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FEW REGISTER TO VOTE ON SCHOOL ISSUE AUGUST 11

Saturday will be Last Day; Only 268 Registered Now on Roanoke Island

The apparent lack of interest on the part of the voters in the fact that Saturday of this week is the last day in which anyone may register is a poor showing for the school election set for August 11th. Those who have not registered for this election by the evening of Saturday, July 28th, cannot express themselves at the polls. Neither should they assume the right to complain about the outcome.

Voters at Nags Head, Manteo, Wanchese, Mashpes, Manns Harbor, East Lake and Stumpy Point are to decide the outcome of this election.

Up to Thursday only 205 people of some 700 entitled to do so, had registered at the Manteo box. Only 63 at the Wanchese box, half of which names were obtained Thursday by a house to house canvass by the registrar. Total registered in these precincts 268.

Compare the difference in the primary when voters turned out to nominate a man for the Board of Education. On that May 26 day, 461 people voted at the Manteo box and 137 at the Wanchese box in the race for the Board of Education.

Now here is a question surely more important—improved school facilities for the children of these seven precincts, for whom it is proposed to issue \$250,000 in bonds to erect an adequate high school. Saturday, this week is the last day to see the local registrar and get the name on the books so one may vote.

LINDSAY WARREN'S PARTY ENTERTAINED AT OCRACOKE MANSIONS BY SAM JONES

Sam Jones of Berkley Manor and Rancho on Ocracoke Island entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay C. Warren and a group of their friends on Wednesday at a luncheon. The Warrens are now spending a vacation at The Croatan at Kill Devil Hills, where the distinguished North Carolinians have vacationed each year for many seasons.

The group enjoying the fine and unusual hospitality of Swan Quarter-born Sam Jones included: Dr. and Mrs. James Parkins, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Moody of Chester, Va., Mr. and Mrs. James Prentice, Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. James Gettys, Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wheat, Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Austin, Waynesboro, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benders, Richmond, Mrs. Ruth Bond, Tarboro, G. A. Fogarty, Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Briggs of The Croatan and Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, Woodland, N. C.

Aycock, Brantley and Billy Brown, as a photographic team, accompanied the party to make still and moving pictures of the visit by the former U. S. Comptroller General, Mrs. Warren and their guests. Unusual and splendid entertainment by local talent on Ocracoke was a feature of the visit.

SEAPLANE MISHAP EARLY LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Good fortune smiled on two pilots last Sunday morning, as they suffered a mishap as they attempted to take off from the Manteo Airport just before eight o'clock. What could have been a tragedy resulted in a good wetting for pilot N. Simms and his passenger, Mr. Mariner, both of Annapolis, Md., and at least a 50% loss of the plane, which was a small Luscomb seaplane. As the men attempted to take off into a brisk wind and in fairly rough water, one of the fittings let go, and the plane sank in about seven to eight feet of water.

First assistance came from Miss Estelle Meekins, who had heard the commotion from her home on Croatan Sound shore, and who rowed out in a skiff. She met the men wading ashore and took them aboard. A few minutes later, W. M. Henderson, manager of the Manteo Airport, arrived on the scene in a tug and took the men back to the airport. In a very short while the plane was lifted from the water by members of the T. A. Loving Co. construction crew, who went to the scene with a barge and derrick to lend assistance.

Mr. Simms and Mr. Mariner, co-owners of the seaplane, had spent Saturday night at the Manteo Airport while enroute from Annapolis to Wilmington, N. C.

COMPLETES TRAINING



Seaman apprentice Larry W. Parker, USCG, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Parker, Nags Head completed the 12-week course of Coast Guard recruit training at Cape May, N. J., on July 10th, and was assigned to the operating force there.

ELIZABETH CITY RECTOR TO PREACH JULY 29th FORT RALEIGH SERVICE

The Rev. George Frank Hill, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Elizabeth City since 1919, will be guest minister at Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island Sunday when another in the series of Sunday worship periods at Lost Colony's Waterside Theater, will be presented. The Rev. Mr. Hill, a Protestant Episcopal minister, is widely known in northeastern North Carolina and he has preached to large groups in the past at Waterside Theatre. A native of Chocowinity, he attended Trinity School, the University of North Carolina and the Theological Seminary of Virginia at Alexandria.

ROANOKE ISLANDERS RE-LIVE LOST COLONY IN READER'S DIGEST

How the saga of Roanoke Island's "Lost Colony" is told annually in a magnificent pageant played by fishermen-actors is described in an August Reader's Digest article by Allen and Martha Rankin, condensed from Theatre Arts. The colony, the first English settlement in the New World, vanished without trace more than 360 years ago. The modern players all but bring it to life again. In 1587, a group of 121 men, women and children landed on Roanoke, expecting to find "paradise." They found instead hunger and privation on a strip of wind-scoured sand, under constant threat of attack by the Indians. But Virginia Dare was born there, the first child born of English parents in the American wilderness.

John White, the governor, went back to England for much-needed supplies. When he returned three years later, there wasn't a sign of Virginia Dare or any other colonist. Their fate has since been shrouded in mystery. But in 1931, the islanders decided to pay perpetual tribute to the colonists' heroism by means of an annual pageant at the scene of the "spiritual birthplace of this country." By incredible fortitude and insight SEE READERS' DIGEST, Page Six

GEORGE L. HOPKINS DIES IN VETERANS HOSPITAL

George L. Hopkins, 63, commercial fisherman of Route 2, Belhaven, died in the Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville, Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock. Mr. Hopkins was born in Beaufort County, son of the late David E. and Rhoda Foster Hopkins, was a member of the Wades Point Holiness Church and a veteran of World War I, serving in the U. S. Army. He was married to the former Carrie Wilkins of Beaufort County Oct. 10, 1933. Survivors are his wife; three children, George E., Triffie and Elver Hopkins, all of the home; two brothers, Fred and David Hopkins, both of Route 2, Belhaven; one sister, Mrs. Rhoda Fulford of Route 2, Belhaven. Funeral services were held at the Rider Hill Cemetery Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. E. Danford, pastor of his church.

MOSQUITO CONTROL AND WHY IT AIN'T WORKING IN DARE

Seems That Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth, Especially When Broth is Thin

There has been a lot of talk about lack of mosquito control in Dare County. As we have long since gathered, there isn't enough money, nor the right equipment available, and now we learn the winds and weather have not been suitable for the use of the present inadequate equipment which costs \$50 per hour to operate. There has been disappointment because we read where Federal funds have been approved in certain amounts; but the money has not been made available. It's like telling your wife she can have a new car, and not providing the money.

At our request, Mr. Robert K. Gunn, the District Sanitarian and Biologist who covers Dare County, has outlined in detail, the problems and the handicaps which surround the mosquito control effort in Dare County. Here is Mr. Gunn's article:

To The Editor:

"The time has now come, to submit an explanation to the residents of Dare County regarding activities connected with the local temporary Mosquito Control Program.

"There has been a great deal of recent publicity regarding funds for a Mosquito Control program. A greater part of this publicity refers to a Federal grant of \$10,000, which was to be Dare County's share of funds awarded North Carolina for emergency mosquito control operations. Although Dare County appropriately applied for these funds in June, as yet, the Federal Civil Defense Authority has not released any of this money, which is so desperately needed in order to invest in different types of equipment more adapted to our physical and climatical characteristics of this area.

"Last fall the Federal Civil Defense Authority made available \$13,000.00 for emergency mosquito control adulticide work, and the county was able to acquire two jeeps and two dynamo machines. Also under a supplement application we were permitted to order an additional and much needed piece of equipment called a Buffalo Turbine Misting and Dusting machine. After this piece of equipment was brought to us, the government disapproved this supplemental application—and hence the machine is still stored here, but there is no money to purchase it and place it in operation. However, there are hopes that if the Civil Defense Authority ever makes available the much flouted and advertised \$10,000—we will be able to acquire this badly needed equipment.

"In January of this year I attempted to organize a temporary mosquito control district—through the cooperation of several interested groups—each of which owned specific types of equipment. At that time there was little available county funds—however, there were adequate materials left from the previous fall operations and my drivers agreed to go ahead and work until funds were available to pay them. However, this would have involved a practically gratis use of equipment owned by the other groups; and unfortunately no satisfactory decision could be reached to solve that particular obstacle. And actually this was a most critical period, because it was in anticipation of the very problems and mosquito hordes with which we are now faced.

"As most of us know, the first line of attack against the salt marsh mosquito, is adequate and sensible drainage of known breeding grounds. This would then be supplemented by proper larviciding and adulticide operations. However, until adequate funds are available, we have no choice but to follow a somewhat futile course of attacks through adulticide or fogging with the equipment and personnel on hand.

"This brings us to our greatest problem and biggest source of public misunderstanding and criticism. Personally, I am a firm believer in criticism as a healthy sign of public interest. However, criticism based on emotions, misinformation or general malice can be as bad and unnecessarily damaging as it can be good. Hence, this attempt to simplify an extremely complex subject for the public information.

"The Dynafog thermogenerators, which the county used with some marked advantage last year, appears to be acquiring nothing but negligible results this year. There are very definite and clear cut reasons for this apparent inadequacy.

"The Dynafog machine was designed to be used under weather

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SCREWBALLS LOOSE ON BEACH PROVE TO BE DANGEROUS

A woman was shot through her cheek Saturday night on the beach at Kill Devil Hills by a pistol in the hands of her boy friend, both of whom ought to have more sense at their age, and both of whom ought to be hitched up a notch or two.

Mrs. Ida Ballois, 41, of 2122 Virginia Avenue, Norfolk, was out with George Stephenson, 43, of 454 Munden Avenue, Norfolk.

Although a person with good sense wouldn't be "demonstrating" a pistol on a public highway at night, and would know it is unlawful, Stephenson claimed that is what he was doing, and proved himself a mighty poor teacher, or a liar one. Chances are it was the result of a couple of drunks, and are trying to offer an excuse for a bit of folly. He claimed he had bought the pistol at Carolina Beach where they had previously been.

The gun went off, the bullet entering the left cheek and coming out behind the left ear. She was taken to Elizabeth City hospital for treatment.

CHANNEL BASS RETURN FROM SOUND WATERS

Hatteras.—Channel bass which normally show up in great numbers at Hatteras and Oregon Inlets and along the surf during mid-Spring, to remain a few weeks before migrating into the sounds headed oceanward again this year several weeks earlier than usual.

Anglers fishing the surf here at Hatteras Inlet, or casting from boats in the inlet, have landed dozens of the big copper-colored warriors during the past week. Raymond Bassett of Buxton and Courtney Starmount of Virginia Beach landed several, and other anglers have had similar luck here. All of the channel bass taken weighed more than 40 pounds each and some scaled at 50 pounds, according to Willie Newsome, local Sportsman's Headquarters operator.

While most of the anglers fishing from boats in the Oregon Inlet sector have concentrated on bluefishing this summer, several large channel bass have been landed during the past week. Peak for channel bass surf casting for channel bass in Cape Hatteras area usually comes during Autumn months.

DATES CHANGED FOR TAKING DRIVER LICENSE EXAMS

Thursdays and Fridays will in future be the dates for taking drivers' license examinations in Manteo, Mrs. Sybil D. Etheridge stated this week. The old days of Monday and Tuesday have been discontinued, since Tuesday interferes with Recorder's Court day. The change is effective August 1.

NEGRO CELEBRITY FRIDAY NIGHT AT LOST COLONY



BILL LANDFORD and his electric guitar will be the featured musical attraction of the annual Lost Colony's Negro Citizens night at Waterside Theatre on Friday (tonight), July 27, General Manager R. E. Jordan says, while Melvin R. Daniels, of Wanchese, Register of Deeds for Dare County for 30 years, will be the featured speaker of the evening.

Landford was formerly a member of the Golden Gate Quartette, known from coast to coast. He has also appeared with the Perry Como Show. A native of Portsmouth, Va., his appearances at the Negro Citizens Night celebration is expected to attract persons interested in the type of singing and guitar playing for which he is famous, not only for his radio appearances but also as an RCA-Victor Recording artist.

Melvin Daniels is widely known in northeastern North Carolina for his speeches. He is a fluent talker and his appearance as principal speaker of the evening will bring something new to the annual Negro Citizens Night Celebrations.

Musical program for the celebration will begin at 7:45; the speech by Daniels at 8:00 o'clock and the regular Lost Colony performance at 8:15 o'clock.

Overnight accommodations for Negro citizens attending the special program are in charge of Mrs. Lila Simmons, housing chairman, Manteo, it was stated.

REGAINS PASTORATE IN MANTEO FOR CHOWAN CO.



REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church, has resigned to accept a call from the Center Hill Baptist Church at Tynner, Chowan County, which he will begin serving after the 4th Sunday in August, his last engagement at the Manteo Church, to be the third Sunday in August. Mr. Napier an Anson County man, has been in Manteo for seven and a half years. He came after the church had launched a big expansion program, and continued with great success through the building of a new church the congregation now enjoys. But Mr. Napier says the people are responsible for this improvement. Mr. Napier's final sermon in the Manteo church will be on the third Sunday in August, and during the following week he will conduct a revival in Burgess Baptist Church in Hertford.

OFFSHORE BLUEFISHING IS REMINISCENT OF MID-30'S

Wanchese.—Old guides of this Roanoke Island community are saying that never (since the middle 1930's) has the bluefish taken by anglers been equaled in quantity, if not in size.

Two local guides, Capt. Willie Etheridge and Capt. Jesse Etheridge, have reported taking a total of more than 10,000 bluefish with rod and reel this season. That is, the anglers fishing from their boats made the takes. It has not been unusual for fishing parties to catch several hundred blues in one day of trolling at Oregon Inlet.

Most sensational bluefish catches of 1956, however, have been the giant "Hatteras blues" landed by parties usually fishing for dolphin near the edge of the Gulf Stream offshore. Dozens of big blues weighing from eight to 12 pounds have been taken, but the big fish See FISHING, Page Twelve

DEATHS OF TWO VISITORS IN DARE COUNTY WATERS SUNDAY EMPHASIZE NEED FOR CAUTION

Geo. Spelman Downem of Washington, D. C. Drowns at Buxton, and Sam Creekmore of Portsmouth, Va. Killed in Motorboat Collision Near Nags Head; Better Policing and Service to Visitors Needed in Vacation Areas.

RECORDER'S COURT IN DARE COUNTY HAS BIG DOCKET

A large number of cases in Dare Recorder's Court continues to be the rule, the result of activity of the Highway Patrol, and each week brings in several hundred dollars in fines to benefit the school fund. Fines this week as well as last week exceeded \$700.

On Tuesday, this week, the following were fined \$100 and costs for driving while drunk. Ray Ellis Berry of Manteo, six months road sentence suspended; Thos. J. Hewitt of Norfolk; Dennis A. Perry.

For speeding, fines of \$15 each and the costs were levied against the following: Lester A. Claud, M. D., N. Y. City; Jack Burrus, Manteo; Lester L. Lawrence, Beaufort; Kenneth J. Rogerhausen, Elmer Leé Overton, Edenton; Cecil W. Simpson, Back Bay, Va.

For speeding, \$20 and costs against these: John F. Powell, Eure; Wesley C. Gayle, Franklin, Va.; Hansel V. Davenport, Ahsokie; Mack N. Nixon, Richmond Robert H. Wilson, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Ralph Lee Hyde, Buxton; Stephen W. Outerbridge, Conway, N. C. (\$25);

For drunkenness in a public place or on the highway \$10 each and costs: Charles T. Hamlin, Jr., Surry, Va.; Joseph E. Murricks, Kitty Hawk; Marion Gallop; Helen Louise Tyler of Norfolk;

For speeding, \$10 and costs against the following: Phillip H. Bruns, Jasper, Minn.; Robert Baldwin Preston, Portsmouth, Va.; Henry V. Hyatt, Elizabeth City; Wm. D. Spruill of Virginia; Larry L. Whitford, Norfolk; Carlisle N. Davis, Manteo; Norman H. O'Neal; Earl W. Bradshaw of Alexandria, Va.; J. H. Whitmur, Baltimore; Edgar M. Spruill, Edenton (\$12); Marvin G. Newbold.

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ARMY RECRUITER TO VISIT MANTEO WED. WEEKLY

M/Sgt. Sherman D. Owen, Army recruiter for the Albemarle area has announced that commencing on August 1st he will be at the Manteo postoffice to talk to any young men or women who are interested in learning what the Army has to offer in the line of future careers. Sgt. Owen is to be at the Postoffice on Wednesday each week from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Any young men or women who would like to talk over the service may do so at that time. Up until now the nearest Army Recruiting station has been either Elizabeth City or Norfolk.

Sgt. Owen announced that the Army has the best to offer to the young high school graduates in that they can choose their technical school or branch of the Army before enlistment. Sgt. Owen says that he will be more than happy to discuss this school program with any high school grad who is interested in the chance to learn a trade that will benefit him or her after leaving the service. Those interested in a career offering training, travel, education and adventure may see Sgt. Owen on his trip to Manteo.

DELEGATES APPEAR MON. ON WNCT-TV GREENVILLE

Taking part in a half-hour broadcast discussing the forthcoming Democratic campaign and Chicago convention Monday over WNCT-TV, Greenville, were Dr. W. T. Ralph, Belhaven, and D. V. Meekins of Manteo, along with some dozen other delegates from Eastern North Carolina. W. E. Debnam, well-known news commentator, formerly of Raleigh, and now of this station, was the moderator.

Prior to the panel discussion over TV the group witnessed, as guests of the studio, a closed channel showing of highlights of convention activity and methods by which the proceedings in August will be televised to 100,000 people in the U. S. Afterward, the party were guests of the station at a barbecue chicken dinner.

Mrs. Ralph accompanied her husband on the drive to Greenville and while there visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tunnell.

DEATHS OF TWO VISITORS IN DARE COUNTY WATERS SUNDAY EMPHASIZE NEED FOR CAUTION

Deaths of two visitors in a single day in Dare County waters indicate the need of some organized agency to give better instruction and protection for those who come to enjoy the charms of the coastland. There is now no supervision of recreational waters, nor regulation to keep them from being overcrowded. Take for instance the fresh water lake at Nags Head. There is nothing to keep people from crowding it to the limit. Nothing to curb recklessness and carelessness in this small area, where the lives of bathers and fishermen might be endangered.

Sam Russell Creekmore, 39, of Portsmouth, Va., drowned Sunday afternoon when the motorboat in which he was alone was struck on the quarter by a motorboat operated by J. H. Hall Jr. of Elizabeth City, who was towing Jim Aydlett, a water skier of Elizabeth City. Creekmore is reported to have attempted to avoid a collision, went into a skid and lost control and when his boat was struck across the stern, he drowned in 20 feet of water. His body was recovered about 6 p.m. by Kill Devil Hills Coast Guards. The Creekmores own a summer cottage on the beach, and were staying there at the time. He was employed as an engineer at the Norfolk Naval shipyard.

In Pamlico Sound, near the village of Buxton, George Spelman Downem of Washington, D. C. was out in a boat with his daughters, and while diving overboard, apparently was injured or had cramps. He failed to arise from the water, and a search by Coast Guardsmen discovered the body at 8 p.m. Monday. He was 43 years old, and in business at 1737 H. St. N. W., Washington, D. C. He was the son of George Spelman and Cassilda Taudel Downem of Roswell, N. M., but had lived in Washington for the past ten months. He is survived by a wife, Agnes Evans Downem, and two daughters and a son; two sisters and a brother. He was a veteran of World War II. After preparation at the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo, his body was sent to Arlington National Cemetery for burial.

Mr. Downem had been stopping at the new Tower Circle Motel at Buxton. Somewhere about noon, he was out in the boat in shallow water with his daughters, 10 and 12. He had called for the children to bring the boat to him, but in their inexperience could not get to him. He is thought to have suffered cramps, an injury or a stroke. The children finally got the boat ashore, and at 3 p.m. Coast Guardsmen received notice of the mishap. A search until dark, was made for the body and resumed at daylight next morning. He died in shallow water.

One great mystery to people experienced in the water and in its ways, is why many more people have not been drowned in Dare County, since there is no supervision of the waters, particularly those distant from, and out of view of the few Coast Guard stations left in the county. Any persons with the desire and the price now own a boat and they bring them down to ocean waters, going to sea and into danger in crafts completely unseaworthy, and operated by people who know nothing of winds and tides. Luck has been with them a long time, but it may be failing.

Now that Uncle Sam's economy has stripped the area of the larger part of Coast Guard facilities and personnel, it looks as if civilian initiative must take steps toward regulation and protection on the waters for the benefit of all.

MANTEO, WASHINGTON MEN ON HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

A highway following the ocean has been proposed from Lewes, Del. to Nags Head, and on a committee to study the proposal, Governor Hodges has named Guy H. Lennon of Manteo, Wayland Sermons of Washington and John Clark of Greenville. The Delaware legislature suggested a study of this proposed road. The North Carolina men representing the state in this group have long been interested in building such a road, connecting with the Corolla development of Ray T. Adams of Washington.