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SECOND JAIL BOND ELECTION IN A YEAR TO BE JANUARY 28; LEWARK ALONE IN OPPOSITION

Measure Defeated July 9, to be Submitted Again to Voters on January 28th; Four Members of Board Solidly For Both Jails, But Kill Devil Hills Man Votes No; Board Wants to Spend \$85,000. Cost of Elections and Plans Will Reach \$5,000.

With only a lone member voting nay against them, four county commissioners voted for holding another election in Dare County on January 28th, to decide if the people wish to bond the county for money to tear down the jail at Manteo building another and an addition to the courthouse and a new jail on Hatteras Island and which they plan to locate at Buxton.

While the Commissioners were getting ready to close their meeting, a young doctor anxious to begin practice in Dare County was waiting to meet with a committee to ascertain the extent of cooperation that might be expected in this county should he locate here. He called attention to the fact that doctors are difficult to find for practice in places without clinical or hospital facilities.

This same jail and courthouse proposal, which would cost in addition to the \$35,000 it proposes to borrow, any other unappropriated funds the county may have, which includes the \$50,000 idle cash in the bank obtained from the sale of land—was voted down by a two-to-one vote of the people of Dare County on July 9th. The county had at that time spent some \$700 on plans, and another \$2,000 holding an election, besides other expenses. Another \$2000 to hold the January election will bring the cost up to about \$5,000. Next year there were three elections in Dare County, and maybe two more, if the Kitty Hawk and Manteo vote school bonds.

At Tuesday's meeting, when four members of the Commissioners decided to spend another \$2,000 to ask the people if they have changed their minds, only one member voted against both proposals. Capt. Will Lewark of Kill Devil Hills recorded his vote in the negative.

It is a costly way to ask the people if they have changed their minds during the past six months. Although the proposal was beaten in July, it didn't stop the Commissioners from putting it on this year's taxes just the same. This may be verified by checking the printed tax notices mailed out last month.

ABC Board Appointed
The Dare County Liquor Control board was reappointed by the Commissioners for another three years. This board now consists of M. L. Daniels, Chairman and Guy H. Lennon of Manteo, and Callie E. Parker of Nags Head. The new term begins Jan. 5.

The Board voted to buy insurance on the buildings of the 4-H camp at the Manteo Airport, and instructed Bob Smith, county agent to select another stenographer for his office and that of the Home Agent, replacing Mrs. Lessie Till. See ELECTION, Page Eight

FIRST ANNUAL LAYMAN'S DINNER OF ST. ANDREWS NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Ticket sales for the first annual layman's anniversary dinner of St. Andrews by the Sea, the Protestant Episcopal Church on Nags Head which began its year around services last December, have been very good, according to P. B. Zevely, in charge of the committee on arrangements. The dinner, featuring roast turkey and clam chowder, will be held at the Shrine Club on Tuesday night, December 13, beginning at 6:30 o'clock and continuing until 8:30 or as late as necessary. The committee in charge stated that up to 250 diners had been ordered and arrangements have been made to prepare take-out plates for those who will be unable to eat their supper at the Shrine Club.

LIST TAKERS NAMED

Dare County list takers who were re-appointed this week are as follows: Atlantic Township, Mrs. Zenith Perry, Croatan Township, Mrs. Florence Jones; East Lake Township, Mrs. Nina Basnight, Kennebec Township, Mrs. Rachel Austin, and Hatteras Township, Mrs. Edna Gray. Mrs. Lucy Midgett of Wanchese, for Nags Head Township.

Tax listing dates will be announced in this paper next week.

SIX ON LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR MANTEO POSTMASTER

Civil Service Investigation Indicates Early Action in Filing Office

An investigation this week to gather pertinent information about six candidates for postmaster in Manteo is being made by Horace R. Lewis, Civil Service investigator, working out of Charlotte.

The list, which had been narrowed down to three candidates, has now been brought back to six as the result of efforts made by some of the candidates who had been previously eliminated.

The list of applicants is now as follows: Ray W. Jones, acting postmaster; Ben Shannon, postoffice clerk; Earl M. Green, Lawrence L. Swain, Ralph L. Swain and Raymond E. White, Jr.

The interviews and investigation that is being made will develop information as to the applicants as follows:

1. Kind and extent of success and experience in their occupations.
2. Extent of public contacts.
3. Success in meeting and dealing with the public.
4. Industry, resourcefulness and initiative.
5. Community acceptability.
6. Personal attributes and absence of disqualifying defects in character and physical condition.

The Civil Service Commission attempts to give careful and impartial consideration to all applicants. After summarizing the reports received, it certifies to the President the names of three with highest qualifications for his selection, with the approval of the Senate, of the one who will be appointed postmaster. The Civil Service Commission's investigation is limited to reporting facts only, and makes no recommendations about the eligibility of any candidate.

Except in rare instances, the applicant chosen is a member of the political party of the President. In this case, if the Republican organization finds acting Postmaster Ray W. Jones among the three eligibles, it is most likely he is the man the President will recommend, as he is the only professed republican among the six candidates.

It was ordered that the Chair-See OFFICERS, Page Eight

TO SPEAK IN DARE AT K. D. HILLS EVENT

Rear Admiral R. E. Wood, commandant of the Fifth District, U.S. Coast Guard, will be the principal speaker at the 52nd anniversary celebration of the Wright Brothers' first flight of a heavier-than-air machine scheduled to be held at the base of Wright Brothers National Monument on December 17, when homage is paid the intrepid airmen of Dayton, Ohio, by the military generally, Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society and the National Park Service.

Representatives of the U.S. Air Force will also be present and the Air Force, co-sponsors of the annual celebration will also provide a flyover of modern jet aircraft during the ceremonies at the monument. Musical features of the celebration will be provided by Elizabeth City's famous High School Band which has annually taken part in the first flight observances for the past several years.

Announcement that a high ranking Coast Guard officer would be the key speaker of the day was made in Elizabeth City by Miles L. Clark, chairman of the board of directors of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society.

"The Coast Guard, or its original organization, played an important role in the first successful flights 52 years ago on December 17," said Clark.

"Three members of the crew of the old Kill Devil Hills Life Saving Station, Surfmen John T. Daniels, W. S. Dough and A. D. Etheridge went to the base of the Hill to help place the crude flying machine on the monorail from which it took off on four successful flights that day," he added. Also present on that cold December morning were W. C. Brinkley of Manteo who had been visiting on the beach and decided to remain over to see the experiments and Johnny Moore who lived in nearby Nags Head Woods.

"None of the witnesses to the See EVENT, Page Eight

JOINT COLLECTION OF FUNDS FOR THE NEEDY

Rev. L. E. Aitken and Rev. H. V. Napier, Methodist and Baptist pastors respectively in Manteo are heading a joint committee of their churches to raise funds to give things to the needy, if there be any on Christmas day. Boxes for the collection of groceries which anyone may wish to contribute will be placed in the stores of Manteo, and also a box for deposit of coins. On December 24 the proceeds will be collected. The boxes are being set up this week.

BEAUFORT CO. MAY DRAFT WARREN FOR HOUSE SEAT



Will Beaufort County be represented in the General Assembly next time by its most distinguished citizen? Many of its citizens answer in the firm belief that he won't resist a draft to run for the house, and that if he is a candidate, no opposition will be offered. After 38 years of public life, Mr. Warren now living in his 102 year old home on Main Street in Washington, N. C., is being besieged daily by neighbors who hope for his acquiescence in this project of bringing great leadership in a time of great stress to our legislature. Lindsay Warren represented his district in the State Senate in 1917-19, after five years as Attorney for Beaufort County, and Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee. He was quickly recognized for ability and leadership in politics, and in 1920 was chairman of the Platform Committee at the State Convention. In 1923 he represented Beaufort County in the house. In 1925 he went to Congress where he represented the First District for 16 years, and in 1941 he became Comptroller General of the United States from which post he retired last year. He has served his state in many capacities, and has received several awards and degrees of an honorary nature. He was chairman of the State Democratic Convention in 1930, and temporary Chairman in 1938. Friday of next week, December 16th, he will be 66 years old.

From South America Captain Howard Sends A Desperate Plea That Banker Pony Remain Free And Unfettered On Ocracoke Island

Now In Venezuela, the Man Who Loves Horses, Will Pledge Anything to Save Them; Cites Them As Savers of Human Life, Salvors of Boyhood; Preventive of Juvenile Delinquency and Promoters of Morality.

By CAPT. MARVIN W. HOWARD, Master Dredge Chester Harding, Maracaibo, Venezuela, South America.

We can read in the Coastland Times dated October 28, 1955, No. 17, if we wish among the Editorials, namely: "The facts of Death," "Pogrom of Persia," "Change proves Confusing," "Carter's Chicken Story," "November in the Coastland" and "Sunshine on the Scuppernong." Also in another issue dated October 14, 1955, No. 15, "The story of another ship that never returned, lost off Kinnakeet 45 years ago," and still another entitled "Storms today not so bad as some recorded more than 100 years ago"; yet will another by Mr. Latham, now deceased, and how much he is, and will in the future, be missed.

We still find another "Chicamacomico's Great Record," and lost but not least in October 21st issue No. 16 in letters not quite so large the words: "To Launch Albatross Boy Scout Drive Tuesday."

This article I am to write will deal particularly on two subjects of which one will be the Boy Scouts while the other will be of the "Wild Ponies" of the Outer Banks and while writing this, I thought perhaps mention of the subject above may in some way stir someone or many to the plight of the Outer Banks wild pony and their relation to the only mounted Boy Scout troop in America.

The National Park Service has taken over our land to preserve it, as I understand, in its natural state if that can be done. I was sort of in favor of the Park Service taking over as a natural Shrine and to provide a place for the public to play. The only reason that I, along with some others, was willing that it be taken over was because it appeared that some owners were willing to sell their property to whoever may come for a price, thus eliminating our freedom that we had always enjoyed and cherished, besides it takes our right and our land.

FIRE DESTROYS MAIN BUILDING OF COLONIST INN

Tourist Building at Fort Raleigh Total Loss Early Wednesday Morning

Fire Wednesday destroyed the main building of the Fort Raleigh Motor Court, which when operated alone, was first known as the Colonist Inn, opposite the entrance to Fort Raleigh. The fire broke out after midnight or about 2 a.m. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mann, slept in one of the buildings nearby, and were awakened by the smoke and flames.

The motor court consisted of several cottages. The building destroyed was worth an estimated \$20,000 and was equipped with rooms and baths. It was originally built about 20 years ago by the late Carl Meekins, and operated by W. S. Meekins for several years. It was then called the Colonist Inn. Mr. Mann bought the property after World War II, and built some eight cottages surrounding it.

HEARING SATURDAY AT COURTHOUSE TO CONSIDER BEACH SANITARY SYSTEM

A hearing will be held Saturday before the Dare County Commissioners at ten a.m. in the courthouse in Manteo to discuss the proposal to vote on a sanitary system for the Dare Beaches, and which will be principally concerned with the feasibility of establishing a safe and adequate water system to serve the area from Whalebone Beach to Southern Shores.

If sufficient interest is shown, it is contemplated that an election will be held to determine if bonds shall be issued to provide funds to establish a water system to serve the area, which is some 15 miles long. The growing population and congestion resulting in some areas have long given concern to many people about an early shortage of safe water. A water system is also looked upon as an essential to adequate fire protection.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the proposition, although it was defeated about two years ago, but many people who opposed it then, now admit it was a bad mistake to do so.

FAILURE OF \$100,000 OF STATE MONEY TO MATERIALIZE MAY BLAST HOPES FOR SCHOOLS

State Board of Education This Week Grants Dare \$75,442.59 as Its Last Contribution From 1953 Bond Issue; Blow to Plans for Schools at Kitty Hawk and Manteo; More Than Thrice State Average, However.

Troubles pile on troubles in Dare County. This week some of the hopes of advocates of bigger and better school buildings at Manteo and Kitty Hawk got a heavy blow in the announcement from Raleigh of Dare's allotment from the remaining \$25 million of the 1953 bond issue for schools. Dare County had counted its chickens too soon. It had based its hope on this new money coming in on the basis on which Governor Scott's 1949 bond money was distributed. Therefore it looked forward to getting about \$100,000 more than it got this week; something like \$193,000 was hoped for.

When word got around that this money was expected, advocates of schools in both the Manteo District and the Kitty Hawk District developed high hopes for new buildings and increased facilities. Plans were set in motion to hold elections to vote higher taxes in the two districts. The Commissioners appropriated \$25,000 to buy school sites.

This week the State Board of Education announced its final allotments of bond money for the various counties. It gave Dare \$75,442.59 instead of more than double this sum that had been expected. It's going to mean that a lot of school plans will have to be revamped or abandoned. There is no hope of getting more money. Announcement was made that Dare's sum represents more than three times per pupil the money allotted throughout the state. The average allotment per pupil in the state is \$54. Dare is getting an allotment of \$169 per pupil.

Those familiar with the workings of the State Board and the manner in which money is apportioned are of the opinion that Dare did not get the money because it is felt that Dare is not putting up its just share for schools. In other words, it has not been carrying its fair share of the burden in comparison with other counties. See SCHOOLS, Page Eight

25 ACRES TENDERED FREE FOR KITTY HAWK SCHOOL ON COLINGTON ISLAND

To save the county some \$15,000 and to offer a sheltered location with ample grounds for any size school, a 25-acre site has been tendered free of cost to the Kitty Hawk School committee, David Stick of Kill Devil Hills said this week. The property is on Colington Island, and is owned by Mr. Stick and associates, and is offered for the site for a school which the people of the Kitty Hawk area are interested in building, provided they can get sufficient taxes voted to build it. State school authorities disapproved a high school for the district, but favored an elementary school. "We would like to see the school at Colington," a citizen of that community said, and it would be turnabout is fair play; for Kitty Hawk took our school away and didn't mind it, but I doubt if they will agree to coming to Colington."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BY LOST COLONY BEGUN

Roanoke Island Historical Association's annual membership drive is underway; more than 5,000 invitations to take a membership will be mailed by Lost Colony's General Manager, Dick Jordan.

An invitation letter over the signature of Governor Luther H. Hodges is to be enclosed with cards to be filled out by those who join The Lost Colony's sponsoring organization. In his letter Governor Hodges makes the appeal to potential members that it is an opportunity to help preserve our history and perpetuate our heritage.

This year for the first time there are four types of memberships: Regular at \$3 per person per year; Sustaining, at \$10 per person per year; Sponsoring at \$25 per person per year and Patron at \$100 per person per year.

Each member who joins before May 1, 1956 will receive a seasonal membership card good for any or all performances of The Lost Colony during its 16th season in 1956. Likewise each member will receive a free copy of the 1956 Lost Colony Souvenir Program, and the member's name will be printed in the program.

DIKES ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION OF STUMPY POINT

Waters Which Once Yielded a Rich Harvest, Now Menace The Village Homes

The waters which once yielded a rich harvest to the industrious fishermen of Stumpy Point, where everyone depended upon the fishing income for their livelihood, now appear in the form of a menace—a dreaded enemy. Through the years constant erosion of the waters of Stumpy Point Lake, or Bay as it now is, has eaten away the shore line, until just about all protection is gone.

The wide area covered with small pines and myrtles which broke the force of both wind and water from the Lake is gone. The land that supported them has been eaten away, and the few trees remaining on the narrow ledge have been killed by the salt tides of the several recent hurricanes.

The community of Stumpy Point and its highway are both in a position so precarious that a strong dike or break water be provided to save this community is essential. In a very few years, if assistance does not come, the residents must move away. There is no room for retreat from the lake. There was only a narrow strip of land to begin with, but 150 years ago and further back, when the community was established, there was a lot of room between this high ridge See DIKES, Page Eight

NAGS HEAD AND TWO OTHER STATIONS MAY BE SCUTTLED

Three Coast Guard Stations under the Norfolk district may be discontinued next year. Although no decision has been made, a survey will be made during the week of January 9th, 1956, according to advice from Norfolk headquarters. The survey will deal with Little Island, Nags Head and Atlantic Life Boat Stations. Hearings will be held at Manteo, Virginia Beach and Morehead City about these stations. Rear Admiral H. C. Perkins of Headquarters in Washington, Capt. H. C. Moore of the Norfolk office, and four others will make the survey. If the survey shows there is no further urgency to justify the active status of either of these stations, it is likely they will be no more after next July.

SUSAN CHARLES GRICE 65, DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Miss Susan Charles Grice, 65, for some months a resident of Manteo, where she lived at the Roanoke Nursing home, died Friday afternoon in Albemarle Hospital after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Henry C. and Mary Jane McCabe Grice of Elizabeth City, and a member of Christ Episcopal Church. She had resided in Elizabeth City all her life. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. James B. Vason of Union, N. J. and by several cousins.

Her funeral was conducted from the Episcopal Church by Rev. George F. Hill, the Rector, Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. and burial was in the Episcopal Cemetery.

LOST COLONY TO HAVE BEACH TICKET OFFICE

The board of directors of Roanoke Island Historical Association has authorized and instructed Lost Colony Manager R. E. Jordan to establish a ticket office on the beaches of Dare during the 16th season beginning on June 30 and extending through September 2, for the first time in the history of the drama.

The new beach service is expected to attract a greater number of Lost Colony patrons. The general thought in recent years has been that while beach patronage has increased, Lost Colony attendance has remained at an average level of between 45 and 50 thousand persons during normal seasons, and that more persons visiting the beach would attend performances if tickets were made conveniently available.