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DARE WELFARE BOARD NAMES MRS. THEODORE S. MEEKINS, JR. NEW SUPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Resignation of I. P. Davis Accepted Last Friday and Mrs. Meekins Appointed On Same Day. Mr. Davis' Resignation Leaves Co. Vets Service Office Vacant.

The Dare County Board of Public Welfare last Friday accepted the resignation of I. P. Davis, Superintendent of Public Welfare here for the past fifteen years, and appointed Mrs. Theodore Meekins, Jr., of Manteo, as his successor. Mr. Davis' resignation is to become effective "about the 15th of February," and Mrs. Meekins, who is fully accredited and qualified to hold the superintendent's position, will take over her new duties at once.

The action of the Welfare Board in appointing Mrs. Meekins to the superintendency was unanimous. She has been employed by the board as a case worker for the last few years and is fully acquainted with all the details of the work of the office. Welfare Board members are Dr. W. W. Johnston, chairman; Mrs. Royden Tillett of Wanchese; and Walter D. Perry of Kill Devil Hills.

The future plans of Mr. Davis, widely known in this area as "Ike," are not as yet definite. He will accept a position as Superintendent of Public Welfare in another county in the state. He has been interviewed by welfare boards in Hertford and Duplin counties, and both jobs have been offered to him. On February 8 he will go to Johnson county for an interview concerning the Superintendent's position there. Thereafter, Mr. Davis says, he will make his decision about which job to accept.

Mr. Davis expressed regret about leaving Dare county, saying that he "would rather live here than anywhere else in the world," but explained his decision to leave as being motivated by the more attractive financial offers he has been tendered in other positions similar to the one he has served in here.

Vacates Two Positions

Mr. Davis also has served here as County Veterans Service Officer, an office which is filled by appointment of the County Board of Commissioners. When Mr. Davis' successor in this position is appointed, it is expected that the commissioners will consult with representatives of Dare county American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts, as well as with Steve Alford, District Service Officer for the North Carolina Veterans Commission, whose office is in Elizabeth City.

DARE SOLDIER IN KOREAN FIGHTING

Pvt. Julian Austin, Jr., Has Been Through the Whole Korean Campaign with the United States Second Infantry Division

Many Dare countians have followed the news accounts in recent months about the rough going the embattled 2nd Infantry Division has encountered up and down the Korean peninsula. A circumstance, unknown to most of them, that might have heightened their interest in the 2nd's campaigns had they known of it, is that Julian Austin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Austin, now of Elizabethtown and formerly of Hatteras, has been with the 2nd in all the long gruelling campaigns. A veteran of overseas service in World War II; Pvt. Austin was recalled to service last August and has been overseas several months.

Young Austin's address is: Pvt. Julian Austin, Jr., ER 53020014, Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, C/O Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

According to the last letter received from Pvt. Austin, written from somewhere in Korea on January 1st, 1951, the newspaper accounts of the troops' suffering in Korea have been, if anything, underplayed. Pvt. Austin said that he received no mail from his parents.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

Figures provided by U. S. Govt. Meteorologist A. W. Drinkwater

	High	Low	Rain
January 25	56	44	
January 26	40	31	
January 27	64	27	
January 28	63	46	
January 29	68	52	
January 30	52	40	.28
January 31	62	41	

MARCH OF DIMES CHAIRMAN CALLS RESULTS 'FAIR'

Mrs. Balfour Baum, campaign director of the March of Dimes fund-raising drive in Dare county, gave on Wednesday of this week a report on the results of the drive so far.

Only Colington, where the drive was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lewis Meekins, has finished its drive and turned in its report to the county chairman. Mrs. Baum reported that the Colington campaign netted \$27.25 for the county fund.

Bridge Party and Dance

The bridge and canasta party held on January 22 at the Fort Raleigh Hotel resulted in the collection of \$27.50 for the March of Dimes, Mrs. Baum said. The March of Dimes Ball, held last Saturday night at the Manteo school gymnasium, grossed \$96.60, of which \$54.50 was clear.

Mrs. Baum said that mail-collections, although coming in rather slowly, have been fairly satisfactory thus far. She urged all persons who have not yet done so, to return their March of Dimes cards as soon as possible. On the whole the drive was progressing fairly well, the chairman stated, with the exception of collections from the public coin boxes in business places—this type of appeal, she stated, has been almost wholly ineffective this year.

MAY TEST-DRILL LAND FOR OIL NEAR EAST LAKE

There's a lease on file in the public records in Registrar of Deeds Melvin Daniels' office in Manteo that could conceivably turn out to be one of the most important documents that ever affected this county. There are, to be sure, a number of rather important "ifs" involved—the "iffiest" of them all being "If there should turn out to be petroleum, in quantity to make production pay off under a certain tract of land near East Lake." The land is known as the "George Pollock Tract."

Last August a paper was notarized in Pasquotank county which gave McCarthy-Warde Associates a five year "Oil & Gas Lease" to 4,800 acres of a 9,600 acre tract near East Lake owned by O. F. Gilbert and wife of Pasquotank county. The lease itself is a long, complex paper, well-lubricated with "ifs" itself. An interesting clause of the lease states that "If no well be commenced on said and on or before the 15th day of February, 1951, See TEST, Page Eight

County Youth Council Adds Youths to Executive Board Executive Board Pledges Assistance to Education Department's County-Wide Fair. New Council Officers Chosen.

Youth members will sit on the Executive Board of the newly-formed Dare County Council for Services to Children and Youth, and will work with the adult Council member in each community. This will be one of the strongest recommendations coming out of the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth to be put into practice in Dare County.

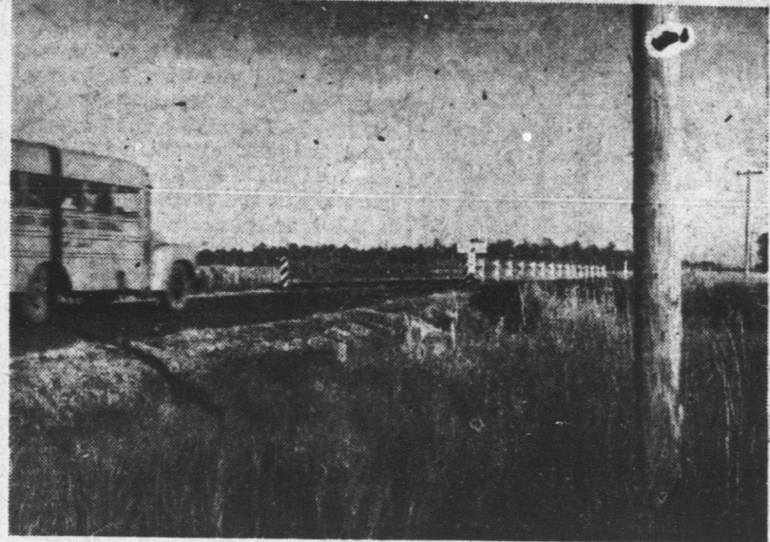
At its first meeting last Saturday, the Executive Board of the Council made plans to amend its Constitution to make youth participation official.

"We know that we must plan WITH youth in order to plan well FOR youth," said Mrs. David Stick, President of the Council, "and this means every step of the way, from the top down."

The youth members will participate temporarily until the next general meeting of the Council this spring, when such amendments can be made. This will mean that there will be 17 youths and 17 adult members (one each from the communities on the Council, and 3 youths and 6 adult members of the Executive Board.

The Board showed further

STUMPY POINT PUPILS IN DARE TRAVEL 27 MILES TO ATTEND ENGELHARD SCHOOL



For lack of a bridge across Croatan Sound, the elementary and high school grades of Stumpy Point chose to attend school at Engelhard in Hyde County, 27 miles away. There are many ties of blood and social relationship between Engelhard and Stumpy Point. Inter-marriage in many families of the two communities have brought them close together, and a large share of the business of Stumpy Point goes to Engelhard. The picture shows the bus about half way to Engelhard at the bridge over Long Shoal River which divides the two counties. (Photo by Aycock Brown.)

Eight Men Leave Here for Pre-Induction Examinations in Raleigh Friday Morning Three More Eighteen-Year-Olds Register for the First Time During Month of January. All Are High School Students.

Eight Dare countians between the ages of 19 and 25 will catch the 6 a.m. bus in Manteo Friday morning to go to Raleigh for pre-induction examinations to determine their fitness for service in the armed forces, according to information from the office of Robert Ballance, chairman of the Dare County Selective Service Board. Some men in the group have been deferred previously, but have been re-classified recently.

The eight men are: Freddie H. Reber, 19, Nags Head; William B. Blackmond, 20, Manteo (Negro); Edward W. Ashby, 21, Manteo (Negro); Leonard F. Gaskins, 20, Hatteras; Murray L. Farrow, 23, Frisco; Louis H. Midgett, 25, Manns Harbor; Sherman Scarborough, 25, Manteo (Negro); and Carroll W. Berry, 23, Manteo.

The young men will undergo physical examinations at the induction center in Raleigh on Friday, and then will return to their homes, awaiting possible call for induction at a later date.

VIRGINIA BEACH PROPOSES TAX ON BEACH CAFES

Considerable opposition among hotel and restaurant owners began to appear in Virginia Beach last weekend to the 3% tax on the proceeds from hotel rooms, summer-leasable apartments and public dining facilities which was proposed for enactment at the January 15th meeting of the Virginia Beach Town Council.

James G. Kontopoulos, first vice-president of the Virginia Restaurant Association and owner-operator of the Normandy Restaurant in Virginia Beach said, "I have been assured by Walter Wirt, executive secretary of our organization See VIRGINIA, Page Eight

SCHOOL INCOME AGAIN EXCEEDS AMT ALLOTTED

Auditor Criticises Methods in Which Records Are Kept in Dare County

The audit of the County schools of Dare, which covers the 12 months period ending June 30, 1950 has finally been turned in. The delay it appears having been caused by the lack of sufficient records to enable the auditors to prepare their exhibits properly.

We have long been told in Dare County about the wonderful office work that has been done for the schools which appears to cost about \$7,000 a year, beside the \$3,600 a year for someone extra to travel the county and supervise the schools. It appears the recommendations of the wonderful office work is something of a myth. Here is what the audit says:

"The records made available to us were not being maintained in accordance with instructions prepared by the State Board of Education. Neither was the suggested accounting system being properly used. These exhibits (the audit) were prepared from the meager records made available and in some cases it was evident that receipts and disbursements not included in our compilation for lack of sufficient information and supporting data. In several instances the persons purporting to keep these records were no longer affiliated with the schools and therefore are not available to secure necessary information.

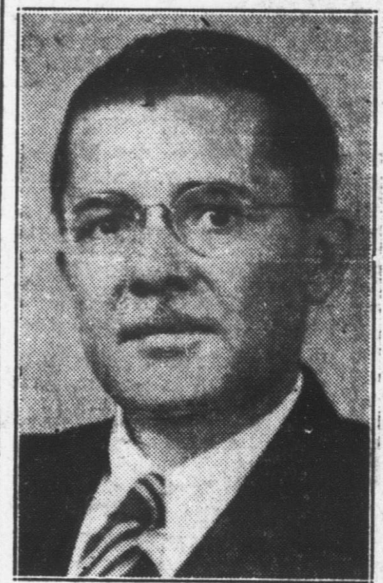
"No statements of the records or disbursements were prepared for the Avon and Rodanthe schools, as we were advised that if there were any records maintained, they could not be located at this time.

"We suggest that special attention be given to assure that See INCOME, Page Eight

PROGRAM FOR DARE COUNTY PROPOSED SCHOOL BUILDING GIVEN GO-AHEAD BY STATE

Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, Board of Education Member, Releases Details of Program Approved for Six County Schools. Architects Visit County.

A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE IS GONE FROM MANTEO



EBER R. WESCOTT, 54 years old passed away in the Elizabeth City hospital Wednesday morning after a severe illness of several days, following a heart attack and a siege of pneumonia. He was the husband of Mrs. Naomi Daniels Wescott, and the son of the late Capt. Joseph and Louise Wescott of Manteo and a lifelong resident of Manteo.

Mr. Wescott suffered a heart attack Wednesday night, January 17. Dr. W. W. Johnston, District See WESCOTT, Page Eight

According to Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, member of the board of education, the state approved program for Dare county includes the following construction and remodeling work, which is to go forward as rapidly as government controls on building materials will allow:

ROANOKE COLORED SCHOOL

—a new 4-room building erected, with modern water, light and heating systems; the old building will continue in temporary use as an auditorium and lunchroom, and it will undergo some remodeling.

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL

—a three-or-four-room primary annex is to be erected north of the present structure, with the present primary and elementary section remodelled for the high school department; it is hoped that a home economics department and some type of vocational training department can be included in the remodeling work. When construction is completed, the south part of the building will contain the high school department, and the north part will house the primary and elementary departments.

WANCHESE

—a central heating unit will be installed, and the building will be remodelled to make it a model lower elementary school.

KITTY HAWK

—the building will undergo some remodeling, a heating plant will be installed and there is a possibility that a new all-purpose room will be erected (the all-purpose room, according to Mrs. Jones, is the one part of the program that has not received unqualified state approval).

MANN'S HARBOR

—is to receive a new heating plant and new lunchroom.

CAPE HATTERAS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

—the tentatively planned building is to receive about two-thirds of the total fund allocated to Dare county.

Representatives of B. W. Stevenson & Son, architectural firm responsible for planning the Dare county school building program, were in the county on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week for on-the-spot work on the building program as approved by the state.

MANNS HARBOR NEW RECREATION CENTER OPENED

Friday, January 26th was the opening night for the Manns Harbor Recreation Center at the Community Building.

The Center, instigated by the Dare County Council for Services to Children and Youth, and sponsored jointly by the Ruritan and Women's Clubs of Manns Harbor, will provide supervised activities for persons of all ages each Friday night from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Entertainment

The first session was opened under the capable direction of Bob Smith, county farm agent, who showed moving pictures and called figures for the Virginia Reel and square dances. Refreshments were furnished by the Women's Club.

The Center is now soliciting games, old or new, such as parches, jig-saw puzzles, monopoly, Uncle Wiggly, etc. Anyone wishing to contribute to this worthy cause should contact Mrs. Helen Daniels, Mrs. Guv Mann or Huff Mann. All contributions of any type will be picked up, and they will be greatly appreciated.

HIGHWAY DEATH TOLL, 1951

Killed January 26 through January 29	15
Injured January 26 through January 29	119
Killed through January 29 this year	80
Killed through January 29 last year	68
Injured through January 29 this year	760
Injured through January 29 last year	729

BROWN and CAMP GIVE NAGS HEAD "FOX HUNTING" WIDE PUBLICITY



AYCOCK BROWN'S INAUGURATION OF FOX HUNTING in Dare County has gotten a lot of publicity. It centers chiefly about activities at Nags Head and this sport has been given national publicity recently by Charles J. Parker, director of the Department of Conservation and Development's Advertising Division, by Raymond R. Camp, noted outdoor editor of the New York Times, and by Aycock Brown, free-lancing publicist and news director of The Lost Colony in Manteo.

In the February 3 issue of Colliers Magazine, Camp's article "Listen to the Music of the Hounds," was illustrated with a three quarter page color photograph by Ralph Royle who came to Nags Head on December 17 to shoot a fox hunting campfire scene which was captioned "Postchase get-togethers like this can be the major reward for true fox-hunting fans." In the picture around the fire surrounding Tull Lennon and two of his hounds is Wayland Sermons, Al Mater, Julian Oneto and Guy Lennon.

When Oscar Wilde defined fox hunting as the "unspeakable in full pursuit of the unspeakable" he was crying out against a symbol, then exemplified by a white stock collar worn under the pink coat of snobbish horsemen who pursued foxes as a social diversion," wrote Camp for Colliers. Wilde had never sipped from a jug around a communal fire in the Carolina hills while the shifting music of the chase resounded from a score of living instruments. . . Had he known these things of course, literature would have been loser to the extent of one undying epigram."

The biggest fox hunt of the year at Nags Head is held during the Valentine season. A hundred or more hounds and 50 or more persons took part in the hunt last year and as a result of publicity the event, one that is strictly lacking in the "pink" but is conducted on an informal basis with the hunters riding to the hounds in jeeps or stock cars rather than on horseback, will attract even more people and hounds this year.

The layout of photographs taken during the hunt last year has been published in newspapers throughout North Carolina and Virginia and as far west and north as Cincinnati and New York during the past few days. The photo layout is by Aycock Brown.