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CAMPAIGN OF DRY FORCES IN DARE GETS A SET-BACK

Leaders Told There Can Be No Wine and Beer Election at This Time

Leaders of Dry Forces in Dare County who have undertaken to bring about elections, both for the abolishment of the sale of beer and wine and of the abolishment of the liquor stores in Dare County report to this newspaper that they have received a set-back in their hopes.

At a meeting of the Dare County Board of Elections last Saturday, they were told that their petition for an election on the sale of beer and wine was not properly brought and was therefore denied. The Board told them how they might start all over again with another proposal for an election and avoid the technicalities overlooked several months ago.

Regarding the liquor store election, the Board of Elections ruled that the petition was adequate and that an election could be held, but the dry leaders say they were told it would not do them any good for if they won the election then the town of Manteo could come right back and hold an election and operate the stores itself. "This," said the spokesman for the Dry forces, "is some discouragement to the cause we advocate."

Two things have brought about, over a period of several years, a lot of antagonism to beer and to the liquor stores in the county. With respect to beer, the lack of enforcement, the lack of punishment, and the consequent disregard of decency on the part of some beer retailers in the operation of their business has gotten the beer business in disrepute.

The rough shod and arrogant manner of the Liquor Board in Dare County and disregard of the rights of the people has hurt the cause of the liquor stores. The liquor stores were established upon the pledge that the funds would go to the schools and welfare funds and to the benefit of all the people of the county.

But this pledge was flagrantly ignored, and as usual, abused by the same little group of people who always ignore the rights of the people of Dare County and first think only of their personal desires. Secretly and under cover, the same men who are paid as public servants of Dare county to administer these affairs, to fairly serve all the people of the county arranged to divert to the town of Manteo—one sixth of the county's people—a large share of the profits of the two stores. Not only did they demand, and get legislative sanction for this act, but it called for a retroactive division of this money, which upset the county's budget and helped put it in the hole.

The people of the county were incensed at this action and signed petitions carrying the names of a large majority of the voters of Dare County, asking the Legislature to repeal this law, which was unfair because the town of Manteo has heretofore shared equally with all other citizens in the division of these profits. Yet in the face of this appeal, and the majority wishes, the arrogant operators of this business belonging to the people, and many of the

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STORM ACTIVITY ENDS IN ONE MAN'S DEATH

The death of Johnny Tyson, 24, this section's only fatality credited to last Friday's hurricane, was ruled the result of an accident by Pasquotank County Coroner's jury Monday night.

Tyson, a native of Whiteville, died in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City Sunday night as the result of an accident at Nags Head Friday.

It was reported that he was riding on a State Highway and Public Works Department truck, when a low hanging wire caught him at the throat and threw him from the truck.

He suffered a fractured skull. The truck was employed in cleaning up storm damage at the time.

Tyson was the son of Robert Lee Tyson and the late Jean Cliff Tyson of Whiteville.

Besides his father he is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Lula Maye Kellum and Mrs. Lena Tyson, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Ithelia Grainger and Mrs. Daisy Lee Webster, of Norfolk. Three brothers: Jesse Tyson, of New York; Charles and Curley Tyson, of Whiteville.

ENGELHARD'S OLDEST MERCHANT RELAXES



ROMULUS SANDERSON SPENCER is Engelhard's oldest merchant. He has been in business about 54 years. He began with a capital of \$50 he had saved up while fishing with the late Enoch Wise of Stumpy Point, while only a boy, and his stock at the begin-

ning could be carried in a cart from the boat up to the store. Few people know him except as "Tony" Spencer. Through thrift, and fair dealing, and constant work, he has become among the most substantial citizens of Hyde County. He owns a fine new Engelhard hotel, he is a

farmer and bank director, as well as a merchant. This picture of himself, and Mrs. Spencer and their son was recently made in High Point where he took some time off to relax and attend the furniture show, and to buy goods for his big general store in Engelhard.

BIG EXPANSION OF HATTERAS ISLAND ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Fourth Generator Being Added; Quarter Million Addition

Buxton on Cape Hatteras. — Expansion and modernization of the facilities of the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation, scheduled to begin about September 1st and costing in the neighborhood of a quarter million dollars, was announced this week on the return of Herbert Oden, general manager of the plant, from Raleigh where construction bids were opened at the office of the Rural Electrification Authority.

Priority will be given under the contract to the complete rehabilitation of distribution facilities in the village of Hatteras where the REA took over the equipment of the Tom Eaton enterprises three years ago, and which has since provided the bulk of maintenance work over the distribution system which reaches from Rodanthe on the north to Hatteras.

At the generating plant here the building will be enlarged and a fourth generator installed and a sub-station will be erected to give Hatteras, largest of the Seven Villages of the Island, a more adequate service. The expanded facilities are expected to take care of the growth of population on the Island for at least a decade.

Plans for the expansion of services here were based on a survey made by engineers of the National REA eight months ago and insofar as they could foresee, after consultation with the National Park Service and a large segment of the population of each of the villages. At most they see a possible doubling of the population during the next ten years.

Now in the eighth year since the first steps were taken toward the establishment of an electric membership corporation to serve all the villages of the Island, the company has this summer begun to retire its indebtedness. That is, the company is not only paying its operating expenses but is also able to meet payments on money borrowed to begin operations.

Eight years ago the matter was begun when 300 householders on the Island, largely under the urging of Levene W. Midgett of Rodanthe, signed up to take current when it was available. They subscribed the sum of \$5.00 each to provide an organizational capital of \$1,500.

Five years ago this month current was turned on, an event that was signaled as a part of the day's celebration when Coast Guard Day was observed for the first time at the foot of Cape Hatteras Light. That day also signaled the first formal announcement that the light would be returned to the 1870 Tower.

Today more than 500 customers are on the books. The largest of them is the Coast Guard which uses, because of the power requirements of the world's most powerful Loran station, about two fifths of the monthly output of the three generators now in use.

More than fifty new customers have been added during the present year, all of them owners of

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BUS LOADED WITH 4-H GROUP RUNS OFF ROAD U. S. 264

A loaded 37 passenger bus belonging to the Seashore Transportation Company, returning from the 4-H Camp at Manteo, ran off the road five miles southwest of Stumpy Point Wednesday of last week. The 37 passenger bus carried a group of campers who were going home ahead of the storm.

The mishap occurred after going over the dangerous Payne's Creek bridge on a sharp curve of the road. The bus went into the canal. The children were wet but escaped serious injury.

Due to the storm, the bus could not be gotten out of the canal until Friday. John Gibbs of the Engelhard bus line sent a bus to take the children on their way.

DANIELS DAY AT WANCHESE MAKES EVERYONE HAPPY

Unusual Spirit of Fellowship Among Fellows From Afar Prevails Wednesday

There was a full measure of the usual spirit of fellowship, friendliness and hospitality prevailing Wednesday at the annual Daniels Day Celebration at Wanchese Methodist Church grounds. There was lacking of course the benign presence of the late distinguished Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, so long a faithful patron of the event, but two of his sons, their families.

There were many present from distant towns. Robert Daniels, youngest son of the late Joe Tom, was home from distant Wisconsin, where he is rounding out 16 years in the Coast Guard. From far and near the Daniels clan came, and they were well fed, and inspired by the fellowship, and the short services with words of welcome and music in the church.

Melvin Daniels, the faithful, who so long has been the motivating spirit of the annual gathering was there, showing marked improvement from his recent illness; being greeted by many old friends. Tables were loaded with plenty of good food for young and old, with just about everything in plenty, including ice-cream that is found at the most lavish Sunday school picnic.

It was no small number of little folks who thrilled to the afternoon, which made it more enjoyable, with the grown-ups watching them have a good time. And there was the ever faithful and accommodating L. W. Stetson on hand to assist the widows, and he assisted more than one

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PIONEER THEATRE TO SHOW OLD ROANOKE ISLAND FILM

The film which was made on Roanoke Island in 1934, and which depicts the same story of Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colony which depicts the same story of mighty symphonic drama by playwright Paul Green, will be shown at the Pioneer Theatre in Manteo on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25, 26, 27, and 28, in addition to the regular features. The actors were residents of Roanoke Island.

NEW FACILITIES SOUGHT FOR BEACH AREA

Southern Shores at Kitty Hawk to Have Additional Attractions If Residents' Plan Is Adopted

Citizens of Southern Shores, the oceanside residential area which has expanded several miles northward from U.S. Highway 158 in recent years, will meet on Saturday, August 22, to complete plans for establishment of recreational facilities for all age groups. The meeting will be held at the Sea Ranch at 3 o'clock where more than 40 residents of the residential development held their preliminary discussion on the subject last week.

Recreational facilities considered at the meeting included an all-purpose community center building, tennis and badminton courts, golf links and a swimming and wading pool.

"If the majority of residents desire a community building, and if the residents assume the responsibility for operation and maintenance and supervision, Kitty Hawk Development Company would build it with company funds," said Stick. Stick heads the company as president and other officers include John B. McMullan, Elizabeth City, vice president; and N. Elton Aydelett, Elizabeth City, secretary. H. Travis Sykes, who with Mrs. Sykes is owner and operator of The Sea Ranch, announced that their hotel would build and operate a beach club, to be ready next spring, which would be available to all Southern Shores residents.

William Phillips was named temporary chairman of a citizens committee which will push the plans to completion. On his committee is Mrs. Francis Haserodt, Robert W. Andrews, Mrs. W. L. Terry, Howard Rough, and Mrs. Earl S. Sellers. George M. White was named secretary of this planning committee.

PROCESING MACHINE ATTRACTING ATTENTION

A machine which de-veins and peels shrimp in a rapid operation, is receiving national attention from shrimp processing plants along the east, west and Gulf coasts, and also from national magazine.

The machine, built on Roanoke Island, does the work that it took scores of people to do by old methods, and it does a much better job, than the old style of peeling and de-veining shrimp by hand.

Nikolai Miller, resident of Roanoke Island and New York City built the machine and holds all patents on same. Already the machine is in production, but it will not be placed on the market for sale. Instead Miller will have more than 100 of the machines ready for operation this year will place same at shrimp processing centers on a rental basis.

When a picture of the machine and its inventor appeared in newspapers recently, representatives of national magazines saw the photos and asked for additional information and more pictures. Already the machine had been given wide publicity in trade journals of the food packing industries.

\$50,000 FUND FOR NEW COURTHOUSE IN DARE COUNTY

A Good Piece of Luck For Dare to Be Turned Soon Into Cash

A gift of more than 600 acres of land by the late David Lindquist of New York to Dare County is soon to be converted into the cash sum of \$50,000, when the National Park Service pays the county for this land as a part of the Cape Hatteras Seashore.

When Mr. Lindquist gave the land ten years ago, it was his expressed wish that this land be used for the benefit of all the citizens of Dare County. "You are going to need a new courthouse before many years," he said, "so this land will be worth enough by then to give the county a good start."

Mr. Lindquist donated the land to Dare County through his friendship for Victor Meekins, who often visited him in New York, and whom he visited in Dare County. He had told Meekins he appreciated many courtesies rendered him and wished to do something for him. At one time he offered to build Meekins a modern printing plant in Manteo.

But Meekins declined all this, saying he thought it would do him more good to earn what he needed, and would prefer Mr. Lindquist present what he had to give to all the people of Dare County.

One day in his office in New York, Mr. Lindquist told Meekins he was ready to donate the land, and Meekins sat down and wrote a deed conveying the land to Dare County. Mr. Lindquist, both verbally and in writing, had advised Meekins he also planned to donate to the county, the entire 2,400 acres comprising his Bodie Island Club.

But Mr. Lindquist was stricken with a fatal illness that soon ended his days, and the land was acquired in the settlement of the estate by W. A. Worth of Elizabeth City for only \$6,000. The new owner has laughed at the nearly a quarter million dollars offered for this land which cost such a small sum, and demanded more.

In addition to the \$50,000 the county will have to set aside for the courthouse fund, it owes into the fund an additional \$3,900 received by the county from the Federal Government during the recent war, in payment of a small acreage taken for Coast Guard purposes from this same tract, but which money was thrown into the general fund, and spent for various other purposes.

Mr. Lindquist's prophecy about the need for a courthouse wasn't long in coming true. The county's needs have long outgrown the present structure built a half century ago, which is unsafe, too small, a fire trap, and expensive to heat and maintain. A fire in the present courthouse would prove a great calamity to the county, for here are stored the records of the 17 million dollars worth of property which is the sole resources of the people of Dare County.

At the time he made the gift, Mr. Lindquist wished to put it in the name of Victor Meekins, as a trustee, to see that his wishes were carried out in regard to the land. "You never know what kind of Boards may get elected, and who might take a notion to throw it all to the winds," he said in effect. But Meekins declined this proposition and assured him of his belief that fair play would prevail.

Mr. Lindquist's hints have been somewhat prophetic, for already several groups are planning now to get control of this money. Some want to use it to pay the county's bills; others say spend it all for mosquito control, which would be pouring it down a rat hole; still others say take it and raise our salaries, and others say give it to our school. But none of these things are what the donor wanted done with it. "You are going to need a new courthouse," he said. And he surely hit the nail on the head.

FORMER MANTEO RESIDENT MOVES FROM IOWA TO TEX.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stirling and two children, who have been making their home in Des Moines, Iowa, have recently moved to Dallas, Texas, according to a word received in Manteo by Mrs. Stirling's mother, Mrs. Louise Meekins. Mr. Stirling is office manager for the Dallas branch of the Allied Building Credit Corporation. Mrs. Stirling is the former Maxine Meekins of Manteo.

DARE BEACH RESIDENTS TO VOTE TUESDAY ON \$850,000 BOND ISSUES

Water Bond Election for \$828,000 and \$22,000 For Fire Fighting Equipment to Be Passed Upon by Citizens from Kitty Hawk to Whalebone Beach on August 25th.

DAMAGE TO CROPS BY STORM UNDER FIRST ESTIMATES

Friday's Hurricane Leaves Farmers More Fortunate Than Feared at First

Reports of million dollar damage to crops in Hyde and Eastern Beaufort during last Friday's hurricane appear now to be somewhat exaggerated. It is true that a lot of corn was blown down and there will be considerable loss to this crop, but the soybean crop didn't fare so badly as first reported.

There was a considerable loss in umbrella trees and similar trees, with now and then a pine or oak uprooted. No reports have come this time of a single back-house blown over but this may be due to the growing scarcity of these structures.

High tides came up into many communities, Manteo, Engelhard and Swan Quarter, but very little in Belhaven. The Outer Banks settlements did not fare badly, certainly not to compare with former storms. Some slight damage was done the road, but this is usual during severe winds and tides.

Some of the flimsier buildings of the Coastland were torn down. Some four or five buildings in the Nags Head-Kitty Hawk area on the oceanside were demolished but this appeared the result of faulty construction.

Stumpy Point fishermen lost a great deal of such nets as were setting but only a few had nets in the water at this time.

Many people left the beaches, following the storm warnings, but many also stayed to witness the storm, and as soon as it was over they began flocking back. The more serious aspect of the storm has been a glut of mosquitos that followed it.

Building Code Needed

Residences and other structures damaged by high winds or water in the coastal storm last week reflects the need for building codes, especially in relation to the construction of concrete cottages on the beach, it was stated by Frank Stick, the developer of Southern Shores at Kitty Hawk.

If a stringent building code had been in effect, more buildings, most of them of concrete construction, would have weathered the storm undamaged, in the opinion of Stick. Most of the damage to residences was to roofs, several of which were blown off or partially so.

"Concrete construction should not be unjustly criticized," said Stick. "Building codes, if adopted and enforced would result in buildings of that type as storm proof on the North Carolina coast, as in Florida and elsewhere where codes are effective."

FORMER DARE BOY IS RELEASED IN KOREA

Julian Austin, Jr., Whose Parents Live at Frisco, to Arrive Home Soon

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Austin of Frisco are perhaps the happiest people in Dare County this week, having learned that their son, Pfc. Julian Austin, Jr., has been released from a Red prison camp.

Austin had served in Co. L, 38th Infantry, 2nd Division before he was captured early in 1951. He was called to active duty in September, 1950, had a few weeks of training and was sent overseas in November.

Young Austin spent the early years of his life at Frisco and later moved with his parents to Elizabeth City, where he married his wife, Ann. She received the official message Wednesday that her husband had been released, having heard it earlier from her sister, in Wake Forest, who heard the name read on a radio broadcast Tuesday night at 9:20. The Austins have a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Austin, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Scott on City Route Two, Elizabeth City, said that all of his letters reported that he was in good health. She received the last one on July 11.

The most important decision ever faced by the citizens of the 17 mile strand extending from Kitty Hawk to Whalebone beach, including Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head, will be made Tuesday, August 25th when they will go to the polls to pass upon two bond issues, totaling about \$850,000. One calls for \$828,000 for the construction of a waterworks system for the district. The other for bonds of \$22,000 for the purchase of Fire Fighting equipment.

The urgent demand for these improvements grows more apparent each year, and for more than four years, interested people have been working off and on to bring about this election. The community is faced with a serious water problem. At present all water used is surface water, and all of it subject to pollution from the waste from cesspools. All of it might at any time be the means of spreading serious epidemics, to the everlasting detriment of the beaches.

The bonds would be retired by a small tax on the property in the area affected. The beach residents are fortunate in this respect, for a lower valuation than in other parts of the county prevails. Records in the courthouse show real estate valued at only 20 per cent of its current selling price, whereas 65 per cent is the basis on Roanoke Island and other parts of the county. Oceanfront lots, currently selling at \$3,500 to \$4,000 each are assessed at \$750, no more than four years ago, when they sold for \$1,500 each.

So with the addition of a small tax for the water and fire bonds, the citizens would then be paying on a lower ratio than the other citizens of the county. In effect it means that other parts of the county are paying higher taxes so real estate owners on the ocean front can pay less.

Failure of the two propositions for water and fire protection on the beaches in the election next Tuesday would mean a serious blow to Dare County in general. See ELECTION, Page Four

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS TO PRESENT DRAMA

Dark of the Moon to Be Given in Waterside Theatre Monday Night by Drama Class

Dark of the Moon, the Broadway hit by Tar Heel born Howard Richardson and William Berner, which is to be presented at eight o'clock in Waterside Theatre on Monday night, August 24, is in its final rehearsal stage. The famous fantasy with a North Carolina setting has been a project of the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts which operates in conjunction with the Lost Colony and is sponsored by Roanoke Island Historical Association.

It will be the first time that any play, other than The Lost Colony has ever been presented in the great amphitheatre which was built for Paul Green's symphonic drama within the National Historic Site area at Fort Raleigh.

The play's cast includes 30 persons and all are seasoned actors of The Lost Colony. They are as follows: Barbara Griffith, Lillian Prince, George Spence, Joe Hall, Charles Boyens, Lynn Townsend, Virginia Young, Lois Zierk, Nena Williams, Betty Spence, Lindy Millard, Ruby Wiggins, Eddie Green, Jerry Ammons, Robert McCollough, Mary Wood Long, James Founts, Jan Pratt, Ben Etheridge, Gene Ross, Dan Reid, Charles Hadley, Madge Marshall, Mary Blanche Meekins, Pat Baum, Carol Ann Allen, Thelma Williams, Janice Gibbs, Beatrice Belous.

The play is being directed by Elizabeth Welch, assisted by John Lehman and Ralph Burrier; Choreography by John Lehman; Scenery by William Long; Costumes by Irene Smart; Stage Manager, Clifton Britton.

Tickets will be on sale all day Monday at the Lost Colony office in Manteo, also at Fearing's, Inc., Federated Stores and Lost Colony Hobby Shop, and at the Lost Colony box office at Waterside Theatre after seven p.m.