SPECULATION WILD ON REPRESENTATIVE RACE IN DARE CO.

A Lot of Rumors While It Lasted, Representative Etheridge Sets Some to Rest.

For the past few days a raft of speculation in Dare County has had to do with the question of who might represent Dare in the General Assembly next year; and immediately following along with the big Kitty Hawk school row it was rumored that the Kitty Hawk community would endeavor to send a man of their community to Ra-

Names of Walter D. Perry and Capt. Will Lewark of Kill Devil Hills were both mentioned as prospective candidates. Mr. Perry, who served four years on the County Board of Education said he had given such requests as had come to him to take on this task no consideration whatever.

Rumors circulated strongly in Manteo during the past several months that Melvin R. Daniels, Dare County Register of Deeds was grooming the popular young attorney Wallace Gray, a Cape Hatteras native for this place, particularly if veteran Representative R. Bruce Etheridge didn't want it again. Other rumors said that Mr. Etheridge would groom County Attorney and Manteo Mayor Martin Kellogg Jr. to take his place provided he doesn't run. Mr. Etheridge says this is not correct. He also says he expects to be a candidate as usual, and

M. Keith Fearing, long established business man of Manteo, and still another rumor said Lawrence Swain, member of the Board of Commissioners might be a candidate, but Mr. Swain is now a candidate for Manteo postmaster, and stands third on the eligible list. Those who know him do not believe he would consider running with Mr. Etheridge in the field, See POLITICS, Page Five

ODD TURN DEVELOPS IN RACE IN MANTEO FOR POSTM'STERSHIP

New Rating Puts Clerk Shannon At Head of List and Acting Postmaster Jones Below

The race for postmaster of Manteo appears to be of much interest locally and many requests have come to this newspaper for a report on its status to date. So far as can be learned at this time. this race has taken an odd turn, for while the President is Republican, and the party faithful had looked forward to early appoint- yacht "Rosina" out of Philadelphia ment of Acting Postmaster Ray and we were to spend the winter W. Jones, a recent turnabout in anchored in Wysocking Bay in the ratings has left Mr. Jones Hyde County. We anchored there clean off the list of applicants, and the first of November and settled the three eligibles now are all down for the winter. It was a listed as Democrats, with Post- bleak place, a one sided harbor office Clerk Benjamin Shannon number one on the list.

Numbers two and three on the list are the brothers Swain, Ralph if either of the three should win the appointment which is due (un-60 days, the Postoffice will still aboard the mail wagon. After

followed complaint some time ago, made by Earle Green of Manteo. one of the candidates disqualified armed forces. A civil service investa thorough canvass of the town, among other things questioning peanut bars for the captain. the businessmen as to the business

Naturally, there is Democratic elation at the idea that the postoffice may not get out of the Democratic column, and much Republican disappointment because the only candidate of the party asking for the office should be dropped from the list of eligibles. Of course there is many a slip between the cup and the lip, so we will see what we will see.

DARE COUNTY NCEA UNIT TO MEET IN WANCHESE SAT

Elizabeth City schools will be news that we were to sail up to by Social Security. All persons guest speaker at a meeting of the Elizabeth City for the Christmas who have been substituting in any Dare County unit of the North holidays, I was in favor of start- school of Dare County, and all who Carolina Educational Association ing right then; but that idea was are considering doing substitute on Saturday morning, February 25 veteod by the owner who was try- work, should immediately apply at 10:30 o'clock, according to R. ing to hide from process servers for a Social Security number and H. Stone, president of the Dare and a breach of promise suit. unit and principal of Manteo School. The meeting will be held in the Wanchese school.

GOVERNOR PLAYS HOST TO HEART PATIENT



Chapel Hill,-Little Laura Hunt of Henderson, who recently underwent heart surgery to correct a congenital defect, is shown with Governor Luther H. Hodges, who congratulated Laura and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Hunt, on the child's good recovery and Board of Education for their conurged all North Carolinians to support the 1956 Heart Fund Drive. The Heart campaign, which will go on through February, is conducted by the North Carolina Heart Association, an affiliate of the American Another citizen who was said Heart Association, through chapters and committees in local commuto be looking toward Raleigh is nities.

Old Days In The Coastland Running Back For 90 Years Recalled In Reminiscenses And Old Tales Told by Capt. Joel Van Sant

An Entertaining Narrative by Yacht Captain Well Known in Eastern North Carolina, Recalling His First Visits to Hyde and Dare Counties. By CAPT. JOEL VAN SANT

tion inside the lines. I liked the people of the Albe-

marle and the stories of the war I loved to listen to him so we got they told. I wish that I had the along fine. He had helped build talent to retell them the way they the ironclad "Albemarle" down on deserve to be told.

I was cabin boy on the schooner and poor holding ground. The sailors left as soon as they were paid and a week later, the captain discovered the cook tieing a hangand Lawrence in order named, and man's knot in the jib halyards, so as soon as he packed him. I rowed him ashore and staved with him. remain in the Democratic column. that, the only time that we had a The new investigation and rating cook was while they were earning enough money to pay their fare Mann. He had as a boy lived in

back to Norfolk. It was part of my duties to row in the first go-round. Mr. Green ashore in the dinghy every day for contended he had not received the mail and to pick up some of proper credit for his service in the the smaller and lighter provisions, eggs, Monkey and Parrot baking igator came to Manteo, and made powder, Arbuckles coffee sixteen cents per pound, and some penny

On my first trip ashore, Mister experience of the candidates, but Pugh, who kept store at Last particularly on "community accept- Chance, asked me, "How do you ability" of the various applicants. like Hyde County?"

"I like it fine what I've seen of

"Well son, seeing it is one thing you'll never do. I was born and in Oxford for a large enough sum raised here and I ain't seen it to pay back the charter money. yet. As far back as I can remember it's always been hid under two foot of mud."

It was often a long and hard pull rowing out to the yacht, and a dreary foot slogging walk from the landing in the mouth of the SOCIAL SECURITY FOR DARE lunch. All postmasters are urged Cotton Canal to Last Chance and on to the post office at Mister Watson's store, so when right aft-Dr. N. H. Shope, Supt. of the er Thanksgiving I heard the good stitute teachers will be covered

The yacht was to be hauled out cured, according to Mrs. Mary L.

When I first came to North at Elizabeth City, so about the Carolina in nineteen and one, the first man that I met ashore was War between the States had ended Mister Snell, who managed the thirty six years before. It was boat yard. It was where the Coast found it missing. A motor and just about as far in the dim and Guard Repair Base is now located. pump, a battery and six gallons misty past as World War I is now. I had met a couple of boys on Many men were then alive who Main Street the day before, Sunlived through the great drama of wicked right hand haymaker. I a black eye to prove it. Mister Snell liked to talk and

the Roanoke and was very proud of it. He was still "sure certain" that the Albemarle would have sunk or destroyed the entire Yankee fleet if that "Yankee Cushion (Lt. Cushing) hadn't snuk up on her in the dark and sunk her."

Mostly his stories were of murder and arson in the night or of small sharp clashes of armed men, of buffaloes and bushwhackers, of ambush and assassinations, of blind brutal hate and sometimes of heaven inspired mercy and devotion. Some of his tales were hard to believe but I am now of the less another upset occurs) within as per orders, until he was safely opinion that he was very conservative in his telling.

Another man who was a good spinner of yarns was Charlie Elizabeth City with his grandparents during the war, or part of it, and was making his home at that time, 1901, in Cambridge, Maryland. He was about fifty years old and was mate on a bay bout out of Oxford. Maryland.

"Strong Drink and Weak Wimmen" They were bound for New Bern to load lumber but the captain had tarried too long among the flesh pots of Poindexter Street and had spent his charter money on "strong drink and weak wimmin." So they were waiting here until the captain sobered up enough to mortgage his home up

Mr. Mann's Tall Tale One evening when I droppe See OLD DAYS, Page Five

COUNTY SUB. TEACHERS

Beginning April 1, 1956 all subshould notify the principal of the school as to his number when seon the marine railway for painting Evans, school Superintendent.

BEFORE JUDGE ON DARE SCHOOL ROW

Kitty Hawk Petition For Restraint of Dare Board of Education In Elizabeth City Feb. 28

There is much interest in the forthcoming hearing set for Tuesday morning of next week at 10 a.m. Feb. 28th before Judge Burgwyn in Superior Court in Elizabeth City, to hear the petition of the Kitty Hawk school Committee, that a permanent restraining order be issued to estop the Board of Education of Dare County from continuing with the program for school buildings which they have approved.

In connection with this action, action of the Committee, contend- cost of the road. ing, with the Committee, that legal to get the needs of "the Kitty \$460,000. Hawk school district properly and fully—to the attention of the State sideration."

The resolution is lengthy, and has already received considerable publicity, but the Kitty Hawk PTA says the relief sought in this action is "with malice toward none."

TO SUPERIOR COURT 18 feet wide. The job also calls for

Charged With Theft of Boat Equipment; Using Virginia Tags Cost Money Nowadays.

Albert Warde of Manns Harbor had in his charge some motor boat equipment belonging to H. B. Culpepper of Durant Island. He of gas in all, and estimated to be worth \$286.

charged with taking the articles. Crain pleaded guilty, but Ambrose claimed innocence and had Attorney Wallace McCown to represent him. Judge Baum found probable cause, and bound them over to Superior Court. Willie Crain signed the appearance bond.

Motorists living in Dare County continue to find it costly to keep on using Virginia tags. In some parts of the county where patrolmen seldom appeared, it was customary to keep on using old tags on cars bought in Virginia. In fact, in many instances, titles were never exchanged. Now that Patrolman Arthur Fields is active, cases involving improper tags, are coming up every week.

This week Hobson Willis Jr. of Frisco paid \$10 and costs, and Dennis Lee Creef of Wanchese paid \$5 and costs for using improper plates.

George Albert Wise, colored, continued to ignore a court order requiring him to support his family. The Judge gave him 24 hours to raise some money or to go to the roads to serve a two-year sen-

Robert Ashby and Annie Blackbottom were each charged with assaulting the other. What the fight was about it nos recorded, but both were found guilty and each paid \$10 and costs.

POSTMASTERS OF DISTRICT ARE TO MEET IN GREENVILLE

J. Knott Proctor, Postmaster, in Greenville.

The meeting will start at 12 12:30. The meeting will follow the to attend, according to Mrs. Maude M. White of Buxton, Chairman First District Postmasters.

DARE COUNTY UNIT NCEA AT WANCHESE SATURDAY

The Dare County unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet Saturday morning, February 25, at 10:30. Dr. Shope,

HEARING TUESDAY LET THE ALLIGATOR RIVER BE LIKE OTHER NORTH CAROLINA BRIDGES-FREE.

There was a time when residents of the Southern Albemarle area were desperate for a bridge over Croatan Sound and one over Alligator River, or thought they were. They eagerly took the bait when harassed minor highway officials suggested they might get one or more bridges if they would be willing to submit to a toll-bridge, something which doesn't exist anywhere else in North Carolina. Many people said for sake of getting a bridge, they would be willing to pay tolls.

ESTIMATED COSTS OCRACOKE ROAD WOULD BE \$460,000

Allocated For Project Last Year

In connection with this action, the Kitty Hawk PTA met last received in Tuesday's letting week, and by resolution expressed amounted to \$261,984.50 and rep-Rogers said the contract bids

only after all other appeals and stockpiling it - plus engineering methods had failed. They contend and contingencies cost - would that they hope in this manner only run the total cost of the road to

The stone, alone, for the six-

As planned and drawn up, the built. project would consist of 10.68 miles of grading, structures and paving from Ocracoke Village northeast toward Hatteras.

The road will be trenched out inch deep compacted stone base paving the road with a bituminou surface treatment.

Several creosoted timbe bridges will be built in the sand dune area so that high ocean an sound water will go under th bridges rather than over the road

ENTHUSIASM SHOWN BY COMMITTEES OF PIRATES JAMBOREE

Continued enthusiasm in the second annual Dare Coast Pirates have been held.

The second meeting, last Friday races and a water-carnival type of dance at the Blue Marlin Fishing docks during the evening. Monday this week George Crock-

er entertained the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island committee members in the Nautilus Room of Beacon Motor Lodge. The meeting as a fishing center, The channel cluded those in charge of costumbuggy obstacle races, jalopy races, treasure hunt and other special depth of six feet. attractions. It was announced that Dr. Sylvester Green, vice-president of Wake Forest College, would be the theologian conducting the religious services on Sunday morn-Greenville, will be host to the dicated that the boat racing com-First District Postmasters which mittee was arranging for bigger other counties now use it for their play, since it is rumored that will be held Saturday, March 3rd, and better races even than the successful races last year.

This week Dare County Tourist Noon at Respass Brothers Barbe- Bureau issued several hundred cue Place. Lunch will be served at special announcements about the See JAMBOREE, Page Five

HENRY T. PEELE TO TAKE OVER COAST GUARD STA.

Chief Warrant Officer, Henry T. Peele, native of Frisco, Dare County, will take command of the Coast Guard stations from Little Creek to Oregon Inlet on retirement of CWO Ben Wroten on April I. Mr. Peele, was for a time in Mrs. B. J. Baum was arranged Salvo, the son of the late Cyrus command of Ocracoke Lifeboat the special Founders Day program Gray, and is the husband of Mrs. continue to live at Virginia Beach. part of it.

The time is now past for entertaining further this sort of defeatist attitude. There is no need for whimpering and whining, and offering to accept just any sort of bone that may be tossed to this glorious part of North Carolina. It is unworthy of the officials of the great state of North Carolina to suggest to the people of this part of the state to Figures Run Over the \$300,000 whose economy the Alligator River bridge is now vital and

essential—completely necessary—that they be penalized; that they and their visitors from other parts of the state and elsewhere be the only people who are penalized in this This legal action is the result of a dispute in the Kitty Hawk area way Commission proposes to build pay twice for essential highway facilities? Why make us growing out of the failure of the down Ocracoke Island would cost pay when all other bridges are without toll? In a sense all Committee to get approval for about \$460,000, Chief Engineer W bridges are toll bridges in that they are paid for by the H. Rogers, Jr., said in Raleigh users of gasoline, who pay taxes. No one should be held up here for extra tribute before they can cross the bridge,

week, and by resolution expressed amounted to \$261,984.50 and repunqualified endorsement of the resented only a part of the actual that it is not necessary to unjustly impose toll bridges on us. Shortly before his lamented death, he found the means to build the Croatan Sound bridge toll-free. That bridge is action was resorted to in order to stone, hauling it by barge from now well on its way to completion, and with good luck, is achieve the ends of the Committee the mainland to the island and expected to be serving the public, come next Christmas.

We thought there was great demand for this bridge, where ferries were so often inadequate, but in our opinion this demand will be small as compared with the clamor that will go up, in a short time after its completion. The clamor inch compacted stone base will will be by an eager public, still anxious for the unintercost about \$175,000, Rogers said rupted shorter route back and forth along U. S. 64. The dis-Only \$300,000 has been set up tance will never be shortened between our seashore and the for the Ocracoke road, he said. | Capital of this state, until the Alligator River bridge is

The demand for this bridge will be not largely on the part of local residents. It will come from hundreds of thousands of new visitors. We will have thousands demanding this bridge instead of hundreds now. And we believe we will TWO MANNS HARBOR of the beach and cut through sand have a Governor and other officials with equal good sense MEN BOUND OVER dunes, with stone used for a six to see that anything other than a toll-free bridge would be unworthy of this great state; that it would be an act of rank discrimination against the residents and tourists of this state, and more especially against the people of the Southern Albemarle, who sad to say, have had to fight constantly all the way, to keep their needs before the public and to awaken public interest and support in their plight.

The needs and the times will demand such a bridge. Let's have a toll-free bridge. Let's quit whining and whimpering, and apologizing and telling our people it's the only kind of bridge we can get. Let's talk up the subject from a business standpoint. Let's stand on our feet and show all concerned that it is a good investment, a profitable business for North Carolina to continue to tell the world: "come to see us, we don't penalize you." Let's say to our own folks. Here's the bridge needed to fill our greatest economic need. had fought the battles of that day, and was introduced to one terrible fratricidal war and many of them. I do not remember his younger men who had as boys name, but he sure through of Manns Harbor two young men. younger men who had as boys name, but he sure throwed a of Manns Harbor, two young men, mation received from various com- helped us carry our school and other burdens. Let us carry Amos Crain and Hubert Ambrose mittees. During the past week two our part of the load; let us create more property to yield constant danger and slow starva- had a very muddy sailor suit and found themselves in court Tuesday, large-scale committee meetings income for public purposes. The bridge will help build indus-

try; ti will create employment at home. The next time anyone pops up with the weak-kneed night, was down at Hatteras at the Atlantic View Hotel. Scotty Gibson, Hatteras committee chairman, presided. Following this shout him down, and proceed with the commonsense busimeeting it was reported that the nesslike proposition of proving what we all know: That a committees there had planned a toll bridge is a blot and a backward step; a black mark on full schedule from early morning the intelligence of a people; an indication of a lack of proguntil late at night on Friday, Ap- ress, and absence of vision and pride. On the other hand ril 27, opening day of the big va- let us show that a free bridge is a good investment; that it cation season launching event. The will bring on so many benefits in the long run that it will events planned for Hatteras inbiggest salt water fish fry, a colorful exhibition of the Ocracoke ford a toll bridge to penalize and hold back the advancement Island banker ponies by the only of its people. No state can afford the stigma of thus penalbanker-pony mounted Boy Scout izing its people. If the Croatan Sound bridge can be built troop in the world, beach buggy free, then the Alligator River bridge can be free, and it should shortly become a reality.—VICTOR MEEKINS.

STUMPY POINT CHANNEL TO GET IMPROVEMENT

Stumpy Point is not yet dead

Facilities at this area, and at primary. the other end of the community have been enlarged and improved lage of Avon has been the resirecently by private interests. Stumpy Point has better means ing, April 29, and reports also in- than ever of handling and processing fish. Many fishermen from and many think turnabout is fairport of operations, with good James W. Scarborough, County roads going north and west, it Commissioners of Avon, does not offers easy access to markets. plan to offer for re-election. Chica-With completion of the Croatan macomico precinct has supported Sound bridge, next year there will be a fast way to get fish to Norfolk, and for shipment to Northern favor. markets.

MANTEO P.T.A. TO OBSERVE

school building.

superintendent of the Elizabeth Station, and is now in charge of to be presented and the history Bethany Gray , who is a daughter City schools, will be the featured Little Creek Station. Wroten will of the PTA will be an interesting of the late Capt. John Allen Mid-

CHICAMACOMICO PEOPLE URGE JULIAN GRAY TO RUN FOR COMMISSIONER

The three villages which comwas marked by large attendance got filled in a lot, due to the hurri- prise the precinct of Chicamacoand refreshments were served the canes, and the many shrimp, oyster mico namely, Rodanthe, Waves and group. Reports from sub-commit- and fishing boats that go in and Salvo, which represent about half tee members were made. This in- out from the Lake Worth docks the population of Kinnakeet have been handicapped. But Con- Township, now think it is time ing, decorating, prizes and souvenirs, the big Pirates Ball, lobster been advised that the Corp of the county Boards, and several feast, model plane contest, beach Engineers will spend some \$46,000 people have been urging Lieut. to dredge out the channel to a Julian L. Gray to run for County Commissioners in the forthcoming

For several years now, the vildence of both of the township's members on the Board of Education and County Commissioners, macomico precinct has supported many candidates from Avon, and now hopes for a return of the

Like Mr. Scarborough, Lieut. Gray is a retired Coast Guards-man. He retired in 1955 after having served long. His career has FOUNDERS DAY TUESDAY taken him to New England, Flori-Manteo PTA will meet Tuesday, states, beside his war service in February 28th, at 8 p.m. in the the combat zone of the South Pacific. Mr. Gray is a native of