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## CHAIRMAN McCOWN REPORTS DARE RED CROSS DRIVE FOR FUNDS MAY EXCEED QUOTA

### Eleven Community Chairmen Make Final Reports Indicating Successful Local Drives. Manteo, Buxton, Manns Harbor, Duck, Avon and Beach Area Reports Incomplete.

Good reports of successful work in many of Dare County's communities this week gave Fund Chairman Wallace McCown high hopes of exceeding the quota for the County.

Since last week, eleven community chairmen have reported their success by turning in final reports, or indicating the amount pledged in their various communities. The reports of chairmen this week are: Mrs. Emily Smith of East Lake, \$23-60; Mr. Haywood, Officer in Charge, Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station, \$13.00; Mrs. Jesse Baum, Mrs. Edward Perry and Miss Virgie Perry, co-chairmen for Kitty Hawk, \$40.34; Mr. Alton Williams of Avon, \$50.00; Mrs. R. H. Taylor in charge of the Beach area, \$40-75; Mr. Lafayette Douglas of Salvo, \$7.00; Mrs. Myrtle Tillet of Wanchese, \$42.00; Mrs. Calvin Payne of Stumpy Point, \$22.75.

Reports of the amount raised at Manns Harbor and Buxton have not been received as yet but are expected before the end of the week.

These reports show a total of \$401.00 cash in the bank, and approximately \$150.00 which has been collected but not as yet turned in to the Fund Chairman. Final reports are yet to be received from Avon, Manteo (colored), Manteo Residential, Buxton, Manns Harbor, Duck, Wanchese, and the Beach area. Successful results by these communities will assure Dare County of a proud response to the 1951 Red Cross Drive. It is hoped these reports will boost our Fund to \$600.00. Every effort is being made to close the Drive by the 1st of April and have final reports made at that time, showing Dare County's wholehearted response to the Red Cross slogan "Mobilize for Defense."

## HATTERAS-ENGELHARD FERRY TO OPERATE DAILY AFTER MONDAY

Daily ferry schedules between Hatteras and the mainland at Engelhard will be established on April 2, next Monday, according to an announcement made by Frazier Peele, ferry operator, this week. The vessel for this service will be the motor vessel Hadeco.

The ferry will leave Hatteras at 9 o'clock and will start its return to Hatteras from Engelhard at 2 o'clock. Sunday schedules will be added after June 1.

Peele said he will operate, on call, a ferry between Hatteras and Ocracoke, starting immediately.

## BOARDS OF EDUCATION CONFIRMED IN RALEIGH

Among the county boards of education confirmed in Raleigh this past week were the following:

Beaufort: Ralph H. Hodges, B. Frank Godley, W. B. Voliva, for four years. Dare: Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, Roy Gray, Harvey Best, Ellis Gray, and Walter Perry, for two years. Hyde: E. R. Clarke, M. A. Swindell, Keith Dunbar, two years. Tyrrell: Julian H. Swain, Otis B. Cahoon, Harvey Davis, and Rev. J. A. Brickhouse, two years. Currituck: Charlie Roberts, Bertie W. Griggs, Norman Newbern, Bidney White and Earl Ferrell, two years.

## DEPARTMENT QUENCHES FIELD FIRE FRIDAY

Fast work on the part of the Manteo Fire Department last Friday prevented the spread of a dangerous fire which had somehow got started in the field behind the homes of John Dameron O'Neal and Miss Ruth Bray in northeast Manteo. There was a stiff breeze fanning the flames as they spread toward the outbuildings and poultry yards behind both houses; when the firemen arrived the flames had reached the edge of the pens, but the fire was beaten off and extinguished without any property loss.

Four new Grade A dairies have been completed recently by farmers in Rutherford County.

## DOING GRADUATE WORK



### MISS MIRIAM FEREBEE of Manteo, who graduated from the University of North Carolina at the end of last term, is doing graduate work at the university, in sociology, and has been sent to the Charlotte office for practical experience in social welfare work.

Miss Ferebee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferebee of Manteo.

## BINGO, RACING BILLS KILLED BY COMMITTEE

After a public hearing on Tuesday in Raleigh, the Propositions and Grievances Committee of the House of Representatives voted 23 to 4 to report unfavorably the two bills designed to outlaw parimutuel betting in the state and to make it illegal to play the game of bingo for prizes of value.

The huge margin by which the committee turned thumbs down on the bills makes it impossible under House rules for sponsors of either measure to get the bills to the floor of the House on a minority report. No action will be taken in the Senate as no such bill has been offered in that body and none can be considered now that the House committee has killed the bills.

Rep. Edwin R. Johnson of Currituck and John McMullan, Elizabeth City lawyer representing the racing commission, were the only persons actually to give testimony before the committee Tuesday. A delegation of 50 persons from Currituck who favored continuation of the dog track at Moyock were mingled in the crowd of about 150 that attended the hearing. After the delegation had been asked to stand, the committee contented itself with hearing Johnson and McMullan only.

### Rep. Etheridge Speaks

Rep. R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare appealed for an unfavorable report on one of the bills, the one sponsored by Rep. Noah Burfoot of Pasquotank. This bill was the one that would outlaw bingo anywhere in the state.

"We play a lot of bingo at Nags Head and other resorts in historic Dare County," Rep. Etheridge said. "Bingo is also legalized in about seven or eight other places in the state."

The committee struck the bingo provision from the Burfoot bill on motion of Rep. Addison Hewlett of New Hanover County.

The motion to remove the bingo provisions from the bill before acting upon the pari-mutuel betting bills probably reflected the lesser sentiment that has been evident against bingo all through the discussions of the anti-gambling bills. The real issue all along, as it was this week at the hearing, was to determine whether or not the Assembly wished to do anything about the dog tracks at Moyock and Morehead City. The Assembly's final decision appears to have been made, at least for this session.

## MRS. MEEKINS RETURNED TO ALBEMARLE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Theodore S. Meekins, Sr., was taken to Albemarle General Hospital in Elizabeth City by the Twiford Ambulance Service at 1:30 a.m. Thursday. She had returned to her home from the hospital only a few days previously.

## SEASON'S FIRST CHANNEL BASS AT HATTERAS

First channel bass of the season were reported caught at Hatteras Wednesday from the party boat Albatross operated by Capt. Bill Foster. Two of the fish weighed 30 and 35 pounds. Bass have been taken in nets earlier in the week in Pamlico Sound.

Fishing guides are making more than usual preparations for the forthcoming season.

## NEGRO TO BE TRIED FOR SHOOTING HERE

### Capus Issued for Appearance of Litchfield Peele and Two Manteo Bondsmen

Judge W. F. Baum bound Lee Patton, South Carolina Negro, over to the superior court for trial on grounds of assaulting Gene McCain with a 22-gauge rifle with intent to kill on March 4. McCain was seriously wounded by a rifle bullet on that date and spent two weeks in the Albemarle General Hospital, part of the time in critical condition.

After hearing the evidence presented by three state witnesses, Judge Baum said it was not his duty to determine whether or not the shot had been fired intentionally; that he was binding Patton over to superior court on the incontrovertible evidence that McCain had been shot by a bullet from Patton's gun during a "tussle" in the house rented by the two men. Patton was placed under \$500 bond.

Eugene McCain, 38, nicknamed Gene, said on the stand that he was a friend of Patton's of about ten years' standing. He told Solicitor Martin Kellogg that there was no argument between himself and Patton; they were simply "tussling," he repeated a number of times without giving any reason for the tussle. He said that he wasn't angry with Patton, and that "He didn't act like he was mad."

### Witnesses Agree

Two other witnesses, Isaac Mann of Manteo and Tracy Marcus, formerly of South Carolina but now of Manteo, said they were at the house in which the shooting occurred a short time before it took place. Both were there when McCain, who had been away during the day, arrived. They agreed that the wrestling started soon after McCain's appearance. Mann said, "Lee said, 'Gene, you treat me wrong today,' and Gene said, 'Treat me like a man,' and then they started tussling." Marcus gave substantially the same account of the brief prelude to the tussle. Both men said they left the house before the shooting took place. Both men insisted that neither the tusslers appeared to be angry. In reply to a question of Mr. Kellogg's, Mann said he left the place because it was getting "too rough for me."

Patton, not represented by counsel, asked none of the witnesses any questions and did not take the stand in his own defense.

Sam Sawyer of Currituck County pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, suspended upon condition that he pay the costs of the court and stay out of Dare County for two years.

### Capus Issued

The Solicitor reported that Litchfield Peele, formerly of Hatteras and now said to be living in Virginia, had failed to live up to the provisions of a judgment handed down in the court here last May. He had at that time been bound to pay a certain amount of money to his wife each month as well as assuming certain hospital bills already due. Mr. Kellogg reported that by the terms of the judgment Peele should have paid \$1,310 by the last day of this month; that he had paid only \$265, and had paid nothing since August of 1950. He asked the court to declare Peele in contempt and issue a capus for his appearance. The judge ordered a capus issued for Peele to appear in court a week from next Tuesday to give cause for his failure to make the regular payments, and he further cited Peele's bondsmen, two Manteo businessmen, to answer for their bond on the same day.

## HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO MEET HERE

An invitation from Bill Sharpe, chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, for the State Highway and Public Works Commission to meet on the Dare coast during the summer has been accepted. Dr. Henry W. Jordan, chairman, has not as yet announced where the group will convene in Dare, and no exact date for the meeting is yet available.

## NORFOLK-INLET TOLL ROAD BILL OKAYED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Judiciary Committee on Thursday of last week approved the construction of a multi-million dollar toll road from Norfolk to Oregon Inlet.

The bill reported by the committee amends a 1949 statute setting up Municipal Corporations to construct toll roads "to allow also construction of toll bridges." Although the bill is said to be primarily designed for the Carolina-Virginia Coastal Highway Corporation, the provisions of the bill have statewide application.

Authority for construction of toll projects under the bill would be granted by the Municipal Board of Control, whose members are the Secretary of State, the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Utilities Commission.

### Rates Unregulated

Some objection to the bill was voiced on the grounds that the corporations authorized to operate toll projects under the terms of the bill would not have their rates controlled by any state body. Rep. William B. Rodman of Beaufort had this to say in reply to that objection: "Rates to be charged by the corporation would not be subject to the regulation of any state board or body under the bill. This is necessary to allow for flexibility."

## ASSEMBLY MAY CUT N.E. DISTRICT SENATORS

Northeastern North Carolina may be on the way to losing representation in the Senate at Raleigh. One bill had already been introduced to deprive the section of two senators before Senator Carruthers of Guilford introduced a second one Monday of this week. This one, he says, will have a far better chance of passage than the first bill.

The earlier bill was based on a study made by a group of college professors at the request of some legislators. It assigned two Senators each to Guilford, Mecklenburg and Forsythe, chiefly at the expense of the Northeast District. The bill went to committee and remained there.

The new bill which Carruthers says will be "much more favorably received" would change the present senatorial setup in these ways:

1. Take Bertie out of the First District and reduce the number of senators in the district from two to one.
  2. Take Martin out of the Second District and reduce the number of senators in the district from two to one.
  3. Put Bertie and Martin in the Fourth District.
  4. Add one senator to Guilford and one to Mecklenburg.
  5. Combine the 28th and 29th Districts with two senators, the same number the districts now have.
- In theory, at least, there is one senator for each 81,000 residents. Guilford's population is 190,000 plus, and Mecklenburg's 196,000 plus.

## AVON YOUTH CENTER OPEN

### First Such Project on Lower Banks Brought to Reality by Hard Work of Many Adults of the Community.

In spite of the pouring rain the Avon Youth Center opened Monday night of last week, to launch the first recreational program for the young people below the Inlet. Miss Mary Kirby and Bob Smith were on hand to direct activities which consisted of relays and a variety of other games. From now on, the Center will be open every Saturday night for all children and young people from school entrance age through 21.

Due to the inspiration and efforts of Mrs. Mabel Meekins, principal of Avon school, a much-needed program of recreation will be carried out after much planning and with the able assistance of many of the adults of the community.

Goodrich Williams and John Scarborough were instrumental in getting the repair work done to a small building on the school grounds which will serve as the meeting place each week. Assisting Mrs. Meekins with the programs and chaperoning are: Mrs. Ruby Price, Mrs. Margaret Haywood, Mrs. Willie Austin, Mrs. Percy Williams, Mrs. Willard Gray, Jr., Mrs. Dallas Miller and Mrs. Bonita Williams. These volunteers, recruited by Mrs. Meekins, have plans afoot for decorating the Center and making it attractive for the meetings as well as taking an active part in carrying out the programs. The possible total membership in the Center is 50.

## SOME FISHERMEN ARE DOING WELL CATCHING SHAD

On the whole, shad-fishing on the Dare mainland is reported good. Manns Harbor fishermen have been most successful this season, and on the best days, the catch has run as high as 700 shad to the boat. A single box of shad sells for more than \$100 at present prices, which are reported as holding up well throughout the season.

Only about eight rigs are now operated at Stumpy Point, as compared with 50 rigs a dozen years ago. Of these eight rigs, six are reported as having made a fair fishing. Due to past poor seasons, many people have abandoned the industry. It is said more than 100 people have left Stumpy Point during the last year, having moved near defense work centers where employment is more stable.

## 1951 IS YEAR OF ANOTHER BUILDING BOOM ON BEACH

The Nags Head beach area is in the midst of another spring building boom. An actual count of buildings under construction or recently completed between Southern Shores and a point just south of Nags Head proper showed 47 such structures.

Another new hotel is to be built on the beach, too. A permit was granted this week by the National Production Authority to Mrs. Alice Powell Sykes of Virginia Beach, Va., to construct a new hotel in the Southern Shores section, north of Highway 158 on the ocean front. The estimated cost of the new structure is \$105,682.

Mrs. Powell and her husband are proprietors of the widely known Powell's Club of Virginia Beach.

## INCORRECT MAPS MAY COST U. S. 264 VILLAGES PLENTY

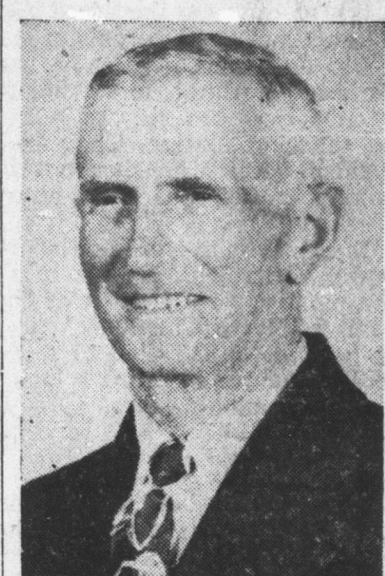
Here's one job for a chamber of commerce that is on its toes. A regional highway map of the Southeastern States issued by the Standard Oil Company of N. J. and which has wide circulation in the south Atlantic states, both north and south of North Carolina, and which is now given out by filling stations may be costing Hyde County, Manteo, Columbia, Manns Harbor and the Belhaven area an enormous amount of tourist trade. This map shows no existing road of any kind between Engelhard and Manns Harbor and between Columbia and Sandy Point and East Lake and Manns Harbor, nor any ferry operating in between.

This despite the fact that a road has existed many years between these points, and a paved road for two years. Naturally, a tourist, studying this map south or north of the state, would be kept from traveling through this area, as in either event, whether north or south-bound he would be traveling to a dead end.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD HITS BOTTOM OF MANPOWER BARREL IN DARE COUNTY

### Unable to Supply Five Men for Physical Examination Monday. Two Called for Induction Friday; One Man to Report.

## WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN OF HATTERAS PASSES



J. IRISH WILLIS died at his home at Hatteras Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. He was well-known throughout North Carolina. He had been engaged in the fishing business all his life, and for several years ran a general store at Hatteras. He was known affectionately by numerous sportsmen he had taken on fishing trips.

His children are Vernon Willis, Mrs. Frazier Peele and Mrs. R. G. Job of Hatteras and Mrs. Ralph Burrus of Manteo. He has two brothers, W. P. Willis and Rev. Geo. Willis of Hatteras, and one sister, Mrs. Louisa McCleary of Manteo.

He had engaged in many public activities during his long life on Hatteras. He was a life-long member of the Methodist Church, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Gregory, assisted by Mrs. Arvilla Barnett, Holiness minister, at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Choral music during the service was provided by the Hatteras Methodist Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Alice Gray.

The pallbearers were grandsons and grandsons-in-law: Boyd Peele, Keith Peele, Edward Midgett, Eddie Albrecht, Irish W. Peele and David Austin.

## SERVICES WEDNESDAY FOR MELVIN C. TILLET

Funeral rites were conducted by the Rev. W. J. Freeman at the Austin Cemetery at Kitty Hawk on Wednesday afternoon for Melvin C. Tillet, 43, who died at his Kitty Hawk home on Monday, two days after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Tillet was a veteran of 17½ years service in the Coast Guard; he retired from the service in 1945; he had attained the rank of Chief Machinist's Mate.

He is survived by his wife, Zola Beacham Tillet of Kitty Hawk; one son and one daughter, David C. and Betty Lou Tillet of Kitty Hawk; three brothers, Pennel A. Tillet of Kitty Hawk, Vernon H. and Coulter L. Tillet of Virginia Beach, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. Esther G. Beacham of Kitty Hawk. Melvin C. Tillet was the son of the late Theocanus and Florence Dowdy Tillet.

## DISTRICT MASONIC LODGES MEET AT WANCHESE FRIDAY

Wanchese Masonic Lodge No. 521 is host to the First District Masonic Lodges Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be opened with a shad dinner prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Collins.

State Grand Master William Caldwell of Chapel Hill will deliver the main address of the evening's program.

Nine district lodges will send representatives to Wanchese for the meeting.

## LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

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

	High	Low	Rain
March 22	54	38	
March 23	63	34	
March 24	70	44	
March 25	50	39	
March 26	46	36	
March 27	53	36	
March 28	68	44	

The Dare County Selective Service Board has reached the end of its resources for supplying men to the Armed Services, at least until such time as a change in the present requirements for induction is made, according to word from the office of Robert Ballance, board chairman, this week.

The board has received a call to send up five men for pre-induction examinations at Raleigh on Monday, April 2. It will be unable to send a single man to fill the call.

Although many men have been reclassified in recent months, all men in the 1-A category registered with the Dare board have either been accepted for service or put back in a deferred classification.

Last 1-A  
To fill the induction call for two men to enter the service on April 4, the Dare board will be able to send only one man, Theodore R. Meekins (colored), 21, of Manteo. Meekins is the last available man in the board's files who can be sent for induction or pre-induction examination under the present rules.

As things stand now, draft boards who are still able to provide men must fill the Dare quotas.

The situation here could mean that, if the pending legislation to lower the draft age to 18 years or 18½ should become the law, all the youngest registrants in the Dare board's files would be likely to get very short shrift as civilians. They would become, those who were classified 1-A at least, "the top of the barrel," as the World War II phrase had it.

## BASKETBALL SQUADS HONORED AT BANQUET

Manteo high school's basketball teams brought their highly successful seasons to an official end Tuesday night at a banquet sponsored by the parents of the players at Wise's Cafe.

Robert Ballance was toastmaster for the occasion. Mrs. D. A. Rogers, who headed a committee of parents in charge of preparations for the banquet, gave the speech of welcome. The response was given by Betty Rae Sanderlin, captain of the girls' team.

Mrs. Hal Ward offered a toast to the teams, to which Capt. Jack Cahoon of the boys' team made response. Reviews of the seasons for the boys' and girls' squads were given by Coaches Ayers and Fry.

The girls' team won the Rural Albemarle Conference championship for the full season's play. The boys won both the season and tournament titles in the Rural Albemarle Conference and won runner-up awards in the Ahooskie and Plymouth tournaments. It was one of the most successful seasons in recent years for both squads.

Evelyn Marie Dowdy sang a solo for the entertainment of the group, and the entire assemblage joined in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" before the banquet came to formal conclusion. Dancing followed.

In addition to team members, the high school faculty and referees for local games were present for the banquet.

## MANNS HARBOR WOMAN FOUND DEAD THURSDAY

Mrs. Sarah Eliza Mann, 75, died in her sleep Wednesday night at her home in Manns Harbor. She was found dead by members of her family at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. She had been in failing health for a long period.

Mrs. Mann was the wife of Lee R. Mann for nearly 60 years; was the daughter of the late Willis and Nancy Tillet of Manns Harbor, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a member of the Manns Harbor Methodist Church.

She is survived by five children: Gaston Mann of Nags Head, Guy Mann and Mrs. Calvin Beasley of Manns Harbor, Harry Mann of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. Ina M. Waterfield of Washington, D. C. One brother, Charles T. Tillet of Norfolk, and a sister, Mrs. Guy F. Hudgins of Elizabeth City, survive. There are seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were not complete at the time the paper went to press.