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STUMPY PT. MAN FEATURED IN COLLEGE PAPER

R. W. Wechter, Who In Middle Life, Pursues His College Studies Winning Fame

(Note: The following article from the East Carolina College paper will be of interest to the people of the Coastland who well know "Doc" Wechter as he is affectionately called by his friends.)

(By Janice Hardison in Teco Echo)

Robert Wechter
With years of rich and enlightening experience behind him, "Doc" Wechter entered college a mature man "dubious as whether I could carry the work load of students and whether I would fit in with people so much younger than I am."

When Robert Wechter came to East Carolina, he had visited four continents, had a brief career in politics and had been retired from active military duty after having spent the major part of his life in the Navy and Coast Guard.

Career In Navy

Born in Wisconsin, Wechter saw South America, Africa and Europe while serving in the United States Navy. During the early war months, he was stationed on Cape Hatteras as medical officer with the Coast Guard. Eighteen months later he toured the North Atlantic on an ex-presidential yacht, the Mayflower, which had been converted by the government into a radar training ship. Following duty in Miami, he was retired from active service in March, 1946, and for the next three years took an active part in community affairs in Dare county. He ran for the state legislature during that time but was defeated.

"Doc" realized he had missed out on something as a youngster, so he abandoned his extensive career and came to college. Incidentally, he is a Carolinian by adoption. "I think North Carolina is the best state in the union, and I enjoy living here," he says. Though he now resides in Greenville with his family, the Wechter home is at Stumpy Point in Dare county. Mrs. Wechter has been a teacher in that vicinity for 16 years. They have one daughter, Marsha, aged 8.

A hobby "Doc" has pursued since 1929 determined his major for him. He has been building boat models and the like in his woodwork shop for so long that it is natural that he major in industrial arts. To choose a minor was not so easy, but his excellent grades in English helped him to decide in favor of it. And speaking of excellent grades, his average is better than two A's at present.

Wechter has been a very active student, having joined the English club and the Industrial Arts club (he is now president), the Veterans club, the YDC and the Jarvis Forensic. He is an ex-president of the Men Day students and has been a member of the SGA for two years. He is now its historian and a member of the Budget committee. He was an associate editor of the TECO ECHO in the summer of 1950, and in the fall became a trainer for the football team. "The schedule of travel was too much of a strain," he says, "and I hail to give that up." Bob Wechter is still an ardent sports fan, and has been present at almost every athletic event on campus since he came. It's no wonder this East Carolina senior is listed among "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" this year.

Practice Teaching
This quarter "Doc" is doing his practice teaching in Tarboro and in May will receive his B.S. degree, only two and one-half years after his arrival. During that time he has been employed at Pitt Memorial hospital as storekeeper and has enjoyed a good bit of social life. Incidentally, he is now secretary of the Pitt county Shrine club.

The greying "Doc," seldom ever seen without his cigar, is not through with college by any means. He hopes to get into Duke University where he can do graduate work in hospital administration. The class enrolls only eight students for the two year course, and two are graduated each six months. He has been interviewed and is now in the finals. In the event that he is selected, he will make a career of hospital administration, the "position I feel I am best qualified to fill," he says.

"In case that plan doesn't pan out, I have made application to State college to continue work in my major field," Wechter relates. "Doc," Bob or "Pop"—whatever you call him, you can be sure he has fit into the scheme of things at East Carolina. "I feel no different," he says, but students here See MAN, Page Eight

DARE COUNTY POLITICAL ACTIVITY STIRS SLOWLY

Hayman in Race For House; Duval and Scarborough Announce for Commissioner

Political activity in Dare County is not so lively as usual for the time of year. "Too much work for what you get out of it," one fellow said is the reason people aren't so anxious for office.

In the race for the House now is R. Bruce Etheridge and Dewey L. Hayman. C. C. Duval, of the Board of Commissioners this week announced his candidacy. James Scarborough of Avon came out a week ago for another term. Lawrence L. Swain of Manteo expects to run again.

Two other members of the Board have declared they will not run, Albert Austin of Hatteras, and Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk. Rumor is that a movement is on at Hatteras to get Maurice Burrus to run again. He served on the Board in 1949-50 and developed a considerable strength throughout the county.

One or two other candidates who have been advocated but not announced wouldn't know which end was up if they got elected, having no qualifications nor previous association with the work whatever.

LEVENE MIDGETT AND MEN GET A WORKOUT

Plenty to Do With Helping Stalled Cars Escape From Clutches of High Tide

Mrs. W. R. Johnson, with daughter Bonnie, and son Tommie, along with Mrs. John Hall and daughter Janet, all of Norfolk, visited Mr. and Mrs. Nacie Austin of Hatteras. Upon their attempted return trip to Norfolk, Tuesday a. m., they were overcome by the "Sound Tide" about 5 miles below the Rodanthe Coast Guard Station. The car was submerged in the tide water, with water coming inside the car and up to the seat in the back of the car.

Mrs. Hall's car was being driven back to Manteo by Freeman Stowe, who after the tide continued to rise, waded for help. He came back with Fred Jones and David Balance in a truck to rescue the three small children, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hall. They were taken to the Rodanthe Coast Guard Station where the children dried their clothes and were fed. They were most graciously and generously received at the Coast Guard Station by Capt. Levene Midgett. Captain Midgett and members of his crew pulled the car out and back to safety, where it was then driven back to the Coast Guard Station where the two ladies and children had been waiting for hours.

Captain Midgett and crew had also helped another car routed for Norfolk, which was also stalled along with a number of trucks also. After getting the ladies' car back to safety and saw that they were on their way back to Hatteras, Capt. Midgett bids them farewell he climbs back in his jeep and heads back north to help the travelers as they need help.

SAMUEL O'NEAL RITES AT HATTERAS THURSDAY

Funeral services for Samuel O'Neal, 59, who died Tuesday in a Norfolk hospital following a long illness, were conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Almy Burrus in Hatteras. Burial was in the O'Neal cemetery.

Mr. O'Neal, husband of the late Mrs. Mary O'Neal, and son of the late Wallace and Rodie Peele O'Neal, was a native of Hatteras, but had lived in Norfolk for the last six years. He was a member of the Hatteras Methodist church and a veteran of World War I. He is survived by two sons, Dallas O'Neal of Hatteras and Almy O'Neal of Norfolk; one sister, Mrs. Almy Burrus of Hatteras; and one brother, John O'Neal of Hatteras.

MASONS INVITED TO ATTEND PLAY THURS.

A play entitled "If A Man Die, Shall He Live Again?" will be presented at seven o'clock Thursday night, March 20, in the Masonic Lodge Hall in Wanchese, by a group of 30 men from the Acacia Club of Norfolk Lodge, Norfolk, Va. The visitors will arrive in a chartered bus, and it is hoped that a large audience will welcome them. All Masons, both members of the Wanchese Lodge, and visiting Masons, are invited to be present.

WOUNDED IN KOREA

Wanchese. — Pvt. Franklin C. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Payne of Wanchese, has been wounded in Korea according to a casualty list released by the U. S. Department of Defense.

MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB TO SERVE SPAGHETTI MEAL

Children's Clothing Drive To Be Started Soon

The Manteo Woman's Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 1952, at the Community Building, with Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., president, in the chair. Mrs. Wallace McCown reported for the Ways and Means Committee that plans are under way for a spaghetti supper to be served on Friday, April 4. Mrs. Fearing announced that a Children's Clothing drive will be sponsored by the Woman's Club in April, with Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., Mrs. Isabel Warren and Mrs. Fred Basnight, on the committee. The date for the collection of these clothes will be announced later. Mrs. O. J. Jones gave an interesting talk on International Relations. A social hour followed, at which Mrs. Fearing was surprised with a shower. Those attending were: Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Sr., Miss Mollie Fearing, Mrs. Wallace McCown, Mrs. E. V. Midgett, Jr., Mrs. Francis Meekins, Mrs. Horace Dough, Mrs. O. J. Jones, Mrs. Renie Williamson, and Miss Norma Basnight.

EDITOR FAVORS GOV. RUSSELL FOR PRESIDENT

Scotland Neck Commonwealth Says Russell's Candidacy A Cheering Development

By ERIC W. RODGERS, Editor Scotland Neck Commonwealth

Announcement of the candidacy of Senator Richard Russell of Georgia for the Democratic nomination as President is an event of wide significance throughout the United States, but chiefly throughout the South. Senator Russell is a well-known and respected member of the Senate who has demonstrated sound leadership and above-average intelligence in dealing with public affairs, and honest devotion to the duties which are his because of his office.

The candidacy of Senator Russell will offer a rallying ground for those throughout the South who are bitterly opposed to the renomination of Harry S. Truman for a variety of reasons which have been so thoroughly discussed in the press in recent months that it is not necessary to repeat them. It is sufficient to say that Russell is opposed to corruption in government, believes that Cabinet members and those closest to the President should have the attribute of honesty as well as that of intelligence, and that the President himself should demand absolute honesty on the part of his own personal friends to whom he has entrusted great responsibilities. Further than that Russell is opposed to the FEPC and various other phases of Truman's so-called civil rights program which has earned for him a great deal of hostility throughout the South.

Senator Russell will probably not be elected President of the United States because it is a very hard task to elect a Southerner to the highest office in the land. This is unfortunate but it is true. Not until the Electoral College is abolished or reformed, a two party system established in the South, and the votes of citizens throughout the nation made equally as important as those of citizens who reside in certain heavily populated areas will it be possible for the South to gain full recognition as a component portion of the nation insofar as the presidency is concerned.

But it will be possible for the South to express its hostility to the Truman administration and to the renomination of Truman by rallying around Senator Russell. If Senator Russell goes into the Democratic convention with a substantial bloc of votes given to him by Southern states he will be in a position to do some hard trading in the name of the South. He should be able if this eventuates to bring about changes in the Democratic platform which will give more consideration to the views of those who live in the South, and it is quite possible that if he holds a commanding position in the convention he will have a large part to play in the nomination of the candidates for President and Vice-President.

It should be borne in mind that all this can be done by loyal Democrats without leaving the Democratic party. Senator Russell is not the candidate of a "splinter party," but is a Democrat running within the party. Now, how should the South proceed? See EDITOR, Page Four

HIGH POINT YOUNGSTER EASTER SEAL CHILD



GEO. WOOD LYONS, JR., has been designated Easter Seal Child for 1942 in N. C., and to start the drive this year, Governor W. Kerr Scott bought the first batch of seals from him. He will symbolize all crippled children during the annual sale of Easter Seals from March 13 to April 13. Endorsing the annual Easter Seal appeal, Governor Scott said "The right to aid the crippled is a privilege that should be appreciated, guarded and exercised fully."

He urged that the public support generously this year's campaign to the end that the various chapters of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and adults, sponsoring organization, may meet the increased costs and provide the many services needed by the crippled children of the state.

"It is economically sound to make available such services as those financed through Easter Seal funds, since these services help dependent crippled children become independent, productive adults," the Governor said.

The Society's headquarters in Chapel Hill announced that the 17th annual campaign is planned for aid to approximately 250,000 handicapped school children in North Carolina and that committees in all 100 counties will participate in the drive.

The appeal will be made through 300,000 letters to be mailed throughout the state, Easter Lily parades, and through North Carolina schools which will conduct the sale of school packets and tags.

MRS. CAROLINE MIDGETT REACHES AGE OF 85

Feted With Party Tuesday Afternoon At Home In Manteo

Mrs. Caroline Midgett, widow of the late E. M. Midgett, of Manteo, was honored on her 85th birthday Tuesday, March 11, with a party at her home. Her daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Willis, was hostess.

The house was attractively decorated with arrangements of daffodils. Guests included members of Mrs. Midgett's church circle, and a few other close friends and neighbors. Refreshments of fruit, jello, cake, mints and nuts were served.

Among those present in addition to the honoree and the hostess were Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ashmore, Mrs. Edna Bell, Mrs. E. E. Meekins, Mrs. Ray Lewis, Mrs. Nannie Midgett, Miss Belle Midgett, Miss Ozella Payne, Mrs. Balfour Baum, Mrs. Lizzie Gray, Mrs. J. B. Peterson, Mrs. Flossie Price, Mrs. Colinda Barnett, Mrs. R. V. Owens, Miss Bessie Draper, Mrs. G. G. Bonner, Mrs. H. K. Tugwell, Mrs. Louise Meekins and Mrs. M. A. Daniels.

On Sunday Mrs. Midgett was honored with a birthday dinner, with her daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Willis, as hostess. Guests included another daughter, Mrs. Robert Munn, and Mr. Munn, of Norfolk; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Julian Midgett of Cary; and Miss Bessie Draper.

WIND BLOWS WALL OVER AT KITTY HAWK TUESDAY

The strong winds which whipped the coast Tuesday caused a heavy loss to the new building being constructed by Bill Anderson at Kitty Hawk, on the west side of the highway across from the Anderson store. During a strong gust, the north wall, which was braced only from the inside, toppled over, causing several hundred dollars damage. Fortunately, the building was insured.

FISHING HEARING TO BE HELD IN WILMINGTON

Raleigh, March.— Problems facing commercial fishermen of North Carolina will be discussed at an open hearing to be held by the commercial fisheries committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development at Wilmington March 26 at 1 p. m. in the Wilmington city council's meeting room, George R. Ross, department director, announced today.

The hearing, which preceded the opening that night of the spring meeting of the board of the Department of Conservation and Development, will be presided over by Mrs. Roland McClamroch of Chapel Hill, chairman of the commercial fisheries committee. Other members of the committee are: Charles H. Jenkins, Ahsokie; Fred P. Latham, Belhaven; Charles S. Allen, Durham, and Dr. C. Sylvester Green, Chapel Hill.

All commercial fishermen having matters they wish to place before the committee are urged to be present at the hearing, Director Ross said. In view of the fact the commercial fishing season will soon be in full swing in the State, the director anticipates the hearing will be well attended.

In many respects, Ross said, the commercial fishing in the State for the six months period that ended January 1 was better than during preceding years despite weather conditions that at times made it most difficult to catch the larger fish when they were in North Carolina waters.

Thus far, he added, the shellfish season, based on reports made by C. D. Kirkpatrick of Morehead City, State fisheries commissioner, has been much better than usual. The harvest of oysters, shrimp, hard and soft crabs, clams, and scallops has been exceptionally good, Kirkpatrick reported.

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE AT CRESWELL APRIL 17

President Wallace Tatem To Hold An Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association Executive Committee is to be held April 17 at 10 a. m., at the Creswell School in Washington County, President C. W. Tatem of Columbia has announced.

The Association will discuss plans for improvement in ferry service, the campaign for bridges over Alligator River and Croatan Sound, and many other matters of interest to the Association.

The Association, founded in 1935 has for 17 years led the campaign for improved roads in the four south Albemarle counties of Washington, Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde. At that time there were few roads in the counties passable the year-round.

HOME CLUBS MEET NEXT WEEK AT KITTY HAWK

Transportation Arranged For Outer Banks and Manteo Members

The Spring Federation meeting of Dare County Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in Kitty Hawk, Wednesday, March 19 at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served by the Kitty Hawk and Duck Home Demonstration Clubs. Plates will be 75¢ each.

Mrs. Corinne Grimsley, Family Life Specialist of N. C. State College will be the guest speaker. Her subject will be "Understanding Our Family."

A bus will be chartered to Kitty Hawk from the Outer Banks, leaving Hatteras about 8:00 a. m. and returning on the last ferry at 4:30 p. m.

Manteo club members are asked to meet at the Community Building at 11:15 a. m. to secure rides.

All members are urged to attend the meeting. A gavel will be presented to the club having the most members present.

A GOOD DAY'S HAUL OF FISH AT LONG SHOAL

Sea Level Men Bring In Two Thousand Pounds and Unload at Deep Creek Monday

Some 11 miles from Stumpy Point, west bound on U. S. 264 a narrow estuary called Deep Creek makes in from Long Shoal River. It is crossed by a bridge, and occasionally fishing boats tie up at this spot. On Monday afternoon was a sight to gladden the heart of a fisherman. Two boats were there, and in one of the boats was a net, and in the other, more than a ton of shad, and herring, mostly shad, with a small assortment of mixed fish, including a monster striped roe-bass that weighed all of 30 pounds. Several diamond back terrapins were clumsily crawling over the fish.

This nice catch, made with a short haul seine in Long Shoal River where the fish were either seeking harbor from the rougher waters of Pamlico Sound, or were bound to some nice fresh water place to spawn their eggs and return to sea, brought more than \$1,000. They represented the day's work of about four men, the leader being Frank Taylor of Sea Level, way down in Carteret County. With their two boats, they had found fishing no good at home, and like all good fishermen who know that "fish are where you find them," set out to the place the fish had gone. It is a nine and a half hour trip by boat to the Long Shoal vicinity, which means more than a day and a half is conveyed in travel between the fishing place and home.

Fishing is a gambling game to great extent. But its rewards go to the keener fellows who work constantly. Months pass by and no return, while expenses go on and equipment depreciates, but finally comes a day that hits the jackpot, and that is all that is needed to encourage the fisherman to go on even if he goes broke.

WATCH OUT IF YOU HIRE CHILDREN UNDER AGE

Law Makes Several Requirements of Persons Who Employ Minors; Rules Outlined

At this season, when many people are looking forward to the employment of minors in their business this summer, much inconvenience may be saved by following the late laws with respect to employment of children.

The Dare County Welfare Department has furnished the following timely advice:

Have you studied up on the Child-Labor Laws? Do you know your responsibilities to the minor you employ? We would like to briefly point out to you the steps to be taken before a minor is employed.

Be sure the child has an employment certificate. What is this certificate? The local Welfare Department has these forms for completion. It is necessary for the minor to have:

1. The employer's application.
2. Parent's agreement for the minor's employment.
3. Physician's certificate of age and physical qualifications.
4. School record.

After the minor has furnished the Welfare Department with these four forms, an employment certificate is written and mailed to the Commissioner of Labor, Mr. Forrest H. Shuford, for his approval.

It is most important that your firm have a copy of the approved employment certificate of the minor. See AGE, Page Four

EDWARD B. MILLER OF COLINGTON ISLAND DIES

Edward Beokelly Miller, 60, fisherman and lifelong resident of Colington Island, Dare County, died at 8:05 March 12, in the Virginia Beach hospital after an illness of two weeks. He was the son of the late William Hugh and Cynthia Miller. He is survived by two sons, Norman of Portsmouth, and Curtis of Virginia Beach; one daughter, Mrs. P. D. Gallop of Portsmouth, and a brother, Pat Miller of Colington. He was a member of the Holiness Church, and funeral services will be conducted at the grave in Austin Cemetery, Kitty Hawk, Friday at 2:30.

MANTEO REBEKAHS TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Manteo Rebekah Lodge will meet Monday night in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock. All members attending are asked to bring a pie, cake, home made candy or a piece of fancy work to contribute to a sale that will be held during the social hour after the meeting.

Farm News

about the AAA and other EXTENSION WORK From the County Agent

HAVE GOOD CHICK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

By R. S. SMITH County Agent

In 1952 start your poultry program by buying good chicks. Good chicks come from good breeding stock and should receive good care in order to return good labor returns. Start your chicks in a house that has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. One can of lye to 13 gals. of water (1 oz. to one gal.) will make a good disinfectant. The brooder house should be cleaned and disinfected well in advance of the arrival of the chicks in order that it will be ready for them.

The main requirements in raising chicks are feed, water, and heat. In order that chicks can eat when they want to it is important that they have plenty of feeding space. In addition to the regular feeders some poultrymen make feeders out of the chick boxes. This is done by cutting down the sides, about one inch from the bottom, and taking out the partitions and pads. These boxes will make good feeders for the first few days. Also if paper is placed in the lids or tops of the chick boxes they can be used as feeders. As the chicks grow they will need larger feeders. Chick size feeders should be used for the first four weeks, medium size hoppers from the fourth to the twelfth week and after the twelfth week outdoor or covered type of feeders should be used while the birds are on range. Be sure the chicks have plenty of fresh, clean water at all times. Practice good sanitation by keeping the fountains clean and on wired or slatted platforms. In changing from one size waterer or feeder be sure to leave the smaller ones in the brooder house for several days until the chicks become accustomed to the larger feeders and waterers. Some poultry raisers place feeders and waterers under the hover for the first few days. Some use a chick guard for the first week to keep the chicks confined to the brooder house.

If the following suggestions were placed where we could see them everyday then we would not forget what makes good management, and could realize more profit from our poultry.

1. Decide if you want chickens for home use, or for commercial purposes. For home use it is not

wise to have over 40, and for commercial purposes have 400 as a minimum number.

2. Then resolve to make it an efficient poultry enterprise.

3. Purchase high quality chicks from reliable sources that are bred for eggs or meat and that are free from pullosum disease.

4. For layers purchase chicks within the first four months of the new year.

5. Start four broods of chicks for broilers and set a goal for each brood. Grow a three pound bird with nine pounds of feed in nine weeks.

6. Feed a high quality ration and feed for maximum results. Avoid stunting.

7. Provide sufficient room for brooding. Avoid crowding, one-half sq. ft. for small, one sq. ft. for fryers, and 4 sq. ft. for layers.

8. Brood chicks as far away as possible from old birds to prevent the spread of diseases.

9. Raise pullets separate from old hens. Green grazing crops reduce the cost of raising pullets.

10. Vaccinate all pullets against fowl pox. It's a good insurance for good egg production.

11. Provide adequate housing and equipment. Pullets should have plenty of fresh clean water at all times.

12. Use lights on the layers from Oct. 1 to April 1 to increase the working day to thirteen hours.

13. Keep an all-pullet flock.

14. Protect egg quality. Gather eggs often, cool quickly, and keep 'em cool. Have an egg room for holding the eggs until they are marketed.

15. Produce and sell clean eggs. Market eggs attractively.

16. Set a goal of 225 eggs per bird for the laying year.

17. Keep a daily record of your laying flock. It is a good yardstick for measuring production cost and profit.

Pullets Vs. Hens

Are you planning an all-pullet flock for the '52-'53 laying year? Keep in mind that old hens usually molt in the fall of the year. Records the all-pullet flock laid 56 according to our demonstration flock prices are usually highest from eggs more than the old hens. Egg July 1 to January 1. Plan to keep an all-pullet flock this fall and have the pullets in the laying house by September 1.