and hope to complete the work by December 1. Their most interesting material thus far has been, according to director Avil, the turpentine farming near Cordele, Georgia. They had hoped to get pictures of Cape Hatteras before leaving here but dull weather prevented this.

This area has recently become a popular photographic subject. William Eckenberger of the Times Wide World Pictures and a staff photographer from "Life" magazine were here in July, along with a host of tourist amateur snappers. The end of the Lost Colony season on Labor Day did not stop the interest. The fire September 11 brought newspapermen to Manteo to photograph the destruction, and only last week the Photographic Section of the Army Air Corps made aerial pictures of the Hatteras National Seashore, Diamond Shoals, Roanoke Island and Collington.

REV. WALSTON TO PREACH NEXT SUNDAY AT WANCHESE

Rev. R. E. Walston of Tyner, district director of young people, will preach at 7:30 Sunday night at the Wanchese Methodist church. He plans to organize a Dare County Union of young people, following the services, and all Methodist churches of Dare County are invited to send representatives.

Rev. Walston has had considerable success in leading young people according to Rev. James W. Sneeden of the Wanchese church, and Rev. Sneeden is confident that in this county too, the young people will respond to the organization plan.

JURY LIST

The jury list is as follows: Manteo: J. B. O'Neal, Benjamin W. O'Neal, W. R. Knight and Ray W. Jones; Wanchese: Preston Daniels, O. H. Daniels, Van B. Gray, Andrew Tillet; Manns Harbor, B. F. Twiford, Gaston Mann; Stumpy Point, J. M. Midgett, T. M. Wise, M. V. Hooper; Mashoes, F. O. Basnigh; East Lake, Ben Cain, V. O. Creef; Waves, W. W. Midgett, Rodanthe, Lewis W. Midgett; Salvo, L. Douglas; Buxton, M. E. Farrow, C. T. Miller; Avon, C. A. Morgan, J. A. Farrow; Frisco, Hobson Willis, Emmett Rollinson; Hatteras, Oscar Burrus, C. S. Styron, Zack Austin; Kitty Hawk, Zene Perry, Silas Guard, Adam Dough; Duck, Jackson Curless; Collington, Walter Williams, U. S. Meekins; Kill Devil Hill, Reuben Haskett.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson recently received word that her brother, Riley Midgett of Engelhard, is improving. Mr. Midgett had a hemorrhage of the brain last week.

SKYCO COUPLE HAS THREE ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Midgett of Skyco, on September 29, observed three anniversaries with one big celebration. Mrs. Midgett was 76 years of age September 25 and her husband was 81 on the 29th. September 27 was their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary.

WOODROW PRICE GOES WITH RALEIGH TIMES

Woodrow Price, well-known newspaper correspondent and representative in Manteo for the past six years for the Daily Advance of Elizabeth City is being congratulated this week upon his new position at the State capital with the Raleigh Times, afternoon daily. Mr. Price is noted for his honesty, sincerity, and capacity, and is popular with Manteo people. While regretting the departure of so good a citizen, his friends congratulate him for his new opportunity in a larger field. He is a native of Elizabeth City. Keith Saunders, another Elizabeth City boy has been on the Raleigh Times since the first of the year.

MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY TO RENEW MEETINGS IN THE CHURCH THAT GOD MOVED

Old Church Used 38 Years and Replaced by Brick Structure Made Annex After 25 Years as Humble Barn; Moved by Tide and Wind 300 Yards to Site Desired But Which the Owner Refused Until Then to Sell; Public Invited to Service

All Methodists of Hyde County have been invited by the Rev. R. Z. Newton, pastor of several churches in Hyde County, to attend a memorial service Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church in Swan Quarter which over a half century ago "was moved by the hand of God" to the site the good people had selected but which the owner had refused to sell.

About 25 years ago the historic church was sold for a barn and a new modern brick edifice built in the stead. But during all those years when the old church was a barn, the good Methodists of Swan Quarter and surrounding territory, who considered its use as a barn almost a sacrilege, began to develop a renewed sentiment for the "holy" church and at the same time they were growing in religious fervor and in numbers.

Replaced by Brick

Soon the modern brick edifice was becoming crowded and there wasn't room far all the Sunday school classes to meet separately. The sentiment for the old church began to brew along with the increasing realization of the need for an annex. And so, many hearts were made glad a few weeks ago when the old church, for 25 years a mere humble barn, was secured again for church purposes. A lot of work was necessary to convert it into a Sunday school annex but the pastor and the members of the congregation went about the task with an almost unknown enthusiasm. The windows and doors as well as

SUPERIOR COURT IN DARE COUNTY ON OCTOBER 23

Commissioners Draw Jury List; Foreclosures of 1936 Taxes Ordered

The Board of Commissioners this week after considering various routine matters drew the jury list for the term of Superior Court beginning October 23rd, made adjustment of several 1938 taxes, and expressed themselves as being opposed to making additional expenditures, requested of them.

The county is now faced with a demand from several property holders to wipe off the 1939 taxes on many thousands of dollars worth of property lost in the Manteo fire on September 10th. This problem may be settled at an early meeting.

Tightening up of tax collections was recommended in order to take care of the losses occasioned from other sources, and many who have not paid their taxes up to date will get a shaking up. Martin Kellogg, Jr., County Attorney, was instructed to start at once on foreclosure of 1936 taxes.

In the meantime, the Sheriff is preparing a list of people owning trucks, cars, skiffs, boats and nets who are delinquent in taxes and these will be taken, stored, and sold for taxes. The county officials do not wish that some shall pay, and others escape paying their part of taxes due.

BURIAL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET MONDAY

The annual meeting of the Manteo Burial Association is set for next Monday night, October 9, at eight o'clock in the court house. The meeting was originally scheduled for last Monday but so few members attended, that the business of the organization, including the election of new officers, could not be taken care of.

The group has a large membership and they are urged to make every effort to attend next Monday's meeting.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE AT MANN'S HARBOR SUNDAY

Fire completely destroyed a house located in Manns Harbor Sunday afternoon about one o'clock when a fire starting in the kitchen where cooking was being done could not be checked. The house was occupied by Negro employees of C. D. Mann, and was not insured.

STATE'S NEEDY AGED PAID OVER 3 MILLION A YEAR; OTHER COSTS OF RELIEF

A Review of the Relief Picture in North Carolina as Seen by the Director of Publicity For the State Board; Numerous Groups Now Must Lean Heavily Upon Public Funds For Support

J. K. WILSON TO HEAD BAR OF FIRST DISTRICT

O. L. Williams and George T. Davis of Swan Quarter Named to Offices

Two attorneys of Hyde County were honored at the meeting of the first district bar association in Washington Friday, O. L. Williams being named vice president of the association and George Thomas Davis being named to the executive committee representing Hyde County.

The meeting attended by fifty attorneys from the 10 counties, was addressed by Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell of the Supreme Court. Mr. Seawell expressed approval of the proposal to change the form of court procedure to eliminate oral argument and also of the proposed trend that all appeals to the State's Supreme judicial body should not be entertained.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, special guest of the bar, spoke briefly previous to the business session when officers were elected. "I know of no one at the present time," he said, who is connected with the government in an official capacity—from the president on down—who does not think this country must and shall keep out of the European war... Frankly I believe from the bottom of my heart that the neutrality law as it now exists is much more liable to bring us into war than the proposed bill now pending debate on the Senate floor."

J. K. Wilson of Elizabeth City was chosen to succeed retiring President W. B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington. O. L. Williams of Swan Quarter was elected vice president, John Graham of Edenton was reelected secretary-treasurer. The three-year term of District Counselor Junius D. Grimes of Washington will not expire until next year.

The district executive committee, composed of one representative attorney from each county, was named as follows: Sam Blount, Beaufort; W. S. Privott, Chowan; T. W. Coster, Jr., Gates; Granbery Tucker, Perquimans; George T. Davis, Hyde; J. C. Meekins, Jr., Tyrrell; John H. Hall, Pasquotank; W. I. Halstead, Camden; A. M. Scales, Currituck; and Martin Kellogg, Jr., Dare.

ROANOKE ISLAND MUSIC CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Alexander Mathis was elected vice president and program chairman, and Mrs. Rennie Williamson was elected secretary of the Roanoke Island Music Club when the group met Tuesday night at 8:30 at the Manteo Methodist church. Mrs. James Hollowell, president, and Mrs. E. L. Bell, treasurer, will continue in their offices.

Mrs. Williamson was appointed chairman of the club's delegation to Windsor, where the N. C. Federation of Music clubs will meet October 21.

"Discovering Music" is the text being used this year by the group, and Alexander Mathis discussed the first two chapters, presenting a musical program to illustrate their content. Idyllic nature was represented by his violin number, "Sunrise" from Greig's "Peer Gynt Suite," and happy home life was depicted in Mozart's "Serenade in Four Movements." Mrs. Williamson accompanied him at the piano and played as a solo a military Polonaise from Chopin to illustrate color in music.

Mrs. Victor Meekins will be hostess to the group at their next meeting on the first Tuesday in November.

GETS NICE DEER ON BANKS OF ALLIGATOR

Carroll Cartwright and his father, Steve Cartwright, showed to motorists passing the Alligator river bridge near Fairfield Tuesday morning a 125-30 pound buck which Carroll had shot that day along the banks of the Alligator river.

By A. LAURANCE AYDLETT

What is relief costing North Carolina? The question frequently pops into the minds of county officials and private citizens in North Carolina. But relief as it used to be known is vastly different from the assistance programs now in effect in continental United States and its insular possession in that the modern ideas of aid represent an attempt to give an assistance that will be permanent and continuing rather than something merely to relieve the suffering of the moment.

Care of the poor that for centuries past developed entirely on the locality itself with wasteful methods of parceling out the community's surplus resources in varying amounts to whoever might on occasion be considered needy in the lack of any set standards of measurement of poverty, was Relief.

But what did it serve in the long run to alleviate? Certainly not the basic conditions of the unfortunate. The bounty of kings and emperors scattered with random over the city streets in the wake of royal processions, the feasts on holiday occasions in the palace courtyards, served to relieve nothing but the conscience of despotic rulers or the day's pangs of hunger among the populace.

People would laugh today at the thought of a North Carolina official casting coins from his automobile as it passed along the highways, or at a Superior court judge who threw open the gates of his back yard and inviting any hungry people within four blocks to a fish fry or barbecue. They wouldn't have the money.

Years ago taxes went to the crown and were the king's personal property, and it was the king who was the government of the land. Later political changes placed the country's ruler in the position of a figurehead, of a standard about which the loyalties of an empire could rally. Only in the last few years has the social lag begun to catch up with changing economic and political conditions.

Modern democratic concepts have given the tax receipts to the Government and have said that the government is the People. So it is today that it is the Government that has the money and not the Official; and that is why the government is beginning to look after the unfortunate in a three-fold program of national, state and local interest and responsibility.

In this newer light, the question is not "what is relief costing North Carolina?" but rather is a question of to what extent what proportion of the needy population in North Carolina is being aided by all available resources in bettering its unfortunate conditions.

And the answer to that is that an average of 48,424 cases a month received only \$121.00 each in assistance of some sort on the part of the government during fiscal 1939. Total expenditures from all sources for assistance in the form of cash payments for last year amounted to \$6,041,625.93 distributed under various phases of the general program and not including aid by distributing surplus food

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CITIZENS OF HYDE CO. URGE FIRE PREVENTION

Number of Business and Professional Men Sponsoring Ad in Connection Fire Prevention

Citizens of Hyde County are cooperating generally and wholeheartedly with National Fire Prevention week October 8-14. A number of business and professional men of Swan Quarter and vicinity are sponsoring an ad-paper in which is set out some advice and cautions to the people in general to help curb the large annual fire loss.

The recent disaster at Manteo in the neighboring county has caused Hyde County citizens to feel more keenly the need for caution in regard to fire, hence the good response and cooperation in connection with National Fire Prevention Week.