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BRATTEN'S JOB SORE SUBJECT MANNS HARBOR

Friends of Game Protector Greatly Displeased Over Manner of His Dismissal

Friends of Capt. Jim Bratten of Manns Harbor, for 14 years County Game protector, are plenty sore about the manner in which he was shelved July 1, and have twice circulated a petition that he be retained. There is much about this instance that savors of political skulduggery and dirty work behind closed doors. No one has had a chance to apply for the job for no notice has been given of a vacancy in office, and it appears the dirty work was done in order to quietly pass on the job for political favors.

News came to Capt. Jim that he would be put out on his \$14 a month retired pay, on July 1. The poor fellow didn't have an opportunity to get out and look for friends to help him because he was staying close to the bedside of a daughter dying of cancer. But his friends circulated a petition which carried hundreds of names. It was left at a Manns Harbor store for the convenience of several others who wished to attach their names to it.

Somebody stole the petition and did away with it. Nobody knows where it went, but apparently those who had been undermining Capt. Jim Bratten to get his job, must have had a hand in it. Considerable time was lost before the news got out, and a new petition was circulated and sent to the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

Governor Scott's administration has done a lot of good things for North Carolina, many of them in a big way, and when it pulls a stinker, it usually pulls a big one too. It has a lot of stinkers in office and some of them must be in the Hog Wild wildlife outfit. Capt. Jim's superiors had assured him he would be given ample notice before anything would be done about his retirement. Although he is now 65, it is not imperative that he be put out of office at once, and it is certainly not equitable that he be kicked out of office at a time when he was up against it financially, and troubled about a dying child.

Capt. Jim's services must have been satisfactory with his department, for he had held the job 14 years. It appears there is about as much humbuggery in the management of the hog wild outfit as there was in the old politics-ridden outfit, so long a purely political prostitution for personal political gain of the game and commercial fishing resources of our people.

Friends of Capt. Jim are pretty bitter about this deal from the department which so eagerly insisted it would be run without politics. They say whoever gets Capt. Jim's place in such manner will get little joy out of it, and they hope those who connived with Scott's hangers on to oust Capt. Jim, will get a lot of happiness out of what they have done to an old servant in time of trouble and need.

TOWN BOARD VOTES IMPROVEMENTS FOR BROAD STREET

The monthly meeting of the Manteo Town Commissioners was held at the city office on Monday afternoon. The Board voted to have stop-signs erected on all blind intersections of the town's streets.

Upon receipt of a petition signed by all but three property owners along Broad Street, the Board agreed to assume three-eighths of the expense for putting in sidewalks, curbs and gutters; the property owners will assume five-eighths of the cost.

Social Security Coverage
The Board also made application for coverage of the town employees under the social security act, pursuant to an act of the 1951 General Assembly.

Workmen for the Kellogg Supply Co. completed the job on Wednesday to make the city office a better place for the conduct of the town's business during the hot weather; a large screen was placed outside the sliding door which forms the south wall of the office; now the door can be lifted during office hours, giving the effect of a screened porch.

City Audit
Clarence Day, an auditor from Norfolk, was at the city office on Thursday auditing the town's books.

HEALTH CENTER TRUSTEES

Inadvertently omitted from last week's list of the new Trustees for the Cape Hatteras Health Center, named by County Board of Commissioners, were the names of the two trustees for Hatteras, William Z. Burrus and Donald Oden.

WAKE FOREST MAJORETTE TEACHES NEW TWIRLING TRICKS



Nags Head, N. C.—Sara Page Jackson of Elizabeth City, chief majorette of Wake Forest College Band is shown teaching Janet Daniels and Nannette Sylvester some new tricks in twirling that she learned while attending a school for baton-swingers in Indiana earlier this summer. Miss Jackson who will be leading the Demon Deacons' band again when Wake Forest football season begins, has started a "school for twirlers" during the current summer and her classes are composed of high school band majorettes. (Photo by Aycock Brown.)

JUDGMENT LEFT UNALTERED IN DeFEBIO CASE

Children To Be Returned When Welfare Dept. Declares Parents Have "Suitable Home"

"I am going to continue the custody of the children with the Dare County Department of Welfare, and the sooner I can change it, the happier I will be," said Judge C. S. Meekins near the end of a hearing on the custody of the three children of Frank and Theo DeFebio at his office in the courthouse last Friday afternoon. The judge went on to say that the establishment of a "suitable home" would be the condition upon which he would order the return of the children to their parents.

He was immediately pressed for a definition of the phrase "suitable home" by Mrs. DeFebio. The judge did not define the term, but said that, if the DeFebios made their home outside Dare county, he would accept the statements of five "leading citizens" of their chosen community as sufficient evidence of a proper home for the children. If they continued to live in Dare county, however, the judge went on, the children would be returned to their parents "when they have established a home satisfactory to the Department of Welfare."

What Does "Suitable" Mean?

Mr. and Mrs. DeFebio and David Stick, who came to the hearing to testify in the DeFebios' behalf, then asked Welfare Supt. Goldie Meekins to explain the standard by which she would judge a home to be satisfactory. Mrs. Meekins answered that the home should be established in a community where the children would have the experience of mingling with other children; it should be a sanitary home; and one or the other of the parents should be established in a home satisfactory to the Department of Welfare.

BOATS AND NETS MAKE PICTURESQUE SCENES



STUMPY POINT is an interesting village in many respects, and this scene by Aycock Brown shows fishing boats out on land beside the highway to be repaired or repainted. Tourists observing nets stretched across the road wonder why they are left there, and ask if the cars do not damage the nets. Very little if any damage is done, as they remain only a short while and the roadside makes a convenient working place. A few years ago when there were plenty of fish, Stumpy Point was a most prosperous village. But now it suffers along with many another community where living depended entirely on commercial fishing. "Wilful waste is making woeful want," as the old saying goes.

REV. L. D. HAYMAN IS AGAIN ELECTED CLAN PRESIDENT

Kitty Hawk Meeting Successful; Manns Harbor Chosen for Next Year's Meeting

The re-union of the Hayman Clan which originated in Dare County seven generations ago, was held at Kitty Hawk Tuesday, and was most successful and enjoyable, with an abundance of good food served everyone. Rev. L. D. Hayman of Carolina Beach who presided was reelected president unanimously. Good weather favored the event, and everyone was thoroughly feasted, and remembering last year's good time at Manns Harbor, that community was selected for the 1952 meeting to be held the second Wednesday in July. This community has a larger number of members than any other community.

It was most unusual that 25 who were kept away because of illness would have attended the meeting. Capt. Jeff Hayman, 88, was unable to leave his home at Wanchese.

About 100 attended the celebration.

Special musical numbers were rendered by Jeanne Hard, Ray Sowers, Rex Henley and Mary Helen Best. Rev. Hayman and Mrs. Rose Marie Swain Chirrick sang a solo, group singing was heard.

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WHEN LOST COLONY'S FOUNDERS TALKED IT OVER 20 YEARS AGO



PAUL GREEN began his plans for the writing of the Lost Colony drama in 1931, when at the invitation of interested citizens, he came to Roanoke Island to consider an idea that was advanced by the late W. O. Saunders, Elizabeth City publisher. A meeting was held in the courthouse. Senator J. W. Bailey came. Many speeches were made, local folks became enthused and it was desired to hold a 350th Anniversary Celebrating the landing of the first colonists, in 1934, if Federal aid could be obtained. The congress appointed a commission to visit us, but in the midst of the depression no money was available, and the celebration was postponed until 1937. The picture was made the following day by Victor Meekins when Mr. Green and others visited Fort Raleigh. In the foreground from left to right in the picture are Paul Green, dramatist; W. O. Saunders; the late Prof. Fred Koch, of the Carolina Playmakers; Bradford Fearing, who became manager of the Lost Colony; and I. P. Davis, Welfare Supt.; in the background from left to right: Melvin R. Daniels, Register of Deeds; Chauncey Meekins, Clerk of the Superior Court; and Martin Kellogg, Jr., County attorney.

Manteo Has Experienced Steady Progress In L. D. Tarkington's 58 Years Here

Manteo Merchant, Tyrrell Native, Came Here as Store Clerk in 1893. Served as Town's Mayor 12 Years.

Lindsay Davenport Tarkington, known to Dare countians for the past 58 years as L. D. or "Tark," has been in the mercantile business for nearly the whole of his life. At the age of 15, he went to work

in a general store in Creswell. He came to Manteo to work for the firm of Griffin and Smith, general merchandisers, when he was 19. From that day to this he has been in business in Manteo. He held public offices in the town and Dare county for 32 years; often he held the most important and responsible positions in local government, but—as he will say with a chuckle when he talks about it—never very "remunerative" ones. The highest salary he ever received in all his years as justice of the peace, member of the board of education, member of the Manteo town commissioners, and in 12 years as Manteo's mayor, was the not-so-princely sum of \$25 a month. That was his salary as mayor. He says that stipend was about enough to let him "break even" on the postage and stationery he had to use taking care of correspondence for the town.

Native of Tyrrell.
Mr. Tarkington was born on a Tyrrell county farm not far over the county line from Creswell. August 6 will be the 77th anniversary of his birth in 1874. His father and mother were Joseph W. and Alethia Davenport Tarkington. Both his paternal grandparents came to Tyrrell from Devonshire, England, in the latter years of the 18th century. He was one of five children, only one other of whom, a sister, Mrs. Mattie McCabe of Norfolk, is still living.

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SEASON'S FIRST SAILFISH TAKEN OFF DARE COAST

O. H. Thom, Portsmouth, Va., angler fishing with party of friends aboard Capt. Kea Ward's cruiser Cherokee on Tuesday hooked and boated the first sailfish of the 1951 season. Using squid for bait, Thom was trolling at a point about 30 miles southeast of Oregon Inlet when the sail, which measured 73 inches from tip to tip, was taken.

The party also caught several large dolphin and some amberjack. The sailfish was taken a few miles north of a point near Diamond Lightship where Capt. Ernal Foster, skipper of the Albatross II, at Hatteras, hooked and landed a 475½ pound blue marlin about three weeks ago.

Fishing generally has been very good during the past week. Excellent Gulf Stream catches have been made during the period and blues continue to give anglers some fine sport in the vicinity of Oregon Inlet and at the ocean piers of Nags Head.

MEETING OF BANKS MASONS A HUGE SUCCESS FRIDAY

The get-together put on by the Lower Banks Masons at the Hatteras School last Friday evening was one of the most successful events of its kind ever staged in the county. The group that assembled for the lavish dinner-meeting numbered 135 Masons and their wives. Melvin R. Daniels was the principal speaker of the evening.

LARGE BUDGET FOR COUNTY OF DARE, \$162,465.20 SET UP TO RUN AFFAIRS IN 1951-52

Commissioners Approve Budget Tuesday With Same Tax Rate As In 1950; Increase Granted to Aid the Needy, Blind and Dependent Children; Increase in School Fund of \$3,000 and \$22,570 Budgeted For Bond Interest and Maturities.

MAKING PROGRESS IN SPECIAL ARMY TRAINING



—U. S. Army Photo

EDWARD B. HILL is the husband of the former Wilma Gray of Avon, Dare County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gray, and they have one child, Dennis G., age 9. According to advice from the Chief of Armed Services Medical Procurement in Brooklyn, he is now Sergeant First Class, and has graduated from the Armed Services Medical Equipment Maintenance Course, a 40 week period of instruction in the repair and maintenance of technical medical equipment, under the technical supervision of ABMPA's Medical Technical Maintenance Division at St. Louis, Mo.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hill of Route 1, Kinston, N. C., SFC Hill enlisted in the Army at Norfolk on October 5, 1939. His service includes 7 months of overseas duty during World War II in the Pacific Theatre of Operation. He has been awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Med Badge, APTO Ribbon (1 star). The Hills reside at 113 Scabbard St., Petersburg, Va.

MELODRAMA MINGLED WITH REGULAR SHOW LAST SUNDAY NIGHT

Although it was staged so quietly the audience never became aware of it, there was an unrehearsed, cops-and-robbers drama going on backstage during Sunday night's performance of The Lost Colony. Cast in the role of the melodrama's hero was Albert Q. Bell, and the real life desperados were Willie (Buckshot) Taylor, 38, and Harold Pace, 24, who had escaped from their guards during a ball game in the afternoon in Manteo; they were here with the Maple Prison Camp ball club for the afternoon game. The State Highway Patrol was alerted, but the men had not been apprehended by the time The Lost Colony performance got underway Sunday night.

From the front porch of his cottage near the theatre William Meade Prince saw two suspicious looking characters making their way toward the amphitheatre. After the men passed his house, Prince got in his car and hurried to the theatre to notify Bell of the fellows' approach.

Assistant stage manager, Elizabeth Welch, detected the culprits hiding under the stage and told Bell of their presence. He went backstage and appropriated a very-pistol (signal rocket gun), covered the men with it in the best Dick Tracy tradition and marched them around the enclosure.

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MANTEO FISH MEETING

The Commercial Fisheries Committee of the Board of Conservation and Development will hold a public hearing at the Court House in Manteo at 10 a.m., July 17, 1951, to consider the proposal to declare Martins Point Creek as inland waters, and consider any other matters pertaining to commercial fishing.

The County Board of Commissioners Tuesday gave approval to a budget for the next fiscal year totaling \$162,465.20, largest in the history of the county.

They voted to retain the current tax rate of \$0.90 per \$100.00 valuation.

Total valuation of property in the county for tax purposes is \$12,145,271. At the 90¢ tax rate, it is estimated that this will produce revenue amounting to \$109,307.44. Revenues from other sources than ad valorem taxes are expected to produce \$51,099.62 during the next fiscal year. With cash balances remaining, as of June 30, of \$10,835.07 in the general fund, \$7,231.28 in the school fund, and \$2,969.95 in the debt service fund, the total money expected to be available to meet expenses during the year 1951-52 is \$181,443.36.

This leaves a balance of estimated incoming revenue of \$18,978.16 in excess of budgeted outlays for the various county departments.

Department Allotments

The general fund has been allotted \$63,974.62 for the year; thus fifteen cents of each ninety cents collected in property taxes will be assigned to the general fund. The health fund receives \$5,700; this is a five cent tax on \$100 valuation. \$5,000 goes to the poor fund, also collected at a five cent rate.

Budgetary assignments to the Department of Welfare are as follows: administration, \$13,925 (rate, seven cents); old age assistance, \$3,725 (rate, three cents); aid to dependent children, \$4,214 (rate, four cents); aid to the blind, \$5,171.53 (rate, five cents); aid to permanently and totally disabled persons, \$1,800 (rate, two cents).

For the courthouse, courts and jails and supplies therefor the Commissioners budgeted \$6,385 (five cent rate). The county schools were allowed \$30,000 (at a rate of eighteen cents). \$22,570 was budgeted for debt service (at a rate of twenty-one cents).

COLINGTON ROAD RUMOR APPEARS AS IDLE TALK

A rumor has been circulating in recent weeks that the road to Colington would not be built. The unfounded rumor was said to be based on the refusal of the government to allow the road to be built through the Wright Memorial reservation, through which, incidentally, the road now runs and has always run. One of the men removing some of the contractor's equipment at the nearly-completed Oregon Inlet paving project repeated the story to Sheriff Frank Cahoon last week.

Repeatedly asked about the matter by citizens of the Colington section, Registrar of Deeds Melvin R. Daniels did a little spadework on the story Tuesday, to try to see what foundation there was for it. Mr. Daniels found out that, if there is anything to the rumor, none of the people who ought to know about it take any stock at all in it. He called Highway Commissioner Henry Sheldon—and found he had heard nothing about it. He checked with Horace Dough, Supt. of the reservation at Kill Devil Hill—learned that, so far as Mr. Dough knows, there is nothing to it. And finally, he checked with the local highway office, where no such monkey-wrench-in-the-plan has been heard of. That, Mr. Daniels believes, should take care of that rumor.

DELEGATIONS FROM DARE PROTEST TO STATE BOARD

Two delegations from Dare county appeared at the meeting of the State Board of Education in Raleigh yesterday. Capt. Levene Midgett of Rodanthe and Melvin R. Daniels carried the case of the Rodanthe community before the Board in the effort to induce state officials to reverse the action by which they failed to allocate teachers to Rodanthe next fall. Dare Board of Education member Harvey Best of Stumpy Point headed the delegation from Stumpy Point which sought revocation of the State Board's similar action concerning the Stumpy Point school.