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COST OF RUNNING COUNTY MAY RUN HIGH AS \$200,000.00

Larger Amounts Sought for Various Departments for Coming Fiscal Year

If the various requests for increased appropriations for operating Dare County are met, the budget this next fiscal year will run well above the \$200,000 mark. The Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting June to consider the requests and fix the budget.

The schools are asking for some \$18,000 more than last year's budget. A tremendous increase in welfare funds is asked to help the needy of the county and hire help to give the money out. A new full time worker for the blind will be established in the county, bringing the total of the welfare staff to seven.

Frank Hemilwright, Forest Fire Warden appeared before the Board this week requesting the appropriation for Fire Control be increased from \$1,700 to 2,040.

An appeal has come for help from the County Library Commission. There is need for a building for the library. The number of books have increased in ten years from 2,228 to 14,000.

An increase in funds for the Health Department is asked. There is need for a county infirmary. The Welfare requirements are most rapidly growing because of need of the clients in the face of rising costs of living. The budget set up last year was for \$37,335, or \$7,000 more than the school budget. The cost of administration was estimated originally at about \$14,000.

The total estimated cost last year, of the county budget was set up at \$171,000. Nearly \$23,000 of this sum goes for interest and retirement of county bonds. The total property valuation was \$12,115,000. This year the valuation has increased to about \$13,100,000.

Cost of operation of the county four years ago was about \$138,000. Like everything else, the cost of living is going up.

The total increased tax income with the present tax rate of .90 should yield some seven or eight thousands in readily collectible taxes over last year's income. Whenever some new money appears in sight, there are many demands on every hand to call for it. In this year's case it looks like three or four times the anticipated increase will be needed. The Commissioners will have some headaches before it is over.

Maybe those who didn't get nominated in Saturday's primary can be thankful they didn't get into what looks like a stormy term ahead.

MISSOURI PUPILS MAKE BUS TOUR TO SEE DARE

Group Travels Long Distance to Lost Colony Site and Wright Memorial

Twenty nine students of the Canalon, Missouri, public schools visited historic Fort Raleigh, the site of Paul Green's drama The Lost Colony and the Wright Memorial on Kill Devil Hills here in Dare this week, 2,100 miles after leaving for a two weeks trip that has already taken the group to Canada. From Roanoke Island, the students moved westward via the toll-free ferries on U. S. Highway 64, bound for the Great Smokies.

H. H. Harlan, the school's superintendent, stated that his students were considering he toll-free ferry trip as one of the highlights of their trip. "This will be the first toll-free ferry we have crossed on our long tour," he said.

The Canalon group left Missouri on May 15 and plan to arrive back home on or about June 1.

The Missouri students are only one of dozens of groups of school students making trips to historical Dare County during the past few weeks. On some days there are several groups here to visit America's English speaking birthplace at Fort Raleigh, the great Waterside Amphitheatre, where Paul Green's symphonic drama is presented each summer—beginning this year for its 12th season on June 28—Kitty Hawk, where the Wright brothers conducted their first flight experiments and nearby Kill Devil Hills where they flew the first heavier-than-air powered plane on December 17, 1903.

Robert L. Atkinson, superintendent of Fort Raleigh National Historic Site indicated that there had

NEXT FIRST LADY OF NORTH CAROLINA



MRS. WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD, above, is shown in her home in Durham. Although her husband, Gubernatorial Candidate William B. Umstead, has a long record of public service, she says she still "feels new" in politics. She like her husband is a Methodist, and she is granddaughter of a Methodist minister. (Photo by Bill Ray)

SHORT COURSE IN DRIVING; PERMITS TO BE REQUIRED

Highway Safety Division to Begin Campaign to Get Hatteras Islanders Operators Licenses

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL
Buxton on Cape Hatteras, June 6.—Until they have learned traffic laws and regulations and accustomed themselves to observance of them residents of the Seven Villages of Hatteras Island will be cited to appear at the school house for admonition and remonstrance rather than to the court house for trial and punishment and so can be chalked up another American "first" for Dare county and for American law enforcement.

Long without any sort of road residents of Hatteras Island have driven whatever they could get to drive and have driven it where ever, whenever and however they could, without any thought of regulations. No license has been required either for driver or for vehicle and, curiously enough, often the more delapidated of the vehicle the more satisfactorily would it perform against the hazards of a roadless terrain.

But times have changed on the Island. Already there is a stretch of 35 miles of more or less completed pavement with more building, and by mid-July the length of the Island from Oregon Inlet to Hatteras Inlet will be traversed by a paved road. And for some time the need of some sort of traffic regulation and control has become increasingly apparent, and the need is more apparent than ever with the constantly thickening stream of traffic. Tourist traffic on the Island has already trebled this year.

There have been accidents. Seventeen of them already this year requiring the services of either undertaker or doctor and a dozen more where happily only the services of garage mechanics were required. This week Col. Landon C. Rosser, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and Colonel Smith, commander of the State Highway Patrol, came down to acquaint themselves with conditions and with the need of some sort of traffic supervision.

Already a patrolman has been assigned to the Island for duty over weekends, when most of the accidents seem to happen, and after July 1 and the completion of the road, a man will be on whole time duty here. They checked the Island thoroughly, visiting the scene of each accident and stud-

REPUBLICAN CONVENT'N ANNOUNCED IN DARE CO.

V. G. Williams, County Chairman Says June 18th Chosen; Wilkinson Expected to Speak

After many years of inactivity in Dare County, the Republicans are showing signs of life, and County Chairman, V. G. Williams of Wanchese announces a county convention will be held at the Dare County Court House at 8 p. m. Wednesday, June 18th.

This meeting he says, is to elect the party officials and to nominate candidates for various county office in the November election.

Mr. Williams says he expects to have Hon. John A. Wilkinson, prominent Republican leader of Washington, N. C., attend this meeting to speak to the gathering. All people who believe in our two-party system of American government are urged to attend, he says.

The Republicans have not had a county ticket in the field since 1934. At that time most of the leaders of the party were of the older generation that are now nearly all dead. During the Roosevelt administration many of the younger members became affiliates

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ROTARY ASSEMBLY AT NAGS HEAD SUNDAY-MONDAY

The Rotary Club of Manteo is again Host Club to the annual 278th District of Rotary International Assembly for incoming officers, Registration Headquarters will be at the Carolinian Hotel 3:00 p. m. Sunday afternoon. Highlight of the meeting will be the Fellowship Dinner on Sunday at 7:00 p. m., to be held at the new Dare County Shrine Club building on the Dare Beach. Dr. Ike Greer of Chapel Hill, N. C., is the principal speaker of the evening.

Governor Elect George D. Colclough of Burlington, North Carolina expects representatives from 32 clubs spreading from Manteo to Henderson, North Carolina at the assembly. Bob Smith, president of the Manteo Rotary Club is Assembly Chairman, and present indications are that over one hundred and fifty Rotarians and their wives will combine a week end vacation with the Rotary meetings held on Sunday and Monday.

This is the second year for the Assembly to meet at Nags Head with Manteo as the Host Club.

The meeting is arranged for the benefit of the incoming officers of each club in the District, and as a training program for them in preparation of the 1952-53 Rotary year. President Elect Z. Vance Brinkley, and Secretary Elect, Wallace McCown will attend the various programs for incoming officers representing the Manteo Club.

TRIBUTE PAID TO DAVE DRISKILL IN SPITE OF WEATHER

Prominent Figures Speak at Unveiling of Plaque at Manteo Airport Last Friday

Despite the bad weather of the weekend, which prevented many people from reaching Manteo as they had planned, by airplane last Friday, the ceremony at the Manteo Airport proved highly successful as many old friends and neighbors and prominent people paid tribute to the late flier's contribution to aviation.

Officials from the Kellett Aircraft Co. for whom Driskill tested helicopters at the time of his death, were grounded because of weather and could not come as they had planned. Likewise numerous other fliers from many states.

The tablet carries the following inscription:

"This tablet in tribute to John David Driskill, manager of the Manteo Airport, 1946-49, pioneer pilot of the North Carolina Coastland, who after a lifetime of safe flying and many missions of mercy gave his life to make aircraft safer for others, Moorestown, N. J., October 3, 1949."

Parents Present
The memorial, just outside the airport hanger, was unveiled by Driskill's father, M. F. Driskill, who with Mrs. Driskill had come from their home in Knoxville, Tenn., for the ceremonies. The mother tenderly laid a wreath at

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DARE'S BEAUTY QUEEN ENJOYING SEASHORE



MISS AGNES FULCHER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayes Fulcher of Buxton, is home enjoying the warm sun and swimming on the Dare Beach off Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. She returned Sunday from Elizabeth City, N. C., where as Miss Dare County Queen, she rode on the Queen's Float in the 1952 Potato Festival parade. Later at supper Senator Richard D. Russell of Georgia was the honored guest at the Queen's table. A large dance followed the coronation ceremonies.

Agnes won "Miss Dare" in Manteo and was presented a loving cup and bathing suit. In Elizabeth City Agnes took second place with Miss Jennette Merrell of Currituck winning the "Miss Potato Festival of 1952."

Tuesday May 27, Agnes and the other queens with Miss Merrell, queen of the Albemarle, appeared on R. Trafton Robertson's TV program over WTAR. Four cars bearing the queens were escorted by North Carolina highway patrolmen, were met by state troopers at the Virginia Line, then at the Norfolk City limits the city police met the group and carried them to Virginia Beach. The queens were guests at the Cavalier Hotel pool and they had lunch at the Princess Anne Country Club. The mayor of Virginia Beach presented each queen with a silver link bracelet with Virginia Beach, Va., on it.

TWO CASES HANDLED IN DARE RECORDER'S COURT

Judge W. F. Baum disposed of two cases in Recorder's Court in Manteo Tuesday. Will Midgett, charged with being drunk and disorderly and damaging the county jail, was fined \$25 and costs, and ordered to pay \$30 for damage to the jail; given a two-year road sentence, suspended on condition he stay away from Dare County two years. Payment of \$40 was made on account.

Robert Harrison Suppler of Norfolk who was charged with reckless driving, following collision with a car driven by B. M. Hedrick of Kill Devil Hills was fined \$25 and costs.

MANTEO SCOUTS HIKE TO FORT RALEIGH

Some three dozen members of Manteo Boy Scout Troop 165 hiked to Fort Raleigh Thursday afternoon to spend the weekend with 100 other teen-agers from the East Albemarle District of the Tidewater Council.

Tours of historic War Between-the-States fortifications, Wright Memorial and the Indian mounds at Colington were slated for Friday under the direction of Robert Atkinson of the National Parks Service.

Scheduled for Saturday morning are Scoutcraft contests, such as pitching tents and making fires with flint and steel, while

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PRINCIPAL FIGURES IN CEREMONIES AT TABLET UNVEILING AT MANTEO AIRPORT FRIDAY



At the unveiling of a plaque in memory of Dave Driskill, pioneer aviator in Manteo, N. C., Friday. Immediately at left of tablet are Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Driskill, of Knoxville, Tenn., parents of the flier. Others in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. David Black of Morris-town, Tenn., relatives of Dave Driskill, Major Al Williams, Victor Meekins, Arvin and Thos. Basnight, Jr., Captain MacDiarmid, Commander Robertson, Melvin R. Daniels and Mrs. Arvin Basnight.

VIGOROUS WORK PAYS OFF DARE'S WINNERS SAT.

Etheridge Retains House Seat, Duvall Wins for Board; Ballance for Schools

Candidates for county offices winning in Dare in Saturday's primary found that hard work and a vigorous campaign paid off. R. Bruce Etheridge veteran house member was renominated over D. L. Hayman by a two to one vote. Mr. Etheridge made a vigorous campaign throughout the county, and his well organized workers rolled up a big vote.

His workers were also successful in getting out a big vote for R. O. Ballance for Board of Education from Nags Head Township, winning clearly over three other candidates. James W. Davis of Wanchese and Mrs. Mabel Jones and Victor Meekins of Manteo.

The Etheridge forces put out a lot of work to get Dave O'Neal of Avon nominated on the board of Commissioners, but James W. Scarborough, the incumbent now serving his second term was the easy winner.

Likewise, Claude C. Duvall, Board Chairman won a big vote and the renomination from the Mainland District over C. L. Holmes of Manns Harbor.

Ellis Gray of Avon an easy winner for board of Education over N. E. Price, also of Avon. Dick Best of Stumpy Point defeated Wallace Taylor of Manns Harbor. Gray and Best both are serving their second term.

The following candidates were unopposed and are declared the nominees also: Commissioners, Lawrence L. Swain, Manteo; W. H. Lewark, Kill Devil Hills; W. L. Scarborough, Buxton. Board of Education; Chairman Walter Perry of K. D. Hills; Roy Gray of Hatteras.

The vote for the various candidates in Dare County Saturday was as follows:

For County Commissioner: Duvall, 827; Holmes, 472; Scarborough, 796; O'Neal, 487. For Board of Education: Jones 341, Ballance 429, Davis 380, Meekins 279, Best 674, Taylor 591, Gray 881, Price 308.

For Representative: Etheridge 910, Hayman 355.

For Governor: Umstead 875, Olive 539, Dunnaway 9. For Lieutenant Governor, Kerfees 36, Rowe 408, Hodges 420, McDonald 149. For Commissioner of Insurance, Cheek 481, Frederick 391.

Associate Justice of Supreme Court. For short term: Valentine 138; Efrid 50; Parker 768; Bobbitt 100; For Long Term: Valentine 118; Efrid 34; Gwyn 31; Phillips 28; Parker 703 and Bobbitt 103.

Two Republicans filed in the primary for Lieutenant-Governor: Warren H. Pritchard drew a total vote in the county of seven, while William C. Lehw got 2.

SEEK INCREASED TRIPS OVER OREGON INLET

Big Influx of Visitors Makes It Difficult for Normal Traffic to be Accommodated

Commissioner James Scarborough of Avon voiced the distress of Hatteras Island people over the crowded condition of the Oregon Inlet ferry when he got the Dare Board to request increased daytime service at the inlet, plus one trip during the night.

Due to the enormous amount of publicity that has been going out about Hatteras Island and the new road, a great increase in tourist travel has swamped the ferry until many times cars are turned back. Some cannot wait for the next boat.

Moreover citizens of the island in the normal course of their business find themselves greatly inconvenienced and delayed in travel. They are frantic about getting more trips.

Close observers say there is little prospect of getting much increase in service. A road now being built under contract is not quite complete—lacks some weeks of being fully put down. Moreover, it is expected to not be complete at all before the fall, because it must be worked over and over. It is to the interests of the contractor to discourage as much travel as possible, during the period of construction. Some of the highway employes also wish to discourage traffic, and this small number take it as a personal affront if the needs of the public inconvenience them, in any degree. Meantime the public may expect to suffer untoward inconvenience and expense.