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DARE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TO COST \$340,000 SOUGHT THROUGH BOND ELECTION

Proposal to Issue \$250,000 in Notes May Be Voted On By Mainland of Dare County, Roanoke Island and Part of Nags Head Area; Would Cost Something Under 20 Cent Tax Rate on Basis of Present Valuations.

Petitions asking for a bond issue to be voted on to provide up to \$250,000 in bonds to serve the high school students of Dare County except those on Hatteras Island have been prepared and will be circulated in all the communities of the Dare County mainland, all of Roanoke Island, and a part of the Nags Head area. If the measure carries, there is \$96,000 of state money, which the Board of Education has pledged to add to its proceeds, whereby a modern high school plant will be erected on Roanoke Island.

If an election is ordered for this purpose, a new registration of all voters will be required and if a majority votes for the measure, it is possible a school can be built in time to serve all pupils in the school year beginning after the completion of the Croatan Sound bridge.

The proposal would call for a property tax of something less than 20 cents on the \$100 of property, which means that the average home owner sending children to school would pay about \$5 to \$6 per year to finance this school. The bonds now proposed by advocates of the project would mature in 30 years.

This school would serve the high school students of the mainland and of Wanchese and part of those living at Nags Head, these same students now being taught at Manteo High School, which is overcrowded and cramped for lack of many facilities, which in time, will be needed by the primary and elementary students.

The property on which the tax would be levied is located in the following areas, and is valued at approximately \$9,271,550 as follows:

Manteo	\$2,752,120
Manteo Colored	138,939
Wanchese	653,024
Manns Harbor	405,961
Stumpy Point	314,945
East Lake	733,818
Shoals	96,590
Nags Head	4,136,153
	9,271,550

However, about two million dollars worth of the property in Nags Head township has been taken away from the school district and transferred to the benefit of the See SCHOOL, Page Four

PROPOSALS HEARD FOR WANCHESE DEVELOPMENT

About 70 people, including several women, met at Wanchese school Friday night to hear Col. Jesse F. Davis discuss the plans of the newly chartered Wanchese Development Corp. of which he is president. The discussion of things in which the company is interested in establishing and working at Wanchese enumerated many, and went into detail. It was proposed that stock be sold at \$10 a share. Col. Davis stated that he and his associates, Malcolm Daniels, Jesse Etheridge, R. H. Vanderslice and J. M. Williams had contributed \$1,220 of the initial organization expenses.

Purposes of the company were stated to give employment and bring new industry into Wanchese community. Plans are to engage in the manufacture of arts, crafts, souvenirs, the building of boats, canning and processing of seafood, including oysters, clams, crab meat, establishment of a drug store, and other stores, to sell life, fire and all other kinds of insurance, and to buy and sell real estate.

Options were reported taken on the Ben Cahoon homeplace for offices and headquarters for the company, and on Bob Scarborough's marine railway property. Markets for products from Wanchese seafood, boats and souvenirs were outlined as extending to the middle west.

An invitation to subscribe to stock found no takers. The meeting ended after nearly two hours of discussion with no investment being made. Several citizens asked questions, some made talks heartily in favor of the ideas expressed. One or two stated privately they would be willing to make a small investment. Some others said they wouldn't mind putting in a thousand if they could be sure it would pay. Well, who wouldn't?

HEADS COASTAL GROUP



R. STANLEY WAHAB of Ocracoke who was elected president last week of the All-Seashore Highway Association in Washington, N. C.

HYDE CO. NEGRO WINNER OF LEGION CHEVROLET AUTO

Essex Collins, listed as a resident of Engelhard, who paid \$1 for a ticket to the dance of American Legion Post No. 26, near Manteo Saturday night, was the winner of the \$2,400 1956 Chevrolet Sedan awarded by the post at the close of the dance.

The post has had some difficulty in locating the winner, who while giving his address as P. O. Box 134, Engelhard, is said to be living in New York. Legion officials said this week unless he comes up soon to demand the prize, it may be declared void.

A number of tickets were sold to Negroes to participate in this lottery. One of the post members, John Jambura of Manns Harbor, one of the top sellers of tickets, sold some 300 and among these was the ticket sold to Collins.

Collins, it appears, has not lived in Engelhard for a long time, but gave the postoffice box of a friend. It was not necessary to be in attendance at the dance in order to take the prize.

EIGHT COURT CASES THIS WEEK AND EIGHT FOR NEXT

Eight traffic cases were submitted in Dare Recorders Court Tuesday, and eight more are all ready to come up next week, the latter being speeding cases brought up by a highway patrolman from Hatteras Island last week.

The cases this week brought into the school fund \$90 in fines, the result of work by the highway patrol, and are as follows:

David Barclay Totty, of Petersburg, Va., whose car went into the rail on both sides of the Currituck Sound bridge, paid \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving. William Curtis Gray of Kitty Hawk \$10 and costs for using improper license plates. Frances Sledge Freeman Wall of Conway, and Leslie Rex Henley of Nags Head, each paid \$10 and costs for speeding at 65 mph. Maynard F. Meekins of Engelhard, improper lights, \$5 and costs. Richard Lewis Roe of Manns Harbor, \$25 and costs for reckless driving and Henry Dozier Beasley of Wanchese, no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

TO MEET AT HATTERAS TO PLAN JAMBOREE SATURDAY

A meeting will be held Saturday night at Scotty's hotel at Hatteras by citizens of Hatteras Island to make plans for the opening day of the Pirate Festival and Jamboree with a fish fry on Hatteras Island in April. This meeting is a follow up of one held last Friday night at Cape Point restaurant, when a number of people were prevented from attending as a result of several funerals in the area.

All interested citizens of Hatteras Island are invited to attend.

EXPLANATION FOR ODD WEATHER AT CAPE HATTERAS

Cold Current From North Has Upset Usually Warm Temperatures in Outlying Waters

Many people have been puzzled during this winter because of the unusual recording of temperatures in Hatteras waters and vicinity, where normally it is warmer all the time in winter by several degrees, than are the temperatures recorded at nearby island points.

Here is an explanation that was offered this week in the News & Observer.

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL
Buxton on Cape Hatteras, Jan. 29.—Water temperature under the keel of Diamond Shoals Lightship 12 miles off the Point of Cape Hatteras, which normally ranges in the low 70s the year around, dropped to a phenomenal low of 38 degrees this week and the average for the month has been under 50 degrees, according to data compiled by the crew of the U. S. Coast Guard Station here from thrice-daily readings transmitted to the U.S. Navy's meteorologists and Oceanographers.

From notes accompanying the readings, crewmen aboard the Lightship report the roughest seas ever experienced with winds at one time reaching a velocity of 89 m.p.h. and according to EMIC James Sawyer, "her smokestack is dipping up water" and snow has fallen on the deck for the first time that anybody can remember, even when veteran Capt. Walter Barnett, now 84, who, when he commanded the vessel in 1918, had the experience of having his boat shot out from under him by a German submarine.

'Dead Slate Gray'
Normally blue water above the Shoals turned a dead slate gray more than a month ago, indicating that the Labrador Current, which comes down from the north, close inshore, has been ascending, more than a match for the lagging Gulf Stream, whose flow has been mysteriously retarded in recent weeks. On land, Hatteras Islanders have had continued cold weather for a longer period than any can remember. Except for a few hours at the time, the thermometer has

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BOB SMITH APPEALS FOR DARE AIRPLANE SPOTTERS

Robert S. Smith, Dare County farm agent, who is county supervisor for the Ground Observer Corps, is appealing for volunteers to help spot air planes and guard the country in case of sneak attack. Right now he wants a spotter to assist the Roanoke Sound bridge post. Mr. Smith asks anyone interested to call Gus Etheridge, Chief Observer at 209-J2 or 188-W4.

Mr. Smith calls attention to the following communique from the headquarters of detachment Three, in Durham:

"Starting at one minute past midnight, the morning of February 1, it is requested that your Observation Post be placed into operation on a continuous 24 hours per day basis.

"An official announcement will be made at 7:00 p.m., Sunday January 15, 1956, by General Edward Griffin, State Civil Defense Director, to the effect that the State of North Carolina will start "Skywatch" operation on February 1st.

"A Mobile Training Team from the Durham Filter Center will visit you in the very near future to assist you in every way possible and to provide you with special instructions that apply to a "Skywatch" operation."

A SEAL SEEN SUNDAY AT OREGON INLET FERRY SLIP

Oregon Inlet ferry passengers during the past few days have been able to see an unusual visitor in the waters along the northern tip of Hatteras Island. It is a seal, described by one who seemed to know his natural history as a harbor seal, normally a resident of Labrador and Newfoundland waters. The amphibious animal, and he is just that, having been sighted both in the water and on the shore, is greyish in color with occasional spots. The animal has a fair chance for survival because the law protects the animals from gunners, it is on National Park Service lands, (where all living things are protected by law) and the fishing is good at the Inlet. It is not the first time seals have been sighted along the North Carolina coast, but they don't usually show up except during severe wintry weather such as this sector has experienced during the past month.

WALTON GRIGGS SEEKS ASSEMBLY SEAT IN CURRITUCK



Walton Griggs of Point Harbor this week announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Representative of Currituck County and may be expected to stand a good show for this place. The veteran legislator, Edwin R. Johnson of Currituck, now in his late eighties has stood aside and wishes to run no more.

Walton Griggs is a lifelong resident of Currituck, member of a prominent family, a former member of the County Board of Education, and has long been active in politics and civic affairs. He has a wide circle of friends throughout the state, and is known as a good neighbor of Dare County. Mrs. Griggs, shown in the picture, is the former Ruth Midgett, a native of Cape Hatteras and they operate the nationally famous Point Harbor Grill which overlooks Currituck Sound.

In his announcement, he says if nominated and elected he will give the people of his county the best that's in him and will keep the interests of Currituck County first in his mind.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR LOST COLONY IS NOW UNDERWAY

While the annual Lost Colony membership drive has been proving successful in a general sort of way to date, local interest in a plan which includes a season's ticket to the symphonic drama opening for its 16th season on June 30 has been lagging, according to General Manager Dick Jordan.

Since the drive for members started in late 1955 a total of 203 persons have subscribed for memberships ranging from \$3 to \$100 each. Of the total number only 31 memberships have been sold in Dare County, the area which has benefited most from the Paul Green play which tells the story of English-speaking America's beginning on Roanoke Island during the late 16th Century.

Last year Dare citizens joining the Lost Colony's sponsoring Roanoke Island Historical Association numbered 262 of which 179 were residents of Manteo, 27 at Nags Head, 15 Kill Devil Hills, 12 Kitty Hawk, 13 Wanchese, 8 Manns Harbor, five Rodanthe, two Avon and one at Stumpy Point. The grand total for memberships last year was 887, of which 521 were from North Carolina outside of Dare County, 62 from Virginia, and 42 from elsewhere in the nation, Jordan stated.

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URGES ASSOCIATION OF DARE MINISTERS

Rev. Louis E. Aitken of Manteo invites County Preachers to Meet Tues. Feb. 6 To Discuss Proposal.

Rev. Louis E. Aitken of Manteo has written to some 19 ministers in Dare County urging them to meet with him to discuss organization of a ministerial association. Mr. Aitken says "we ought to get better acquainted with each other . . . we ought to meet occasionally to plan for a more united effort to improve the spiritual welfare of our people and the thousands of tourists who are partially our pastoral responsibility.

"To accomplish this, we are planning a meeting of all the ministers in Dare County for Monday, February 6 at the community center in Manteo at 10 a.m."

Mr. Aitken, who has been asked to serve as chairman of a committee for an inter-denominational service at Fort Raleigh on Sunday, April 29, is also interested in discussing this joint service with his fellow ministers. "Our people need this opportunity for fellowship and worship together," he says.

COAST GUARD RECRUITING OFFICER IN DARE COUNTY

Vernon Miller, Recruiting Officer from the U. S. Coast Guard Recruiting office, Norfolk, Va., will be in the Dare County area for approximately the next two months, commencing February 6th.

For those wishing to contact the Recruiting officer, the schedule will be as follows: Avon, Monday, p.m. and Tuesday a.m.; Hatteras, Tuesday, p.m.; Manteo, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. approximately.

To date no definite place or office can be named in these vicinities but Mr. Miller states he will be easily found. His Recruiting truck can be easily distinguished wherever it is parked.

LET HATTERAS BREAKWATER CONTRACT FOR \$91,125

Contract for the breakwater to be built at Hatteras harbor on which work will start within 30 days, was let this week to Wannamaker & Wells of Orangeburg, S. C., who were low bidders at \$91,125 as announced in this paper last week.

The breakwater will extend a combined length of 695 linear feet and will be built of stone.

EARLY TOURIST SEASON ON DARE COAST PLANNED WITH MANY INTERESTING EVENTS

Aycock Brown Tells of Many Spectacular Attractions Scheduled For Visitors and Homefolks to Enjoy, Including a Pirate's Jamboree, Beauty Contests and Tournaments.

ARTHUR J. FULCHER HATTERAS NATIVE TO REST IN CAMDEN

Arthur J. Fulcher 81, a greatly beloved native of Frisco, Hatteras Island, member of a prominent family, and one who spent his early life in the upbuilding of his homeland, died Tuesday night in the Marine hospital, Norfolk after a long illness. About 23 years ago he concluded his long career as a merchant at Frisco, near Hatteras, and having recently remarried, removed to Norfolk where he has since made his home. For many years he was a community leader, a prosperous merchant, and he served on the Board of County Commissioners, being chairman in 1929. He was former member of the old U. S. Life Saving Service, a member of the First Methodist Church of Norfolk, 3039 Luxembourg Ave., Norfolk, and of Wan, these Tribe of Red Men.

He was the son of the late George L. and Cynthia Stowe Fulcher and the husband of Mrs. Gertrude Jordan Fulcher, who formerly taught in the school at Frisco. He is also survived by four daughters, Mrs. Graham Whebe, Mrs. Alice Ramsey, Mrs. Cynthia Markas, and Miss Carolyn Fulcher, all of Norfolk. Four sons, Shanklyn Fulcher, Lynnhaven, A. J. Fulcher, Jr., Woodland Hills, Calif.; Raymond F. Fulcher, and McAdoo Fulcher of Norfolk. Two sisters, Mrs. Betty Rollinson of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Angles Styrion of Hatteras; a brother Junius H. Styrion of Norfolk and nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the First Methodist Church, Norfolk by Rev. Douglas Newman, pastor. Burial will follow in the Jordan Cemetery in Camden County, N. C. The family cemetery of his present wife.

150 ATTEND DINNER OF CAPE HATTERAS MASONS

About 150 men and women attended the dinner of the Cape Hatteras Masonic Lodge at the Buxton High School Saturday night, and for the first time, many people got an opportunity to observe the attractive new building in which all the pupils of the island are taught this year.

Woodrow Edwards presided at this meeting, and presented several persons. A short talk was made by C. P. Gray, only postmaster of the new lodge, which is two years old and has 15 members. Music was made by a local string quartet. Eight masons, whose membership totaled more than 280 years were called upon and seven responded, Capt. W. L. Barnett being unable to be present. The seven who were presented were B. R. Ballance, Lloyd Scarborough, R. B. Dailey, Dewey Parr, U. B. Jennett, and C. P. Brady of Buxton, and D. L. Gray of Waves. Attendance was large from Rodanthe and Waves. A rousing ovation was given Anderson Midgett, present Master for his good work in behalf of the Lodge, which is erecting a new home in Buxton.

The toastmaster among others, recognized Verne Watson, member of a Montana lodge; Principal Lingle of the High School, who made a request for equally large attendance at the next PTA meeting, and Victor Meekins of Manteo. R. C. Job, Hatteras postmaster brought out some points about ferry service and forthcoming conventions at Nags Head. The ham dinner was served by the members of the Eastern Star. Announcement was made that a similar dinner will be held in February and perhaps one each month, in an effort to earn money for the building fund.

MONDAY THE DAY TO HEAR DISTRICT EXTENSION CAUSE

A public hearing is to be held Monday, February 6 at 11 a.m. at the home of H. V. Hines on Bay Street, Avalon Beach, Kitty Hawk, for the purpose of hearing argument for the proposed extension of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District. The proposal for extension includes principally the territory in what is known as the Avalon Beach development.

By AYCOCK BROWN

Coming events on the Dare Coast include everything from fox hunts and fishing tournaments to numerous conventions and big celebrations. One of the early season major events will be the vacation season's launcher—the second annual Pirates Jamboree, an all-Dare Coast festival scheduled for April 27-29.

On Nags Head, beginning on February 16 and continuing for three days, will be presented the seventh annual Valentine Season Fox Hunt, an event that has gained wide publicity throughout the nation because of its informality and the fact that many attending the chase follow the hounds aboard jeeps instead of horses. Headquarters of the Valentine Season Hunt will be The Carolinian, a hostelry which with the assistance of some of North Carolina's outstanding fox hunters, has sponsored the hunters each year. John Ray Watkins of Oxford is master of the hunt and the foxes are chased in the Nags Head woods and Colington Island regions.

Pirates Jamboree

An all-Dare Coast event, the second annual Pirates Jamboree, is scheduled for April 27-29 and already planning to make this spring vacation season event bigger and better than last year is well underway. One of the most noticeable preliminaries to the Jamboree on the Dare Coast at present are the many men who plan to enter the beard growing contest. This year many of the beards entered in competition for the regal title of pirate king will be fourth-months-old by Jamboree time. There will be a beauty contest to select the Queen of the Pirates, to succeed Miss Sara Alford of Manteo who won the honor last year. There will be jeep and jalousie races, balls and speedboat races and on the final day under the direction of the Rev. Louis Aitken of Manteo's Methodist Church there will be special religious services in the Lost Colony's vast Waterside Theatre. A nationally-known minister has been asked to preach at this service.

April and May will mark the beginning of the Spring sports-fishing season in the sounds, inlets, deep sea and Gulf Stream and along the surf and from fishing piers in the county. On May 18-19 the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society will have its Spring convention at Nags Head.

May 30 and the nearest week end to that date will be the annual Memorial Day observance on the Dare Coast and the sixth annual flight of the Pittsburgh Aero Club will terminate at Nags Head.

Sportsfishing Institute
A one-week short course in the art of sportsfishing is an event scheduled for June 11-15 with headquarters at the Carolinian. This unusual school for anglers is sponsored by State College Extension of Raleigh and the instructors include some of the nation's outstanding fishermen, tackle and rod manufacturers and ichthyologists.

This is the first year the Sportsfishing Institute has been held on the Dare Coast and it is also the first time that the Institute has featured both fresh and salt water fishing. Literally the classrooms of this unusual school will be

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MRS. MOLLIE M. MIDGETT, AGED RODANTHE RESIDENT

Mrs. Mollie Meekins Midgett, widow of the late Erasmus Midgett and daughter of the late Luke and Emily Elizabeth Meekins of Rodanthe, died after a long illness Wednesday afternoon in a Norfolk hospital. She was 83 years of age, a lifelong resident of Rodanthe, and a member of Fairhaven Methodist church, from where the funeral will be conducted Saturday.

She is survived by three sons: E. R. Midgett of Rodanthe, W. J. Midgett of Portsmouth, Va., Luke Midgett of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. D. A. Midgett of Waves, and Mrs. R. H. Quidley of Florida. By two brothers, Frank and Ara Meekins, two sisters, Mrs. Z. F. Midgett and Mrs. Lewis Midgett, all of Rodanthe, and by many grandchildren and great grandchildren.