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FEW LOCAL RACES; LIGHT VOTE SEEN SATURDAY PRIMARY

Governor Hodges and Ervin Seen All Out in Front, County Candidates Few

There are few local races in the counties, and a comparatively light vote is expected to turn out in Saturday's primary election this week, May 26. On the state ticket, Governor Luther H. Hodges is expected to stand way out ahead of all four of his opponents, one of whom is Harry Stokely, formerly of Elizabeth City, but now with the other two contenders against Hodges, living in the Charlotte area. These three candidates have made comparatively no impression in this campaign.

The two other candidates for Governor not named above are C. E. Earle Jr. and Tom Sawyer.

There are five candidates for Lieutenant Governor, of whom the leading one in this area appears to be Alonzo Edwards of Hookerton in Greene County. The four others are Kidd Brewer of Raleigh, J. V. Whitfield of Burgaw, Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh and Luther E. Barnhardt of Concord.

Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine is opposed by Kermit U. Gray of Winston-Salem. Frank Crane, Commissioner of Labor, is opposed by James R. Farlow and H. D. Lambeth Jr.

Marshall Kurfess, Mayor of Winston-Salem, who opposes Senator Sam Ervin is not expected to make any serious dent in Ervin's armor, so little is Kurfess regarded outside his home town.

Charles Gold is opposed at State Insurance Commissioner but Gold is expected to be returned to office. His opponent is John N. Frederick.

In the Second Senatorial District which embraces the Southern Albemarle Counties, Senator Edward L. Owens of Plymouth is expected to be renominated for the customary second term, under a traditional arrangement between the seven counties, and the other senator is to come from Martin. See POLITICS, Page Eight.

JUDGE FRIZELLE TO PRESIDE IN DARE COURT ON MONDAY

Superior Court in Dare County is scheduled to convene Monday, May 28th with Judge J. Paul Frizelle of Snow Hill presiding. Judge Frizelle is an old favorite in Dare County, having appeared here many times in the past 30 years.

Few felony cases, that is, cases involving prison terms appear on the docket for trial, but these include for the first time a charge involving the burning of lands near Manns Harbor some weeks ago. Martin Buren Twiford and Thurston Gray of Stumpy Point are upon appeal from Recorders Court charged with setting fire to lands of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.

Colas Edwards, James Batten and Bernice Armstrong are also up on appeal, charged with the larceny of an automobile. Hubert Ambrose and Amos Crain of Manns Harbor are charged with stealing equipment from a boat at Manns Harbor.

John Herbert Bowser is charged with the non-support of his illegitimate child. Norman Ward is also facing a similar charge.

Ray Ambrose is up on appeal charged with violating the game laws.

Alice Williams of Wanchese is up on appeal, charged with allowing an unlicensed person to drive an automobile.

Doran Washington and Paul L. Davenport are charged with larceny of personal property. Jesse Mackey is upon appeal, charged with driving while drunk. Louis L. Mann is also charged with careless and reckless driving.

On the civil side of the docket is a case long delayed set for trial at this term. C. C. Duvall, Bobby Beasley and Edward White are being sued for damages as the result of an accident in which a truck owned by the defendants was in collision with an automobile in which injuries were sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gaskins Jr., of Manteo some three years ago. The truck was driven by James Edward Rickard, an employee of the defendants.

D. C. JAYCEES ON ANNUAL FISHING TRIP TO NAGS HEAD

Nags Head.—Eleven Washington, D. C. Jaycees on their annual outing at the Arlington Hotel, Nags Head, during the week end landed 625 bluefish in two days of trolling at Oregon Inlet.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER TO SPEAK IN MANTEO



THE GRADUATING CLASS of the Manteo High School will have as speaker Hon. Herbert C. Bonner, Congressman, who will speak at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, Friday, June 1. The public is cordially invited to attend, and many of his old Coast Guard friends are expected to come to Manteo for the occasion. Mr. Bonner's last speech to a graduating class in Manteo High School was on May 12, 1942. He is one of the most popular and interesting speakers on these occasions, and a large attendance is predicted for next week.

FOUR MUSEUMS IN DARE COUNTY ARE IN THE PLANNING

Historical Group at Nags Head Last Week Heard Park Service Officials

Nags Head.—More than 60 persons attended a two-day regional session of the N. C. Literary and Historical Association here last week end. Of the total number present about 15 were residents of the Dare Coast.

The finale of the two-day session featured a trip to the villages of Hatteras Island where points of historical interest were visited. On Friday evening the association held its banquet at the Carolinian and David Stiek, Kill Devil Hills author and Dr. Charles Porter III, National Park Service chief historian in Washington, were the principal speakers. Melvin R. Daniels made an address of welcome on behalf of the county board.

Stick's subject was built around the history one finds in their own backyard and the great need for persons to record events of significance for coming generations. The Kill Devil Hills author knew what he was talking about because he did much research for his best selling "Graveyard of the Atlantic," and he is currently engaged in trying to gather actual facts, not just stories that have been told. See MUSEUMS, Page Five.

STATE'S "MISS UNIVERSE" CONTEST SCHEDULED FOR NAGS HEAD IN JUNE

Kill Devil Hills.—North Carolina's "Miss Universe" Contest, fore-runner of an international pulchritude in Long Beach, Calif., will be held here on the Dare Beaches during late June, if contracts between Buck Colling of Virginia Beach and the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, scheduled to be reviewed before the current week has passed are approved.

Colling outlined plans for such a statewide competition, for which he said he had the franchise for North Carolina and Virginia was at a special called meeting of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, at Kill Devil Hills in the Croatan Hotel on Tuesday night. Tom Briggs, president of the Chamber, presided at the meeting.

Because of time element, the contest this year would not be on as large a scale as similar contests in June of 1957-58. Colling gave the group assurance, however, that a minimum of 10 and possibly more contestants would be in the statewide competition this year. The winner would become the Miss Universe Contest's "Miss North Carolina" and she would receive an all-expense trip to Long Beach on the west coast to compete for "Miss United States" a title which will give the one selected an opportunity to become the outstanding beauty of the world.

Except furnishing accommodations and meals for contestants, which many vacation operators readily agreed to do, expenses for staging the event would be paid from admission charges to the contest here. It would be a three-day event—and this year it would be in late June.

COMMENCEMENT IN MANTEO ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner To Deliver Address; Baccalaureate Service Sunday Night

Manteo High School will begin the final week of the school year with its baccalaureate service on Sunday evening at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. L. A. Aitken, pastor of the Manteo Methodist Church. Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson of Stumpy Point Methodist Church will pronounce the invocation; Rev. F. B. Dinwiddie, pastor of the Roanoke Island Baptist Church, will read the scripture; and Rev. C. W. Guthrie of the Wanchese Methodist Church will pronounce the benediction. Mrs. James Brown of Manteo will be vocal soloist.

On Friday evening, June 1, also at eight o'clock, the graduation exercises will take place, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner will be the speaker. He will be presented by Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Dare County superintendent of schools, Ann Daniels will lead the invocation, the salutatory will be given by Thelma Jean Williams, and Carl Hayes will be valedictorian. Principal R. H. Stone will present the awards and the diplomas. After the class sings its Alma Mater, Davis Ballance will pronounce the benediction.

Candidates for graduation are Davis Ballance, Tommy Biggs, Donald Ray Clark, Roy Gray, Joseph Carl Hayes, Paul Reubin Midgett, Thomas Leon O'Neal, Stanley Scarborough, Preston Lee Sears, Roger Shannon, David Simpson, J. D. Simpson, Marion Lee Woodward, Betsy Midgett, Dottie Crumpacker, Shelva Jean Payne, Ruth Carol Walker, and Thelma Jean Williams of Manteo; Charles Wylie Johnson and Edward Wilard Wise, of Nags Head; Robert Graham Wise, and Marie Jo Anne Hooper, of Stumpy Point; Hope Ambrose of Manns Harbor; Ruth Cudworth, Elizabeth Ann Daniels, Betty Jo Love and Patricia Parker of Wanchese.

Mascots will be Julie Ann Newman and Carl Walker. Commencement marshals are Richard Shan- See EXERCISES, Page Five.

ATLANTIC FLEET CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK AT RODANTHE



Among the many events that are scheduled June 15, 16 and 17, at Rodanthe, none are expected to have greater appeal than the Memorial Service at the Rodanthe Church which is to be highlighted with a sermon by Capt. Roy E. Bishop, USN, Chaplain of the Atlantic Fleet, out of the Naval Base in Norfolk, and concluded by a solo song by Robert Midgett of Manteo.

This service will be held in Fairhaven Methodist Church, Rodanthe, of which Rev. A. G. Tyson is pastor, on Sunday morning, June 17. Asa H. Gray is chairman of the religious program.

Capt. Bishop has quite a diversified record in the service.

A native of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Chaplain Bishop graduated from Sunnyside High School in 1926. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Randolph-Macon College in 1930 and his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia, three years later. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Randolph-Macon College in June of 1950. Before entering the Navy Chaplain Corps in 1936, Chaplain Bishop was minister of the Methodist Church at Amherst, Virginia.

Before the war he served as Chaplain of the USS Richmond, the USS Memphis and the USS Mississippi. Subsequently, he was assigned for two years in the U. S. See EVENT, Page Five.

SCHOOL FINALS BEGIN SUNDAY AT KITTY HAWK

Dr. Amos Abrams Commencement Speaker; Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. A. C. D. Noe Sunday Night

Commencement exercises at Kitty Hawk school will begin Sunday evening, May 27, at eight o'clock with the baccalaureate services in the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church. Rev. A. C. D. Noe, rector of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, will deliver the sermon, and Rev. W. B. Gregory, pastor of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church, will read the scripture and lead in prayer. B. P. Ward, principal of the school, will introduce the speaker, and Mrs. G. A. Whitfield will be pianist. All responses, the anthem and the benediction will be sung by the school's glee club.

On Thursday evening, May 31, the graduating exercises will take place in the school auditorium at eight o'clock. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. W. Amos Abrams of Raleigh, editor of the North Carolina Education Association Magazine. Dr. Abrams will be introduced by principal B. P. Ward, who will also present the awards. A. L. Hines will award the diploma. The invocation will be given by Rev. W. B. Gregory; the salutatory by Susan Sanderlin; and the valedictory by Gary Scarborough. Mrs. G. A. Whitfield will be pianist.

Members of the graduating class are Gary Scarborough, Susan Sanderlin, Janice Pugh, Conley Beacham and Phillip Sawyer. Mascots are Iris Parker and Jerry Davis. Sidney Mann will be chief marshal, assisted by Rae Meekins and Earl Perry.

On Monday night, May 28, at eight o'clock in the school auditorium, Mrs. V. S. Mayberry will present her music students in recital. This will include performances by five voice students, four piano students and the school glee club.

Graduation exercises for the eighth grade will take place in the auditorium at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, May 30. Noah Toler, former school supervisor for Dare County, will be the speaker. Members of the class are Foster Spruill, Bobby Scarborough, Leroy Williams, James Miller, Donna Midgett, Sam Liverman, Jr., Fred Murdock, Gary Perry, Kathy Washburn, Eloise Maann, Brady Rogers, Karen Peterson, Virginia Perry, Bobby Sullivan and Dallas Beacham.

DARE BEAUTIES INVITED TO ENTER JUNE COMPETITION

Dare Coast beauties are invited by the Elizabeth City Junior Chamber of Commerce to take part in the beauty and talent contest they will sponsor early in June to select a beauty to take part in the State Jaycee contests a few weeks later when a Miss North Carolina of 1956 will be selected.

Members of the Elizabeth City Jaycees were here this week to line up contestants and at least one person from Manteo, Miss Virginia Hughes, local high school student, has indicated she would be in the competition. Entrants are also expected from Hatteras Island and from Stumpy Point.

In the contest the beauties will be judged in evening frocks for poise, in bathing suits for figure and beauty and in various talents, whatever their talent may be. Whoever is selected as Miss North Carolina in the statewide contests, goes to Atlantic City to compete for the Miss America of 1956 title.

DELEGATES NAMED TO CHICAGO CONVENTION

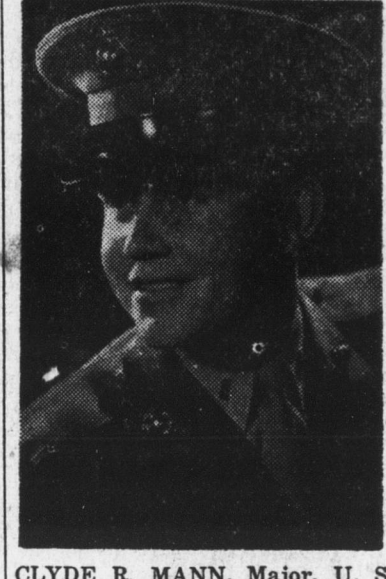
Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven and Victor Meekins of Manteo were named delegates to the National Democratic Convention in Chicago in August, at the State Convention in Raleigh last week. Other delegates from the First District are J. W. Copeland of Ahoskie, J. Emmett Winslow of Hertford; alternates, D. T. House Jr. of Pitt and Fentress T. Horner of Pasquotank.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was named a delegate at large from the State of North Carolina and Lloyd Griffin of Edenton alternate.

W. C. Dawson of Elizabeth City was named elector. John G. Clark of Pitt County was named Elector at large from this state.

Among members of the State Democratic Executive Committee named are R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare; Mrs. Scott Topping and Ashley Futrelle of Beaufort; Mrs. Dick O'Neal of Hyde and C. E. Morris of Tyrrell.

MAKES STEADY PROGRESS IN THE ARMED FORCES



CLYDE R. MANN, Major, U. S. Marine Corps, is one of the favorite hometown boys who made his own way up the ladder, now serving in the Marine Corps which he joined about 14 years ago. He is the son of the late Dan E. and Elma Mann of Manteo, a brother of Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. H. C. Bliven and Mrs. A. L. Mann of Manteo, and Mrs. Eloise Cartwright of Grandy. He went on active duty in November 1943; was commissioned a Second Lieutenant a year later, and a first Lieutenant in July 1946. He rose to Captain in four years and was promoted to Major in July of 1955. During World War II he served in the Pacific area. Later in Key West, Camp LeJeune, Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and is now on the staff at headquarters of the third Marine Division, Okinawa, where he is assistant staff officer on the General's staff. He was schooled at Manteo High, East Carolina College, Duke University and George Washington University. He has been on his present duty since November last, and will return in February of next year. His wife is Betty Birch Mann, formerly of See MANN, Page Five.

FIVE CASES HEARD BY DARE COUNTY RECORDER

Five cases were heard Tuesday by Judge W. F. Baum. Dare County Recorder, D. A. Rogers appealed from a fine of \$10 for being drunk and disorderly at the Nags Head Casino, and from where the court ordered him to remain for a period of 12 months.

Several other cases were submitted: Freeman McKeithen of Manteo for reckless and careless driving, driving too close to another car, and improper passing, paid fines totalling \$35 and costs. Robert Ashby of Manteo paid \$10 and costs for being drunk on the highway. He was also given a 12-months suspended sentence of 30 days. Jesse Mayo of Robersonville for fishing without a license on the Dare mainland, paid a \$10 fine and costs.

Edmond V. Chock of Buxton for speeding 70 miles in a 30-mile zone, was fined \$30 and costs.

Other cases previously settled were as follows:

In last week's court, cases settled involved Fred Gallop who paid the costs for failing to observe a stop sign. John Thomas Payne, 17, failed to report an automobile accident and paid the costs of court. Lionel W. Robinson of Portsmouth, Va. paid \$10 fine and costs for speeding 65 m.p.h. in a 55-mile zone.

COMMITTEE MEETING AT RODANTHE SATURDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the committee for the Chicamacomico Celebration to be held at Rodanthe honoring the Coast Guards on August 16-17 will be held Saturday night of this week, according to R. D. Owens, chairman. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. at Mirlo Beach Lodge.

Mr. Owens urges a large attendance and the public is invited, as several important matters are coming up. A nationally-known speaker or two is expected to attend.

The committee met the past Saturday night at the Chicamacomico Motel and discussed plans for the celebration which is expected to be one of the largest on the coast this summer.

POPPY DAY SATURDAY

Poppies will be on sale by members of the American Legion Auxiliary Saturday at Wanchese, Manteo and points on the beaches. Proceeds from the sale will go to aid families of disabled veterans, and is done in memory of the war dead. Everyone is urged to buy a poppy (or several) to further the good cause. The sale is sponsored by the auxiliary of Fort Raleigh Post of the American Legion.

HALF-MILLION FOR OREGON INLET IS APPROVED IN BILL

Would Stabilize Channel and Bring Deep Water Into Pamlico Sound

First fruits of the constant work of Congressman Bonner, aided by many people in Dare County, appeared this week in approval in the House appropriations bill by the sub-committee, of a fund of \$570,000 for the improvement of Oregon Inlet. This is the first time funds have been included in the appropriations bill for this project, and with the steadfast interest of Senators Ervin and Scott assured, there is now hope that funds will become a reality.

Alvah H. Ward Jr. of Manteo, who got news from Congressman Bonner's office Monday, is hopeful that at last something tangible is in sight for this much needed project. The clamor for Oregon Inlet developed into a big campaign some ten years ago under the leadership of the late Alvah H. Ward, a Manteo businessman, and through his efforts great interest was aroused throughout Eastern North Carolina. Delegation after delegation went to Washington, and large sums were donated by the fishing interests of the state, aided by liberal support from the Dare County Commissioners. In this early effort Victor Meekins and Ben Dixon MacNeill spent much time on the project.

Mr. Ward spent much time campaigning through the coastal counties, to arouse interest in the project. Since his death, the work has gone on, although somewhat intermittently. When his son returned to Manteo some three years ago, he took up the old banner, and found the same groups anxious to aid in the project. Recently the Commissioners sent a delegation to Washington to help in this cause. Among those who went to Washington recently in behalf of the project with Mr. Ward were James W. Davis of Wanchese Ruritan Club, Melvin Daniels and Lawrence Swain for the Board of Commissioners.

Helping in the cause were various public spirited citizens all along the coast. The Ocracoke support was led by Stanley Washab. Support came from William Potter of Beaufort, Garland Fulcher of Oriental, and other prominent fishermen and business men. Elizabeth City, Edenton, Columbia, Norfolk, Belhaven, Washington and other towns, came to the rescue in the early days.

It's been a long hard fight, and it could have been lost, had those who gave so much time to it at any time given up their struggle. The hardest work was done first. It took a lot of time and money to show those in power the need for the project. Final approval was obtained for a project that will call for the expenditure of a million dollars, when all phases recommended by engineers are complete. The present appropriation now is prospect of becoming a reality, will be a grand start and mean much for the economic development of this region. It will bring deep water into Pamlico Sound through the inlet, and will be of immense value to various nearby community ports.

SANITARY DISTRICT TO BE CHOSEN IN NOVEMBER

Members of the Board of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District will not be chosen in Saturday's primary, as some people have believed, according to the attorney, Martin Kellogg Jr. When there are not more than six candidates, it appears that they will be chosen in the general election in November. The Board now consists of R. E. Jordan, Chairman, C. A. York and O. L. Baum, both the first two being candidates for re-election. Mr. Baum is now running for County Commissioner. In addition to the two candidates for the District Board above named, other candidates who have filed are W. H. Smith and O. C. Sanderlin of Kitty Hawk and P. J. M. Bayne of Nags Head.

DARE BEACHES CHAMBER TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The annual Spring meeting of the Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night, May 28th at 8 o'clock at the Chamber's information booth at Kitty Hawk Beach, according to announcement by the President, Mrs. Diane Johnson of the Wilbur Wright Hotel, Kill Devil Hills. This will be an important meeting of the organization and a full attendance is important for the planning of the season's activities.