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HATTERAS ISLAND PEOPLE MAY DETERMINE SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL BY REFERENDUM

New Board Agrees to Let Banks People Determine Where School Should Be, If State Authorities Permit. Appointment of Superintendent Deferred.

The people of Hatteras Island will be allowed to vote on their choice of location for the new consolidated school to be built from the \$283,000 funds due Dare County, if the new County Board of Education can secure permission from state school authorities to hold such an election. The funds due the county have been idle for two years in Raleigh while the value of the dollar has rapidly shrunk. The children of Dare county have lost at least \$50,000 of the money pledged for their welfare through the rise of material costs in the intervening time.

New board members agreed at their first meeting Tuesday to abide by the will of the Lower Banks people as to the location of their new school, when their will has been clearly manifested by means of an election. If no objection to the plan is raised in Raleigh, the Board of Education will ask the County Commissioners to call a special election to settle the issue, once for all.

Walter Perry, who was elected Chairman of the Board of Education at Tuesday's meeting, said that the board is concerned about the long delay in building the school and desires early action on the project. Mr. Perry wrote immediately to the State Board of Education for a ruling on the feasibility of the electric plan.

"This unfortunate circumstance was not of our making," Mr. Perry said Tuesday. "We will not attempt to pass judgment on the sentiments of the majority of the people concerned. The school belongs, or should belong, to them, and we believe they should have an opportunity to express themselves. We desire that an election be held, in order that everyone who is qualified to vote may express his opinion."

COUNTY FINANCES IN BEST SHAPE IN MANY YEARS

Commissioners Find All Bills Paid, Bond Money Ahead, and Cash in Bank

The condition of Dare County's finances appear to be in the best shape in many years, according to a report made for the Board of Commissioners and presented Tuesday by County Accountant, C. S. Meekins.

In this report, which shows what can be accomplished by more businesslike management and the ability to say no, it is shown that the County has paid all bond money due, has paid all its bills to date, and carries a bank balance of about \$10,000.

Nearly all departments of the County are running well within their budget, the largest over-spending being in the funds for welfare and particularly direct relief and hospitalization. Bills now in show that some \$2,500 more than was set up have been spent, with more bills to come in soon.

It's quite a different picture since the Board of Commissioners underwent a change 29 months ago. At that time, the county was running in the red more than \$40,000. All this has been paid off, the report shows. Furthermore, substantial increases in salaries have been made, more money allotted by far for welfare, health, and other purposes, and equipment and improvements added to the courthouse.

The Commissioners face new See COUNTY, Page Eight

WANCHESA RURITANS SPONSOR PROGRAM OF "OLD STYLE SONGS"

A program of "Old Style Songs" will be presented by a group of Manns Harbor and Wanchese singers, under the sponsorship of the Wanchese Ruritan Club, at the Wanchese schoolhouse at 7:45 p.m., May 15. The Wanchese P.T.A. is cooperating in the presentation, the proceeds from which will be used to supply new curtains and other necessary articles of equipment for the school lunchroom at Wanchese.

The entertainers will be happy to sing favorite numbers requested by members of the audience.

CHAIRMAN DARE CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION



WALTER D. PERRY of Kill Devil Hills Tuesday was named Chairman of the Dare County Board of Education at their first meeting. Members of the Board are Mr. Perry, Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, Roy Gray of Hatteras, Ellis Gray of Avon, and Harvey E. Best of Stumpy Point. Ellis Gray and Mrs. Jones succeed themselves, the others being new members.

DEATH CLAIMS THREE TUESDAY IN DARE COUNTY

D. Loth Midgett of Manns Harbor, Mrs. Tillett of Wanchese, Montague Infant Dies

Death claimed three people in Dare County Tuesday, ranging in age from new born to 84. D. Loth Midgett, one of the best loved men of Manns Harbor, died at 9 p.m. He was a life-long resident of the community, member of the Methodist Church and the Junior Order. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Carl D. Mann and Tom Hunter Midgett of Manns Harbor; three step-children, Clarence Holmes of Manns Harbor, Mrs. Henry Beasley of Colington and Mrs. Will Gard of Great Bridge, Va.

Mrs. Marjorie Etheridge Tillett, 50, widow of Rossor Tillett, died at her home in Wanchese. She was the daughter of Mrs. Martha Gallop Etheridge and the late Albert Etheridge. Two children survive her, Jack Gilbert Tillett of Wanchese, and Mrs. Valentine Paquette of Newport News. Also the following brothers and sisters: Fitz Etheridge of Port Isabel, Texas; T. R., Jess W. and Henry Burr of Wanchese; Mrs. John Cudworth of Wanchese, Mrs. Hal W. Culpepper of Nags Head and Mrs. Jackson Midgett of Manteo. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at the Wanchese Methodist Church, with the pastor, Rev. C. W. Guthrie, assisted by Rev. D. B. Lawrence, officiating.

Frank M., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto M. Montague, lived only three hours, and died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Burial Wednesday in the Garrison cemetery.

LIONS REELECT RALPH DAVIS AS CLUB PRESIDENT

The dining room of the Hotel Ft. Raleigh was turned into a temporary polling place Monday evening as the Manteo Lions Club elected officers for the club year beginning July 1.

Ralph Davis, who as elected first vice-president filled out the unexpired term of the club's first president, was named to fill the post of Lion President for the coming year.

Two other officers, Fred Westcott, secretary and Edward Green, treasurer, were re-elected to serve for another term.

New Officers
New officers chosen by the club's members on Monday were: Henry Parker, first vice-president; Jack Wilson, second vice-president; Roy Westcott, third vice-president; Clyde Biggs, Tail See LIONS, Page Eight

FRIENDS OF OREGON INLET TAKE APPEAL TO WASHINGTON



Appearing before the Subcommittee on Civil Functions of the House Appropriations Committee, a delegation from North Carolina presented their arguments last week for deepening of Oregon Inlet, on the North Carolina Coast, to a depth of 14 feet. The purpose is to provide a harbor of refuge for commercial fishermen, who have no safe port from storm between Norfolk and Morehead City, N. C., and to improve commercial fishing facilities in the area. Congressman John H. Kerr of the Second North Carolina District presided over the Committee Hearing and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner of the First North Carolina District presented the subject to the committee and introduced various others who made statements. Among those present, reading from left to right, Front Row were the following: Wayne M. Waller, National Fisheries Institute, Victor Meekins, Editor Coastland Times, Manteo, N. C., Herbert C. Bonner, Representative of First District of North Carolina, Ben Dixon MacNeill, Writer and Historian, Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, E. H. Holton, Vandemere, North Carolina.

Second Row, left to right: Henry C. Oglesby, Secretary to Rep. Bonner, Eric Rodgers, Editor, Publisher and member of N. C. Board of Conservation and Development, Mr. Alvah Ward, Chairman for Dare County Committee for Oregon Inlet and National Defense, Manteo, N. C.

Third Row, left to right: Garland Fulcher, Oriental, North Carolina, Charles E. Jackson, National Fisheries Institute, and William H. Potter, Beaufort, North Carolina. (Seth Muse Photo, Courtesy News & Observer)

Spring School Festival Attracted Throng Of 1,000 Participants and Spectators

Varied Program of Exhibits, Field Events and Pageant Last Friday Made Second Annual Festival A Great Success.

A crowd estimated at nearly one thousand children and adults thronged the grounds and buildings of the Manteo school last Friday for the Second Annual Spring Festival. Many visitors brought their lunches with them, but more than 300 out-of-town people were served in the Manteo School Lunchroom between the morning and afternoon programs.

SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD LISTS RECENT ENLISTEES

Two recent new registrants with the Dare Selective Service Board are Orville Lee Tillett, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Tillett of Manns Harbor, and Monnie Howard O'Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie O'Neal of Wanchese. Both young men reached their 18th birthdays last month. Both are employed as fishermen at the present time.

Enlistees

Information from the office of Chairman Robert Ballance on Monday shows the following enlistees reported to the Board during recent weeks: Orville Lee Tillett of Manns Harbor enlisted in the Coast Guard at Norfolk on May 1; on April 28, Samuel Elwood Midgett, Jr., of Manteo enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve at Norfolk; Carlton Aldridge Shannon of Manteo entered the Coast Guard at Norfolk on March 15; Johnnie Lynch Williams of Buxton, Coast Guard, Norfolk, Feb. 2; Luther Grandy Hooper, Avon, Coast Guard, Norfolk, January 23.

All the enlistees above named have passed their 18th birthdays but have not yet become 19, and so were carried on the lists of the Dare Board in a deferred status, Chairman Ballance said.

School Exhibits

Exhibits prepared by pupils in each of the county's schools were on display in the gymnasium. They were inspected by hundreds of persons between nine o'clock Friday morning and nine in the evening, when the exhibition closed.

The exhibits were examined critically by a board of three judges: Mrs. Hilda Brumsey, Currituck County supervisor; Miss Betty Swindell, Hyde County supervisor; and Mr. Billy Tarkington of Manteo.

Winning exhibits were classified for rating by the judges in two categories, Best General Exhibit and Exhibits Showing Best Use of Resources. The Stumpy Point school was awarded first place for the Best Use of Resources. See FESTIVAL, Page Eight

DeFEBIO HEARING HERE TUESDAY

Defendant, Held in Perquimans Jail, Resolves Not to Eat. Mrs. DeFEBIO Still Pickets Dare Courthouse

Frank J. DeFEBIO, whose trial is set for recorders court in Manteo on Tuesday, May 15, has been held in Perquimans County Jail, Hertford, since his release from Albemarle General Hospital in Elizabeth City on Thursday of last week. He was released from the hospital as recovered from self-inflicted wounds sustained in his jail cell in Manteo the night of April 21-22. The transfer of DeFEBIO to the prison to make it possible for the prisoner to have closer supervision.

According to a letter received by the editor of this paper, dated May 5, DeFEBIO had determined to eat. See DeFEBIO, Page Eight

LIVERMAN ELECTED COLUMBIA'S MAYOR



PAUL L. LIVERMAN, above, was elected mayor of Columbia in Tuesday's balloting, by a majority of 219 to 84 for W. M. Laughinghouse. For aldermen, those elected were R. L. Mitchell, Floyd B. Spencer, W. A. Williams, Herbert L. Brickhouse and Albin Hamilton. Mr. Liverman, prominent newspaper man, was this week elected president of the Jay Cees, and has served as Vice-President of the South Albemarle Association, and many other places of honor and trust. A most progressive administration for Columbia may be expected of his Board.

THIS READS LIKE REAL FISHING AT HATTERAS

Talk about good fishing, but two Colerain men last week found it at Hatteras. W. S. Hughes, and H. B. Pierce, fishing with Albert W. Austin landed 137 blues, weighing a total of more than 200 pounds. In commercial fishing language the fish amounted to "two boxes," and were worth a nice price on the market.

COLINGTON ROAD TO BE PAVED THIS SPRING COMM. SHELTON TELLS DARE COMMISSIONERS

Hard Surfacing 2.25 Miles to Colington Will Be Done by Oregon Inlet Road Contractors at Cost of \$30,000.

PRESIDENT DARE CO. CHAMBER COMMERCE



ALVAH H. WARD, Manteo businessman, Chairman of the Oregon Inlet Committee, and community booster in general, last week was unanimously elected president of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce at an enthusiastic meeting which quickly subscribed \$900 and set up plans for raising more funds for the summer's work.

DARE SUPERIOR COURT TERM TO OPEN MAY 28

Five Continued and Six New Cases On Criminal Docket. Civil Docket Incomplete

Dare Clerk of Superior Court C. S. Meekins released this week the criminal docket for the spring term of superior court, which will open in Manteo Monday, May 28. The civil docket is not yet complete.

Five cases are continued from the October, 1950, term of court. All are cases in which the State charges the defendant with drunken driving. In the case of the State vs Norman Grear Miller; the defendant is charged, also, with operating a motor vehicle without a license to drive. One case, that of the State vs Velma T. Lehev, was continued because the jury was unable to reach a verdict. Defendants in the other continued cases are Wyke Nuby Dillon, Jr., David E. Worsley and Elizabeth H. Crampton.

New Cases

Among the six new criminal cases scheduled for trial are two cases in which Negroes are charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Probable cause was found in Dare Recorder's Court in the cases of the State vs. Henry Junior Bowser, and the State vs. Lee Payden.

Bondsman for Litchfield Peele (Archie Burrus and Frank White) See COURT, Page Eight

QUICK MEETING OF DARE C OF C RAISES \$915

Goal of \$2,000 Set for Work Until September; Ward Becomes President; Brown's Work Praised

At an enthusiastic revival meeting of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce in Manteo Thursday night, 24 people quickly subscribed \$915 for immediate payment into the treasury to keep the work going, and launched plans for doubling the sum shortly, to finance activities until the annual meeting in September.

President J. L. Murphy, who had been carrying on since the last annual meeting turned the gavel over to Victor Meekins to receive nominations for president, and Alvah H. Ward of Manteo was nominated by Frank Stiek. The nominations were closed and Mr. Ward was unanimously elected.

President Alvah H. Ward has called a meeting of the Dare County Chamber of Directors at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building, Wednesday, May 16. H. Travis Sykes of Kitty Hawk, and Archie Burrus of Manteo were See MEETING, Page Eight

First District Highway Commissioner Henry Shelton told the Dare County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday that the 2.25 miles of road leading to Colington Island would be hard-surfaced this spring. The work will be done as an extension of the paving already under way between Oregon Inlet and the Whalebone station and will cost \$30,000. State contracts for road work permit 25% extensions of work contracted for without the necessity for new lettings. The more than eight miles of paving contracted for the Inlet road is sufficient to allow the Colington work under the same contract, the commissioner said. \$30,000 has already been spent on approaches and bridges for the road.

Bond Fund Status

Mr. Shelton said that the total bond funds available for Dare County on May 7 was \$661,006.23. Of this amount \$545,000 has already been used or pledged for specific projects, leaving a balance of \$116,006.23 which may yet be allocated for Dare County highway projects.

Bond-fund money has been allocated for the following road improvements in Dare County, Mr. Shelton told the Board: bridges and approaches, Colington road, \$30,000; hard-surfacing Colington road, \$30,000; Avon to Rodanthe, hard-surfacing, \$225,000; East Lake road, \$200,000; Oregon Inlet to Highway 158, \$60,000.

OLD BUCK VISITS ROANOKE WITH SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Legendary Old Christmas Figure Attends Dare County School Festival

Old Buck, legendary dragon of the Outer Banks for three hundred years who gets himself killed off once a year in the course of the celebration of old Christmas, left his native Hatteras Island Friday for the first time to the vast astonishment of a thousand school children gathered in Manteo for Dare County's second annual school fair and his migration signalized the extension of Roanoke Island's fair for home-made pageantry to include the whole county.

Schools of Hatteras Island, beginning with Rodanthe, the home of Old Christmas, brought the furbished and polished Old Buck See BUCK, Page Eight

SPRING TERM JURY DRAWN

Jurors for the spring term of Superior Court which begins in Manteo on Monday, May 28, were drawn by the County Commissioners in session at the courthouse Tuesday. The 40 jurors and their post office addresses are listed below.

HATTERAS: W. Preston Stowe Cecil E. Ballance, Roscoe Burrus, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskins.

Manteo: Joseph M. Bratten, Edith M. Quidley, Marvin L. Mann, W. Rayborn Sanderlin, George M. Powell. NAGS HEAD: Leslie J. Henley. WANCHESA: James W. Davis, Miss Rowena Midgett, Holmes O. Bridges, B. F. Garrison, Leroy S. Midgett.

WAVES: Mrs. Esther Gray. COLINGTON: Weightman Beasley, Mrs. Ernest Haywood, Henry See JURY, Page Eight

NO DISSENTING VOTES CAST IN TOWN ELECTION

Twenty-two Manteo voters turned up at the polls Tuesday and re-elected all incumbent city officers for another two-year term.

It was a single-minded group of voters: Martin Kellogg was elected mayor, George T. Westcott, Sam Midgett and Moncie Daniels, Jr., were returned to the town board—all received 22 votes. There was not a single write-in vote during the election.

It may be safely said, in view of the unanimous vote at the polls, that the town administration possesses the complete confidence of all Manteo citizens—or, at least, of all citizens energetic enough to use their right to vote.