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WANT TO SINK \$85,000 IN A JAIL

The Commissioners of Dare County want to raise your taxes, so they can get \$35,000 to spend on a jail. They want the citizens to go to the polls, vote \$35,000 in bonds, which actually means twice as much by the time it is paid back, if history is followed in Dare County. The last bond hasn't been paid off on the old courthouse and jail built 50 years ago.

Then when they get the \$35,000, the commissioners want to take \$50,000 in cash that now belongs to all the people, making a total of \$85,000 to build a new jail; a jail that will still be unfinished, but it will have a couple of glorified offices for some of the officials. It's going to cost more than \$100,000 to do this job, and maybe more by the time it is done. And all on a small lot not big enough for the town hall of Kill Devil Hills.

This is a lot of money to spend on a jail, which has about one boarder a year. One pint sized colored fellow, weighing about 100 pounds recently awaiting trial at May court. But he is now free, bailed out by his employer. Wonder if the people will vote in favor of building a \$100,000 hotel to take care of one negro a year, and a couple of offices for county officials. Perhaps they want more room so they can hire more help, to do the work they were elected to do themselves.

If this is progress in Dare County, we are surely out of step.

A GOOD WORD FOR ELECTRIC CO-OPS.

The management of electric co-ops in the United States gets a good word in the current report from Washington which shows that of two and a half-billion dollars loaned for creating these utility systems, only \$307,340 has been lost in delinquent loans. There is still a further bright spot in this report which is refreshing following so long a period of Governmental waste and mismanagement, in that, of 78 and a half million dollars loaned in N. C. there are no loans delinquent.

We who know the splendid advantage that has come to the people served by Woodstock Electric in Beaufort, Hyde and Washington Counties; of the Cape Hatteras Co-op on Hatteras Island, and the plant at Ocracoke know what a boon these systems have meant to a people who were long considered as being in an unprofitable area where investment of private capital was not warranted. It is true that when the co-op came in, it was a long pull in some cases, but the establishment of the system made possible a great development which now looks interesting to private capital, or the larger public utilities companies.

These systems have made a splendid contribution to the progress of the Belhaven and Hatteras areas ushering in a high standard of living because of means of using modern conveniences and aid to home life. They have encouraged building and improvement of homes, and in countless ways stimulated commercial and economic development and improvement.

The Co-ops built by REA have justified the investment and confidence placed in them by the American people.

CRITICISM OF THE NEW CARS

Automobile manufacturers are coming in for some severe criticism for the trend toward wider, longer and lower cars as well as for the emphasis on greater and greater horse power. While the primary criticism is on grounds of safety, the wider and longer cars are criticized on other scores as well.

New cars are said to be harder to park and to jut out of older home garages and allow the driver hardly enough room at the sides to open the door and get out. And while car manufacturers generally are on defensive of the trend, Alfred C. Reeves, advisory vice president of the Automobile Manufacturers Association, says it is "ruining a lot of garages and parking lots."

The drop in car height of three to five inches has sharply cut motorists' vision and made it difficult for drivers to see clearly across intersections, according to Frederick P. Clark, a nationally-known consultant on city planning.

As for horse power, Traffic Commissioner T. T. Wiley of New York City says most drivers are neither trained nor physically able to handle the amount placed at their disposal and continuation of the trend would be "sheer madness."

The extraordinary sharp competition which is producing these trends is also producing "many worthwhile features to facilitate safe driving," as Commissioner Wiley says. What manufacturer will be first to make such features as these the main selling points for his product, instead of dramatic changes of doubtful value? Surely the automobile buying public possesses the intelligence and the discrimination to justify the faith of designers and builders who will make their first appeal to those who are interested, not in superficialities, but in a safe and useful product.

AVON PERSONALS

Charlie Haywood, who is employed in Norfolk visited his children last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herscal Williams and children of Elizabeth City spent the week end here.

Mrs. Stella Price and boys, Ken and Benny of Elizabeth City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Scarborough.

Rex Meekins of Jacksonville has returned after visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich Williams and family of Elizabeth City spent the week end here.

Mrs. Kate Scarborough and Mrs. Dewey Scarborough Jr., are visiting in Norfolk.

Earl O'Neal has returned from Norfolk.

Cecil Williams and Jimmy Williams of Norfolk spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. Ruby Williams.

Billy Gray, who is employed in Norfolk is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meekins of S. C., have returned after visiting

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Meekins, Clyde Scarborough, U.S.C.G., Norfolk, Va., has returned after visiting his family.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Price of Wanchese are visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Scarborough, Jr., and son Sumner of Norfolk are visiting Mrs. Marg Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Scarborough, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Gray and family of Norfolk are visiting here.

Damorn and Otis Meekins of Norfolk are visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Blucher Scarborough and son B. R. have returned after visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Scarborough.

METHODIST CHARGE BOARD TO MEET SUNDAY NIGHT

The Charge Board of the Swan Quarter-Fairfield Methodist Church will meet next Sunday night, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Fairfield Methodist Church in Fairfield. The charge officials and the pastor urge all members of the board to attend this meeting.

ODE TO THE PIRATE'S JUBILEE

By MARY EASON COX

In bright sunlight, we walked the beach,
'Twixt sand dunes and lapping sea;
The gulls flew high, the gulls flew low,
With cries of grave anx-i-ety.

We gathered shells of orange and red,
Of copper, pale gray and cream,
The beautiful conchs and cat-eye snails,
Huge, white clam and oystern lean.

We heeded not the inrolling fog:
'Til brightness left sand and shell;
Far, far were we from the cottage snug,
'Twixt dunes and the sea's somber knell.

Wreck and driftwood loomed out the mist
Like sea serpents of fables old;
The little fat dunes hooded and weird;
And we were weary and cold.

The dank, whimpering swish of sea oats,
Cringing 'neath their ghostly shroud,
Seemed to whisper legends of pirates
Who long ago this beach had cowed.

Deeper and deeper grew the cruel sand,
Crunching and grasping at our feet.
Could pirate spirits be on this strand,
'Waiting outlanders to defeat.

No! They herald "Pirates' Jubilee",
To be held on this lonely coast:
A strange and colorful pageant
Of which any proud pirate could boast.

Shell-laden, at last, we found our door,
Followed by swirling veils of fog,
Closed out the piercing sea gulls' cries,
And lighted the waiting log.

FAVORABLE REPORTS BY TYRRELL GRAND JURY

At the recent term of court in Tyrrell County, the Grand Jury gave a clean bill to most county institutions. The school buses and the patrolman's report and his office were recommended. Paint was recommended for the outside of the patrolman's office, and the outside of the county library. New lights and sash for the colored school at Travis; colored schools in Columbia in good condition. Paint and repairs were recommended for the second time at the colored school in Gum Neck. The white school in Gum Neck was in satisfactory condition; Columbia High in good condition, save for paint on outside of wooden building. The office of the school Superintendent was in excellent condition and all other county offices in good condition; the jail in "reasonably good" condition. The county home now rented out to five families, was in much need of repair. Four rubber cushions were again recommended for chairs of the petit jury.

Strictly speaking, the bream is a European fish not found in the United States. — Sports Afield

WASHINGTON REPORT

By BILL WHITLEY

REA. Advocates of the Rural Electrification Program are preparing themselves for a battle which they consider a matter of life and death for the entire REA setup.

REA co-op officials consider the Hoover Commission report dealing with Federal lending agencies as a direct blow to the REA program. If adopted by Congress, they fear it would seriously jeopardize the program.

Under the Hoover Commission recommendations, REA would be converted into a "Rural Electrification Corporation," and would be operated by a board of directors. Under the proposed changes, it is feared that REA co-ops would be forced to secure all future loans through the private money market.

PRIVATE. Such a shift, it is argued, would mean that the REA would in effect be put into the hands of private banking interests—and for all practical purposes, into the hands of private utilities. REA was conceived and built, it is argued, by the general public through Congress. To put it into the hands of private interests would be to kill its intent, it is pointed out.

ARGUMENTS. In support of their position, REA advocates

have a strong argument in REA's record of repayment of loans. Of the total 2.5 Billion dollars loaned to REA co-ops in the 20 years the program has been in operation, only \$307,340 has been lost in delinquent loans. In North Carolina the repayment record has been even more amazing. Of a total of 78.5 million dollars in North Carolina loans, there are none delinquent.

Another argument is that of increased interest rates. REA officials fear that if the Hoover Commission report is carried into law, it would mean that co-ops would have to pay about twice as much in interest as they now pay.

TREND. The Recommendations of the Hoover Commission concerning REA is but one of suggestions that the government should turn over many of its functions to private enterprise. It is a growing trend in line with the recommendations of President Eisenhower and the Republican Party.

It is interesting to note that REA itself was born as a result of private power companies refusing to furnish electricity to rural areas which didn't appear profitable. Now, after 20 years of development, it appears that private utilities feel that there is profit to be made in REA customers.

WANCHESE PERSONALS

Mrs. Calvin Sawyer of Norfolk visited Mrs. Erma Daniels.

Irving Williams, Jr. visited Mrs. Louisa Williams.

Shirley Daniels of E.C.C., Greenville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Royden Tillett visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Chapman at Farmville.

Mrs. Harry Baum and Mrs. Woodrow Stetson spent Saturday in Norfolk.

"Buster" Daniels of William and Mary College, Norfolk, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kalb Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Daniels visited Spencer Daniels, a patient in the Norfolk General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Daniels, Jr. of Norfolk visited relatives here.

Miss Rowena Midgett visited her sister, Mrs. Murray Edwards in Newport News.

Mrs. Ralph Fleming of Newport News visited her mother, Mrs. Molly Baum.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker, Jr., Mrs. Millie Daniels, Mrs. Ward Daniels, Mrs. Noah Forbes, Mrs. Carrie Tillett, Mrs. Bob Green, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Tillett, Mrs. Walter Ballance, Mrs. Lillian Daniels, Mrs. Lucetta Montague, Mrs. Sallie Daniels, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. Bernise Midgett and Miss Ophelia Daniels attended the funeral of Mrs. Ernest Walker, Sr. in Maple Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Gaskill visited Hatteras Tuesday, with their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Caroon of Angleton, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Caroon left Wednesday for Texas after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill for a week.

CAPT. JAMES N. BARDIN NOW IN CALIFORNIA

Camp Pendleton, Calif. (FHTN C).—Marine Capt. James N. Bardin, son of Dr. and Mrs. James C. Bardin of Manteo, and husband of the former Miss Ruth C. Mortensen of Blackwell, Okla., reported here on April 1, and has been assigned to the Base Maintenance Section.

DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS ARE HELD

Teachers, supervisors, and superintendents from eight school units in eastern North Carolina took part in a district workshop of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools' Cooperative Program for the Improvement of Elementary Education Monday in Plymouth.

The introduction to the workshop and the explanation of the State Guide was given by A. B. Combs, director of the State Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Ruth Hoyle, elementary supervisor of the Elizabeth City Schools, spoke on "How Schools Identify and Become Involved in planning a Program of Self-Improvement" and "How to Evaluate the Elementary School Program in Terms of the Southern Association's Bulletin on 'Evaluating the Elementary Schools.'" A discussion of available resources at the state and local levels for carrying forward a program of self-improvement was led by Annie Lee Jones, elementary supervisor of Pitt County Schools.

After dinner, a presentation of promising practices which have been carried out in schools of this area was made by Homer Lassiter, State Supervisor of Elementary Education, and then Eva Williamson, of East Carolina College's Department of Education, spoke on Child Growth and Development.

School units which are members of the district are the Hyde, Dare, and Washington county units and the Elizabeth City units. Guests at this week's workshop were representatives of the Beaufort and Martin county units and the Washington and Edenton city units.

Practically the same program was followed Tuesday when Negro teachers and leaders of the district met at Roper.

The following white teachers represented Dare County at the meeting: Mrs. Hazel McLean, Kitty Hawk School; Mrs. Mary Deaton Meekins, Manteo School; C. D. Wagstaff, Wanchese School; Mrs.

CANCER CLINIC ON FRIDAY MAY 6 IN ELIZABETH CITY

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held Friday May 6, 1955 in Elizabeth City, at the Health Center with registration beginning at 1:00. A free chest x-ray will be given to anyone wishing it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. There are no limitations as to sex, race, physical, or economic status at the Center; however there are age requirements. Women should be 35 or more; men should be 40 or over unless referred by a doctor, or unless one of the "Seven Danger Signals" or "Symptoms" is present. No priority is necessary; however, only so many people can be seen at the Center due to limited facilities, so it is suggested that anyone who wishes to be assured of an appointment should drop a card to the CANCER CENTER, Elizabeth City and be sure of being seen. Examinees are asked to bring a robe or housecoat with them.

Ruby Gray, Stumpy Point School; Mrs. Ivadean Wescott, Manns Harbor School; Mr. Noah Toler, county supervisor; Mrs. Mary L. Evans, county superintendent.

Principal W. E. Hall, Mrs. Estelle Boone, and Mrs. Eva Bethea, all of the Roanoke School, attended the meeting for Negroes at Roper.

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