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HAZEL PRODUCED CASH FOR PEOPLE OF DARE COUNTY

Dike at Avon to Be Rebuilt At Cost of \$3,000; Net Loans Total \$7,177.97

A recent grant of \$2,500 by the N. C. Disaster Relief organization added to \$500 which will be contributed by the Dare County Commissioners, will make possible the rebuilding of the sea wall at Avon. The Dare Commissioners got busy on the project of rebuilding the dike, which was built in the thirties by the Avon citizens.

The Small Business Loan Corp. also came to Dare County and received application for three loans, but a report on these is not available. However, the national Red Cross did make outright distress gifts of more than \$7,000 to fishermen of Stumpy Point, Manns Harbor and Hatteras. While the latter community received some \$400 only, Manns Harbor fishermen got \$2,663.88, and at Stumpy Point \$4,114.08 was donated. In all, 11 people in the county received the money given.

It is of interest, that the Red Cross last year received a total of \$953 in contributions in Dare County, and nothing was contributed from either Stumpy Point or Hatteras in this drive. Which shows that the Red Cross does not See HAZEL, Page Four

TAX VALUATIONS ON OCRACOKE ISLE INCREASE BY 120%

Hyde's New 1954 Valuations Increase Only Half on the Mainland Over 1953

An increase in the tax valuations on Ocracoke Island under the 1954 re-valuation shows an increase for the islanders of 120% over 1953, as against an increase of 66.2% for the townships on the mainland. These figures, forwarded us for publication by Ocracoke citizens, show that the increase in valuation is \$308,626 for 1954 as against \$171 for 1953. Last year Ocracoke paid nearly \$1,600 more than in 1953.

A reduced tax rate gave some relief: for the 1954 rate was \$1.38 as against \$1.80 for 1953. In 1953 the valuation was \$140,171, the rate \$1.80, the yield \$2,662.89. In 1952 the valuation \$134,113, the rate \$1.90, the yield \$2,662.40. In 1951, the valuation \$124,371, the rate \$2.05 and the yield \$2,549.15.

TAX VALUATION SHOWN FOR 1951-54 IN HYDE

Increase of 66 Per Cent Under New Valuation on Mainland Over 1953, But Rate Has Been Reduced

Due to a modest revaluation program put into effect in Hyde County during 1954, there will be noted an increase in valuations and in income, although the tax rate has been lowered. Like in most other counties, an adequate valuation is difficult because of the influence of large property owners who have the influence and ability to block any program that will yield an equitable tax income.

Year	Valuation	Rate	Yield
1951	4,665,415	2.05	97,655.38
1952	4,870,952	1.90	94,409.53
1953	5,019,560	1.80	92,744.78
1954	8,338,276	1.38	117,415.14

There has been a comparatively heavy reduction in the tax rate, from \$1.80 to \$1.38. It will be seen that the new valuation will yield Hyde this year extra \$19,759.76, above what it got four years ago. The increase in valuation on the mainland is 66.2% per cent over last year. The increase in valuations on Ocracoke Island is 120%. But during the past four years, large decreases in the tax yield have been shown. The above figures show the drop as being \$3,000 in 1952 and an additional drop of about \$1,700 in 1953. The \$4,700 loss will be covered by this year's increased tax yield of nearly \$20,000.

DR. JOHNSTON SPEAKS TO WANCHESE PTA ON HEALTH

A talk on Health was given to the Wanchese PTA Monday night by Dr. W. W. Johnston, county health officer when the group met in the Wanchese school building. Rev. C. W. Guthrie led the devotional and Mrs. Vera Daniels and Joan sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", with Mrs. Dallas Tillet as accompanist. During the social hour the 56 members present enjoyed ice cream and a home made birthday cake, the occasion being the birthday of P. T. A.

93 Years Have Rolled Over Us Since The Battle of Roanoke Island in 1862

Great Changes Have Taken Place and Most All The Old Shore Forts Are Now Overboard; Sound of Pile Drivers Shakes Shores Where Ancient Cannon Roared, and Hard Roads Cross The Old Log Causeways Soldiers Built

Of great interest to readers of this newspaper is a reprint from the London Illustrated News of the battle of Roanoke Island on the 27th of February, 1862. This account was written on February 28th and published March 22, 1862, which shows the long time necessary for news to travel from America to England in those days.

Washington, Feb. 28, 1862. At last the tide of fortune has turned in favor of the North, and the success attending the formidable preparations of the past six months is now recompensing the Federalists for the enormous expenditure which has weighed heavily upon them. In former letters I have had occasion to notice the improvement in the discipline of the Union Army, which has been gradually progressing towards a state of efficiency under the new Commander-in-Chief. To brigade regiments, form divisions, and appoint division generals, were among the first tasks which McClellan set himself to accomplish; and having succeeded in these, he published a series of general orders for the better regulation and conduct of military matters, and providing for a more thorough and perfect state of discipline through every branch of the service.

The consequence is, that during all these apparently idle months the soldier's taskmaster, the drill-sergeant has been aboard, and now as the time approaches for action the Federal Government finds it has an army to rely on for support or vindication, astounding in its numbers as the growth of only nine months, and wonderfully efficient considering the short period it has been in the field. The combinations of the General-in-Chief are now being seen and understood, and those who have arraigned him in judgment before the court of their displeasure

HATTERAS ISLANDERS SHOW MUCH INTEREST IN PIRATE JAMBOREE

Hatteras Island residents will give full support to the coming Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree, according to Asa H. Gray of Waves, member of the vacation launching event's steering committee. On his trip to contact key personalities in the various villages of the island were Allyn Hanks, superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, W. W. Edwards, president, Rodanthe-Waves Civic Club and Aycock Brown of Dare County Tourist Bureau.

Temporary committeemen named included in addition to Edwards and Gray of the Rodanthe-Waves area, the following: Charles Williams, Jr., Andrew Meekins, George Meekins and George H. Meekins, Avon; George Fuller, Raymond Bassett, Edgar Hooper and Boyd Gray of Buxton; and Steve Burrus, Willie Newsome and Anderson Midgett, Carlos Burrus, Frazier Peele of Hatteras. This group will meet at a Dutch supper, Cape Point Restaurant, next Tuesday night at 6:30 to complete plans for presenting opening day events of the gala Pirates Jamboree.

The first day of the Jamboree on April 29, will feature Hatteras Island and events to be presented according to tentative agreements reached on Tuesday would be the all-island fishing tournament during the morning, followed by a mammoth fish luncheon at noon with banker pony and beach buggy races during the afternoon. Following the meetin next Tuesday at which additional community workers will be named, various organizations will be asked to lend their support to the event.

DARE BOARD POSTPONES CONTRACT ON COURTHOUSE

The Dare County Commissioners Tuesday recessed their meeting to February 25 to give further consideration to plans and bids for remodeling the Courthouse. Bids received this week and opened Tuesday were considered too high for funds in hand, making it necessary to borrow a lot of extra money if the plans first contemplated are put in effect. The county has \$55,000 given it by the National Park Service in exchange for a tract of land on Bodie Island donated to the people of Dare by the late David Lindquist of New York. It was proposed to spend this money on the courthouse, but from bids received it is estimated it will take upwards of \$75,000 for the job.

ACTING HOME AGENT FOR DARE COUNTY



MRS. RAYMOND WESCOTT of Manteo, who will take over the duties of home agent in Dare County on March 1, on which date the resignation of the present agent, Mrs. George Staton, becomes effective. Mrs. Wescott accepted the position temporarily when the county commissioners met Tuesday and will act in the capacity of home agent until July 1.

She is a 1939 graduate of Greensboro College, with a major in home economics and formerly served as home agent in Bertie and Durham counties, after teaching vocational economics for some time in Cumberland and Wilson counties.

Before marrying Mr. Wescott and moving to Manteo, she was Miss Virginia Patrick of Durham. She is a capable and gifted woman and has given generously of her time and effort in behalf of many civic programs since coming to Dare County.

OVERTURNING AUTO KILLS NAVY MAN IN DARE SUNDAY NIGHT

Belvie T. Edwards, 23, of Emporia, Va. in Car Driven Near Duck by W. H. Smith

Belvie T. Edwards, 23, of Emporia, Va. was fatally injured Sunday night when a car turned over several times after it swung to the left while proceeding northward on the Duck road in the north end of Dare County.

The car was a 1951 Ford driven by Wm. Hugh Smith, 22, of Murfreesville, Ga., and ran into sand that had drifted on the road, swung to the left and went into the woods.

Both men were Navy enlisted men attached to the detail maintained at Duck. An investigation by Patrolman R. C. Holt is being continued.

GARY AUSTIN OF HATTERAS SERVING IN WEST INDIES

Gary A. Austin, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Austin of Hatteras, is aboard the support aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge.

The carrier is taking part in the Atlantic Fleet winter training exercise "Operation Springboard." She will engage in anti-submarine air operations and visits to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Kingston, Jamaica and Havana, Cuba.

HYDE BOARD HEARS DELEGATION OF 16 FROM OCRACOKE

Makes \$100 Contribution to Mosquito Control Project of All-Seashore Highway Ass'n.

Ocracoke, Feb. 7.—A delegation of sixteen citizens from this town, representing the committees of Ocracoke Civic Club on Hurricane Aid and Roads, made the cross-sound trip to Swan Quarter Monday to present their causes to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. Travelling on the Wm. G. Dryden, local shrimp trawler, the group left Ocracoke at 6 a.m. to reach their county seat at 10 a.m. They were in fog the entire trip, lost once, grounded once, but delayed only one-half hour. In charge of the boat was Wallace Spencer, aided by many another pilot and navigator, notably E. S. Tolson, Elmo Fulcher, B. E. Spencer, Waha Howard, and Thurston Gaskill. Other crew and passengers were, Jack Willis, Junius Austin, Edgar Thompson, C. F. Boyette, Chris Gaskill, T. Rondthaler, Murray Spencer, Charles Ahmon, Owen Gaskill, and Danny Garrish. R. S. Waha joined the group at Swan Quarter.

Both missions of the group were carefully considered and fully approved by the Commissioners of Hyde County. There were, designation of the Hurricane Aid committee at Ocracoke to act as agent of the county in negotiating for Federal help in restoring the protective level of the ocean beach at Ocracoke; and the allocation of 12.9 miles of any highway mileage allotted by the First Highway Division for the purpose of constructing an all-weather highway with ferry connections from Hatteras to Ocracoke. Resolutions making these actions effective were considered, voted favorably, signed, and delivered to the Ocracoke delegation forthwith.

R. S. Waha, district vice-president of the All-Coastal Highway Association, presented a plea to the Commissioners for their moral and financial support of the move now under way in which 21 Coastal counties are banding together to obtain legislative aid for Mosquito Control in coastal Carolina. It is the intention of these petitioning counties to press upon the legislature a really comprehensive program for all-out mosquito control similar to that which has been achieved by other Atlantic states.

A most timely key to the town was presented to the delegation by an anonymous donor in the form of a heaping dinner at the O'Neal House. The delighted and hungry sailors, unfed since 5 a.m., consumed the feast with gusto, departing thereafter for a fogless voyage back, docking at the home pier in Silver Lake at 5:05 p.m.

ENJOYING WEST COAST TRIP

Word comes from Capt. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett of Nags Head who are seeing the country by train, were having a grand old time in California, in late January and last week were in New Orleans. They visited the ranch of Mrs. Arnold, wife of the General, H. H. Arnold, who often visited the Midgett's, and Julian and Lima Oneto at Angel's Camp, California. They spent two days in Denver, and two in San Francisco, and were going in one week end in Hollywood.

COMMANDER BEACHAM AT QUONSET, RHODE ISLAND



COMMANDER SHELTON RAY BEACHAM USN of Kitty Hawk who is now Commander of the Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 31 at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, is a grandson of the late Capt. Harris Midgett and of Decatur Beacham of Kitty Hawk. His two grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Midgett and Mrs. Doll Beacham are now living there. His father is Shelton Beacham now living at Arlington, Va. and the late Sadie Rae Midgett Beacham. In last week's paper we gave an account of his new assignment. He is a young man in whom his community takes pride.

A COMICAL GAME ENDS MANTEO MARCH OF DIMES

Saturday Night's Jollity Adds \$65 To Total Running Up Towards \$800

The long-looked for game of Longies vs Shorties came to pass Saturday night and the Manteo March of Dimes is \$66 the richer as the result of the evening's entertainment.

The Longies, attired in red flannels vs the Shorties, in more brief suits furnished hearty laughs as they met and tied the game score at 18-18. Shorty Sidney Shaw met Long Albert Dillahanty at center, Wally McGown, Ellsworth Midgett, Burwell Evans, and Earl Green played forward position for Shorties while Coy Tillet, Raymond Wescott, Gus Haltman, and Warren O'Neal vied for the Longies' points. Starring as guards were Shorties Allyn Hanks, Gordon Kellogg, Ralph Davis, Fred Wescott and Longies Woody Fearing, Nevin Wescott and Eddie Brown. Referees were Jack Wilson and Donnie Twyne. Salesmen for drinks and candy were Roland Sawyer and Pete Capps.

The Town Girls, Dotty Fry, Linda Mann, Betty Fearing, Marie Etheridge, Doreen Midgett and Carolyn Gaskill won over the school girls by one point, 28-27.

The Swinging Brothers made their first public appearance in a dare-devil swing from the rafters high in the gym ceiling. Protected by helmets, life savers, special boots and clothing Raymond and Nevin Wescott startled the crowd. House to House calls on Sunday netted \$67.88. Collections from school grades was \$53.31 and from the town coin containers \$70.56. Total amount deposited with county treasurer to date is \$765.81 but contributions continue to come so that a complete figure for the local drive cannot be stated this See GAME, Page Four

MRS. DESDIA W. DANIELS DIED WED. IN NORFOLK

Mrs. Desdia Willis Daniels, 75, a native of Dare County, and a resident of South Norfolk for the last 10 years, died Wednesday at 2:24 p.m. in a Norfolk hospital.

She was the daughter of James Isaac and Mrs. Rebecca Hayman Willis and wife of the late Charles M. Daniels. She had been a member of the Wanchese Methodist Church for the last 40 years and taught a Sunday School class at the church for 23 years prior to moving to South Norfolk. She resided at 101 Swain Avenue.

Surviving are a son, Reuben M. Daniels, of South Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. Iva W. Hattell, of Beaufort, N. C., three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The body was brought to Twiford funeral home in Manteo pending arrangements for funeral services by Rev. C. W. Guthrie in Bethany M. E. church, Wanchese, and burial in Cudworth Cemetery.

OCRACOKE OFFERED GLAD HAND BY THE DARE COMMISSIONERS

Resolution Tuesday By County Board Would Welcome Ocracoke Island Into Dare County

Ocracoke Island people who have been wishing their Township were a part of Dare County received the glad hand of welcome Tuesday from the Dare County Commissioners, who passed a resolution favoring their entry into Dare County, if they wish to come. Pursuant to sentiment expressed to Board members by many people of Ocracoke Island, a motion was offered by Commissioner James W. Scarborough of Avon, and seconded instantaneously by E. P. White of Buxton, and L. L. Swain of Manteo, and was carried unanimously.

Reasons given for desiring to become a part of Dare County were assigned as convenience, now with better transportation to the north, whereby the citizens might get to Manteo to do business with the county seat. At present, the trip requires three days to make the round trip to Hyde's Swan Quarter, and Ocracoke people are prohibited by the great inconvenience of travel in participating to the desired extent in county affairs. It has reached the point where seldom if ever are Ocracoke citizens called for jury duty, it was stated.

The resolution adopted by the Dare Board Tuesday is as follows:

"WHEREAS, several citizens of Ocracoke Township, Hyde County have advised this board that considerable sentiment prevails among the people of this township favorable to removing from their present county and joining another county for the convenience of their citizens, due to changes in transportation and other factors, and WHEREAS interest has been indicated in become a part of Dare County, and they desire to know the sentiment of the Commissioners of Dare County, Now therefore be it

"RESOLVED, that the general expressions of the people of Dare County heard by this Board is Ocracoke would be welcome in Dare County; it is the sentiment of this Board they would be welcome in Dare County; and in event they wish to join Dare See OCRACOKE, Page Four

WOULD MAKE A BIRD SANCTUARY OF R. I. AND OCEAN FRONT

Commissioners Asking For Legislation Aimed at Reckless Users of Rifles In This Area

The Dare County Commissioners voted this week to ask legislation to make of all Roanoke Island and the area of Nags Head Beach to Currituck County line east of the highway, a bird sanctuary where no hunting of any kind is permitted. The object is not protection of birds but the hope of stopping the reckless use of firearms by small boys who are damaging a lot of property due to immunity from regulation at home and laxity of law enforcement. The Board gave their endorsement to a neighbor, O. L. Woodhouse of Grandy for reappointment on the State Wildlife Commission. A. H. Ward, Jr. was appointed by the Board to serve on a committee with L. L. Swain and M. R. Daniels for the Oregon Inlet betterment program.

J. W. Scarborough, C. T. Williams and Fred Gray of Avon were named to supervise the reconstruction of the sand dike around their village, which is made possible by a grant of State and county funds.

The Board recommended that Representative R. Bruce Etheridge be requested to use all efforts to get the present non-resident fishing licenses relaxed.

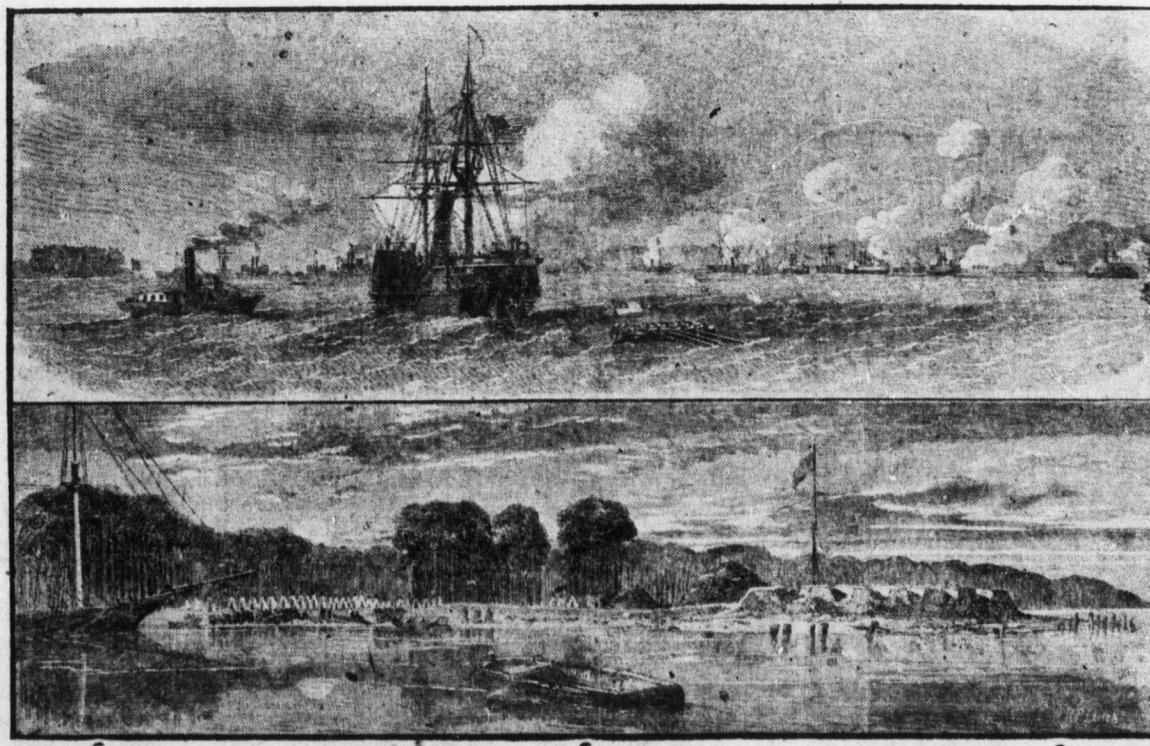
The sum of \$100 was given to the mosquito control program of the All-Seashore Highway Association.

The County Commissioners of Dare Tuesday passed a resolution asking the State to improve the road running around the Austin Cemetery at Kitty Hawk, and also asked the widening of the road by way of the Bob Perry home. The Southern Shores roads were recommended for State upkeep.

It was agreed to pay to Mrs. Jethro Midgett of Nags Head \$69.87 in tax penalties and costs for the five-year period 1949 to 1954. The county Health Department was authorized to trade in two typewriters on a new one.

A motion was carried to pay all back taxes when collected, into the general fund of the county, excepting sanitary district taxes and Roanoke Island Fire Tax.

HISTORIC PICTURE OF SEA BATTLE OFF ROANOKE ISLAND



This picture sketched on the scene by the correspondent of the Illustrated London News in 1862, show how the vessels line up in Croatan Sound. In the top picture will be seen the pines standing on Fleetwood Point near Manns Harbor. The vessels are bombarding Roanoke Island. The large vessel is General Burnside's ship, the Spaulding. The bottom scene shows Fort Bartow at Pork Point, after being captured by the Federalists. Tents may be seen lined up along the shore under the trees. General Burnside commanded the home for his headquarters, which in later years was the home of the late John Berry family.