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BID OF \$56,718.96 APPROVED IN DARE BY COUNTY BOARD

Tarbore Firm Contracting for Sand Fencing and Beach Erosion Work for County

The Dare County Commissioners Wednesday approved the low bid of \$56,718.96 submitted by R. W. Lowe Co. of Tarboro for some five projects in Dare County which are the result of disaster relief grants. They cover sand fencing and beach erosion work.

The board this week passed a resolution highly praising Miss Shirley West for her work as county home agent, from which job she has resigned effective August 15.

The Board agreed to provide \$150 more for digging a boat harbor at Duck, raising the cost of this job to \$850 because the contractor said he couldn't do it for \$650.

It also agreed to pay Mrs. Doris Walker and R. B. Lennon for damages alleged due to flooding of their property, the result of the new jail which the county is building.

The Board agreed to spend \$1,000 to drill a well at the Buxton school, a project originally planned by private interests in the search of ample water supply, but now it is found a considerable saving can be done if the county first pays the cost of exploration since the present school water is not deemed good.

REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION BEGINS SATURDAY

The chairman of the county board of elections has released instructions received from the state board of elections in regard to the general election to be held on Saturday, September 8, to vote on the school amendment of the recent special session of the General Assembly and the other constitutional amendments passed by the regular 1955 session.

Registration books will be opened for registration in each of the 29 precincts of the county on the fourth Saturday before the election, which will be August 11, and will close at 6:00 p.m. on the second Saturday before the election, August 25.

The following day Saturday, September 1, will be challenge day.

Those who are already registered on the books will not have to register again.

This election, being held under the general election law, will permit absentee voting by civilians as well as service men.

The same registrars and judges of election who served in the recent primary will also serve in this election.

PRINCIPAL IS ELECTED FOR THE MANTEO SCHOOL

W. H. Bunch of Chicod, near Greenville, has been elected principal of the Manteo school, according to announcement by Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Dare County superintendent of schools. Mr. Bunch holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from East Carolina College, and has had five years teaching experience, and has served as assistant principal of the Grimesland school.

Also elected to teach in the Kitty Hawk school were Mrs. W. H. Montgomery, wife of the new Methodist minister.

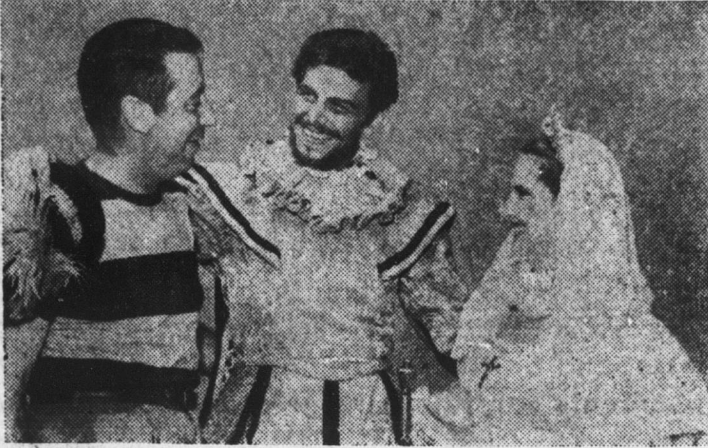
RICHMOND WOMAN, MANTEO NATIVE BURIED SUNDAY

Mrs. Clara Midgett McCune 53, a native of Manteo, and wife of Mack McCune of Richmond, was interred in Manteo Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, following funeral services in the Manteo Methodist Church. She died Friday in Richmond where she had lived for 30 years, after an illness of three days. She was the daughter of Mrs. Sallie Midgett and the late Capt. John Midgett of Manteo, and is survived by her husband and two brothers, Lloyd Midgett of Manteo and Louis Midgett of Norfolk.

MISS BERTIE DANIELS

Miss Bertie Daniels, 33, died Thursday morning after a long illness in a Raleigh hospital. The body was brought to Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo, pending arrangements for funeral and burial at Wanchese. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Daniels, who survive her, and she is also survived by a brother, Orville (Timer) Daniels, and two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Stetson, Jr., all of Wanchese, and Mrs. Billy Cox of Manteo.

HAD LEADING ROLES IN 800th PERFORMANCE PARTY



Director Clifton Britton of The Lost Colony, Andy Griffith and his wife Barbara Edwards Griffith had stella roles in The Lost Colony's 800th performance intermission party at Waterside Theatre on Wednesday night when the largest audience since 1953 was present. Britton and Mrs. Griffith lighted the candles on a huge birthday cake surrounded by the entire company of the show and famous Andy Griffith was master of ceremonies at the party. Above photo was made four years ago when Britton was stage manager and assistant director, when Andy played the role of Sir Walter Raleigh and when his wife played the feminine lead of Eleanor Dare. (Aycock Brown Photo)

THE LOST COLONY PASSES MARK OF 800 PERFORMANCES

Andy and Barbara Griffith Head Ceremonies at Intermission When Birthday Cake Is Lighted

By AYCOCK BROWN

A deeply appreciative audience, the largest group to see a single performance of The Lost Colony since 1953, were present at Waterside Theatre here Wednesday night when Andy and Barbara Griffith and the entire company of the show celebrated its 800th milestone.

The colorful celebration came at intermission time during the full-scale performance that was seen by 1,704 paying customers and several hundred radio and newspaper representatives.

Introduced by General Manager Dick Jordan, the special attraction opened with the entire company on the stage singing "Auld Lang Syne."

"This 800th milestone gives The Lost Colony the distinction of being the oldest, the longest-lived of all outdoor dramas in the entire world," said Jordan. "We are most grateful to you, our patrons, and to some 800,000 others just like you who made this 800th performance possible."

He congratulated members of the entire company for the way they have worked to make the show a success. Then he introduced Mrs. Barbara Edwards Griffith for a brief interview. Mrs. Griffith had played the role of Eleanor Dare for six years until her now famous husband, Andy, became one of the outstanding personalities of America's current entertainment world.

Andy Griffith's introduction brought a roaring applause from the audience and as master of ceremonies he seemed to please the people well, judging from their roars of laughter and applause. As an encore finale, Griffith said:

"I want to urge you folks who have autos out there on the parking lot to drive slow. Just remember, if speed was all that counted, rabbits would rule the world."

SIR STANLEY SPURLING TO SEE LOST COLONY

Sir Stanley Spurling, member of Parliament from Bermuda is scheduled to see a performance of Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony some time during the current month. He and his entourage will be guests of Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina. Exact date of Sir Stanley's visit to North Carolina has not been announced.

While on Roanoke Island the British visitor will also take part in a tree planting program at the new Elizabethan Garden here with members of the N. C. Garden Clubs, under the leadership of Mrs. George R. Little, Lilesville, N. C., taking part with Governor Hodges.

REUNION OF CLASS OF 1916 MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL'S 1ST

The reunion of the graduating class of 40 years ago in Manteo High School will be held Friday evening, (today) at the home of Mrs. Lena Pearsall near Manteo. Approximately one dozen are planning to attend the dinner being arranged by E. N. Meekins of Raleigh and Mrs. Edna Evans Bell of Manteo. This class was the first to graduate from Manteo when it became a standard high school upon removing to the new building which is now the large wooden apartment house on the main highway, opposite the ice plant.

FLOOD INSURANCE TO BE BACKED BY GOV'T GUARANTEE

Senator Scott Reports on The New Law to Provide Water Damage Coverage

By BILL WHITLEY

INSURANCE. The government's new flood insurance program, enacted into law on the final day of the 84th Congress, provides ways and means for you to insure any personal or real property against water damage from hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The law provides for government insurance up to \$10,000 per dwelling unit, and a maximum of \$250,000 for any one person, which would include business property and the like.

The insurance covers damage from water of all types, but it will not cover damage from wind. The coverage was confined to water damage because private insurance companies now provide wind insurance.

Sen. W. Kerr Scott, a co-author of the original version of the disaster insurance bill, said the new law would cover "most of the damage" that is caused by hurricanes. He said a large percentage of the damage of last year's hurricanes was water damage.

PROVISIONS. Details of how the program will work has been left to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which will cooperate with private insurance firms in setting the new program in motion.

"This is an entirely new program—something that hasn't been tried before," Scott said, "but there is no reason why it won't be of tremendous benefit to North Carolina, especially the coastal areas, if it is administered properly."

Congress directed the HHFA to work out a system of premiums that would come as near as possible to paying for the program, but at the same time would be reasonable enough for the average property owner to afford.

One reason private insurance companies have shunned disaster insurance is because they feel that in order to make it break even, premiums would be too high to encourage the sale of policies.

ADVERTISE. Scott feels that the success of the new program will depend to a large extent on how generally property owners take part in it.

"It's the kind of thing that will take a lot of advertising and promoting to make it work. Certainly, the people in the hurricane areas will want it if they know about it. At the same time, people in all our river basins would certainly be interested in it if they are advised of its importance and potential," he said.

Until the program gets on its feet, the government will pay the entire difference between what is collected in premiums and what is paid out in losses.

After 1959, the various states are scheduled to start paying their share of the cost of the program.

INJURED IN WRECK

William McKendry of Toronto, Ontario, driving a high-powered sports car at Cape Hatteras, came to grief Wednesday when he wrecked the car and sustained serious injuries for which he is being treated in De Paul Hospital, Norfolk. He was removed to the hospital by Twiford's ambulance from Manteo.

LIGHT VOTE TO BE CAST SATURDAY ON SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Election to Be Conducted in Seven Precincts for Building High School at Manteo

Out of about 1,568 voters who might have been privileged to vote this week in seven precincts of Dare County, only 633 will be able to vote. This is the total number of people who registered to vote in the special school bond election to be held August 11, on the question of issuing \$250,000 in bonds to erect improved school facilities for high school children assigned to Manteo school.

Here is a list of the voters registering in the various precincts, showing on the right the number of those interested in voting, and on the left the probable number who would have been eligible to register.

Precinct	No. Voters	Registered for this election
Manteo	700	384
Wanchese	300	97
Nags Head	80	29
Stumpy Point	200	28
Manns Harbor	180	64
East Lake	90	18
Mashoes	18	13

During the primary, the Manteo precinct alone recorded nearly as many voters cast for candidates for the board of education, as now manifest an interest in the outcome of the school election.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CAPE HATTERAS EMC SET FOR SEPTEMBER 1

Date Has Been Named For Election of Officers, After Two Years

An interesting meeting has been set for Saturday, September 1, at the Cape Hatteras school building. It is the meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corp. which supplies energy to the whole of Hatteras Island.

Secretary George H. Meekins has issued the call to the members. A financial report of the co-op is promised. Other matters for the good of the co-op will be brought up, he states in the official notice mailed this week.

The members are due to elect nine directors to look after the co-op business for the coming year. A full attendance is urged.

Due to storms for the past two years, which came at the time annual meetings had been scheduled, there has been no annual meeting, and officers have been held over. This meeting is looked forward to with interest because of the splendid growth of the co-op.

WESTERN FOLK DRAMA TO BE SHOWN MONDAY EVENING

Roanoke Island Fine Arts School to Present "Green Grow the Lilacs" in School Auditorium

"Green Grow the Lilacs" is a western folk drama to be presented in Waterside Theatre Monday evening, August 20, at 8:15 p.m. by the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts. It is Lynn Rigg's "Green Grow the Lilacs." The play is the original story for the Broadway success "Oklahoma," and takes place in the Indian territory of the middle-west around 1900.

The production under the direction of James Byrd will feature original music by Elizabeth Welch of Salem College, and Roanoke Island. The choreography is by Lois Garren and Charles McCraw.

The hero, Curley, of this mildly western folk drama is played by Martin Gerrish, with the lovely heroine being played by Lois Garren. The villain Jelder, is portrayed by David Julian. Ada Annie, the dumb country girl, is played by June Craft. The peddler who can destroy all sales resistance in the country ladies is played by Harley Streiff. Margaret Joslin will play the part of Aunt Eller. The festivities and square dance calling are left to Old Man Peck, played by John Sneden.

Tickets for the production may be purchased at The Lost Colony office, Pearings, and the Oasis Gift Shop on the beach.

QUARTER MILLION FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SEASHORE PARK

The bill which would provide a quarter million dollars of Federal funds to pay for lands bought for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore was signed this week by the President. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to spend up to \$250,000, if matched with donated money, to buy about 3500 acres.

OFFICIALS BACKING AWAY FROM JOINING PRIVATE ROAD PLAN

Turnabout in Reports For Road to Corolla Dashes Hopes of People Needing Highway

High hopes were raised Saturday within those people who would like to see the Duck highway extended to Corolla, when announcement came out in the Raleigh News and Observer that Governor Hodges had given his nod to the Highway Commission to build such a road, and such a road is enthusiastically favored by District Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow of Hertford.

But 24 hours later, the same paper came out with a long article in its "Under the Dome" column, indicating that both Governor Hodges and Highway Chairman wanted to make it plain they were not getting out on a limb just yet, on this proposition which has backing from private interests, and might be construed by some as a means of enlisting state funds in the development of private property.

We quote from the News and Observer as follows: "If Governor Hodges has his way, the State will not build a road to serve the much advertised Corolla resort—or any other private development until it has appraised all the facts.

His secretary, Ed Rankin, told Under the Dome emphatically that reports and rumors to the effect that the Governor suggested to highway officials that Corolla should get a road are completely false.

The reports and rumors were picked up around the State Highway Commission's meeting room Thursday, and Under the Dome wrote: "Because the Governor is interested, the Highway Commission yesterday instructed Chairman A. H. Graham to negotiate with Corolla's promoter, Ray T. Adams, on the possibilities of building a road along the ocean to Corolla from the end of the present highway at Duck."

The Governor instructed Rankin he wanted it made clear that he was in no way interested in Corolla and that he had, in fact, questioned the wisdom of the Highway Commission becoming involved.

"Rankin said the Governor, far from encouraging State participation, had told Highway Commission representatives:

"This is a matter that will have to be handled by the Highway Commission. You will have to assume the responsibility. But I do raise questions that you ought to go slowly and examine it carefully."

"The Governor's reaction could prove extremely embarrassing for persons who have made statements in conflict with the statement Rankin quoted.

"The impression was being spread that the Governor looked favorably on Adams' venture, and, as one who recently visited Corolla, felt it was both proper and logical that the State would help Adams along. That impression, the Governor directed Rankin to say, is wholly false.

"As for the Governor's visit to Corolla, Rankin said the trip was See ROAD, Page Six

BOY SCOUTS TO MAKE MONTHLY PAPER PICK-UP

It has been announced that the Manteo Boy Scouts will make their monthly collection of old paper on Saturday, August 11. The public is asked to leave old newspapers, magazines or cardboard on front porches or steps where it can be seen.

All Scouts are asked to meet at the Scout hut next to the Ben Franklin Store at 9:00 Saturday morning.

FISH CONSERVATION MAY SAVE BOATERS IN FRESH PD.

In accordance with the established program of the fish division of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, a survey of the fish population in the fresh water pond at Kill Devil Hills is being conducted. The major objects of this study are to ascertain the biological relationships of the various species of fish present in the pond, and to determine what fisheries management practices may be applied to the body of water to improve sport fishing.

An ordinance of the town of Kill Devil Hills prohibits the use of motor boats in this pond from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. daily.

In carrying out this study it will be necessary to sample the fish population with various types of commercial fishing nets. The nets will be set between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. daily.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE PRES. COLONY GUEST MINISTER



DR. CECIL WAYNE ROBBINS, president of Louisburg College, and former editor of the N. C. Christian Advocate, will be guest minister at Waterside Theatre Sunday, August 12.

Dr. Robbins received his A.B. degree from Birmingham-Southern College, his B.D. from Duke University Divinity School and his Litt.D. Degree from High Point College. His D.D. degree he received from Birmingham-Southern. He is a Mississippian.

He is a member of the N. C. Conference and has served pastorates at Marners, Jenkins Memorial, Raleigh, Fremont, Mount Olive and Warrenton.

CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE HAS 174,365 VISITORS IN SEVEN MONTHS

With 77,081 persons visiting Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area during July this year the total visitor count for 1956 to August 1 has increased to 174,365 persons, it was reflected in Superintendent Allyn F. Hank's current monthly visitor's report.

This is an increase of 71.1 per cent in July over June 1956 and a 2.4 increase over July 1955.

The report shows that 23,187 motor vehicles entered or re-entered the area during July with the total of motor vehicles in 1956 increasing to 52,957.

Other persons visiting the area via bus totaled 148, by airplane 534 and by boat 730.

Most of the persons entering the area of the National Seashore which extends for 70 miles along the Outer Banks from lower Nags Head to Ocracoke Inlet entered the area via U. S. Highways 158, 64 and 264 which lead from the north and west to Nags Head.

If there is so slowing up in vacation travel this year, it is likely that more than 350,000 persons will have visited the new National Seashore this year.

National Seashore travel counts are made by an apparatus across the highways which count each automobile as it passes a given point. An estimated number of local automobiles traveling to and from the villages of Hatteras and Ocracoke are not included in the count.

Observations made by National Seashore park rangers indicate that automobiles loaded with vacationists have not only come from each of the states of the nation but also from several U. S. foreign territories and foreign countries.

GRADING BEACH ROAD TO COST \$750,000

Construction on Primary System During Year Includes \$335,000 at Columbia

The only project listed on the State Highway System's primary program for 1956-57 is the grading of a proposed relocation of U. S. 158 on the Dare Beaches between Whalebone and Wright Memorial Bridge. This grading and culverts for 15.3 miles of limited access highway will cost an estimated \$750,000.

In Tyrrell County, the only primary road job announced is the proposed by-pass at Columbia, grading and structures for which will cost an estimated \$335,000; and will extend over Scuppernon River on the South side of town a distance of 2.6 miles.

These items are included in a total of 83 projects in North Carolina for which the State Highway Commission plans to spend \$41,644,000 during the present and next fiscal years.

In the list of projects for the next fiscal year or 1957-58, the following items are included: Additional work on the Dare beach road above noted is \$550,000. Additional work on paving Columbia by-pass, \$150,000.

COURT TURNS INTO SCHOOL FUND \$1,000 IN FINES THIS WEEK

New High Reached Tuesday From Cases Brought in By Highway Patrolman on Week End.

Activities of the State Highway Patrol continue to prove profitable for the Dare County school fund which received about \$2,500 during July, and this week, in Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court, the fines received totaled \$1,000, the biggest amount received in any one day this summer. Many cases again came before Judge W. F. Baum. He disposed of nearly forty cases. Three paid the penalty for drunken driving. It was the first day of the new schedule of fines for public drunkenness which the Judge increased in August from \$10 to \$25. The first to pay this penalty was Ernest R. Ballance of Hatteras.

The case in which Guy H. Stephenson of Norfolk was tried for assaulting with a deadly weapon, involved the woman with him, Mrs. Ida Balossi, whom he wounded with a pistol. This was two weeks ago on the beach at Kill Devil Hills, and he claimed he was teaching her the proper use of the pistol when she was accidentally shot. He was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, and with carrying a concealed weapon, because he claimed it was her pistol. The Judge fined the woman \$25, and fined the man \$25 for being drunk on the highway. Who was driving the car didn't come out.

The following were fined \$5 and costs each for traffic violations: Burfoot Leon White of Hertford; John L. Scales of Edenton; Percy Lee Daniels of Manteo for driving with improper equipment.

For speeding at 55 m.p.h. in a 35-mile zone, the following paid \$20 and costs: Sam D. McNair, Portsmouth, Va.; Melvin C. Hooper, Elizabeth City.

For speeding at 50 m.p.h. in a 35 mile zone, the following paid \$15 and costs: Wilson W. Woodhouse of Currituck; Raymond Lee Barrett, Roanoke Rapids; Farris P. Hotchkiss, Richmond; Robert R. Womack, Norfolk; Harry R. Glenn, New York City; Elisha B. White, Tyner; Ralph DiCosta Shaw of Oxson Hill, Md. forfeited a \$15 bond put up for speeding. Merle Meekins, Jr. for 45 in 25 mile zone, paid \$15.

For speeding at 45 miles per hour in a 35-mile zone: \$10 and costs each: Carroll D. Proffit, Fructos Pigott Baltmore; Otis E. Jennings, Elizabeth City; Gary R. Dail, Edenton; Douglas H. Warner, Balti.; Charlie D. Willford, So. Norfolk; Wm. H. Bunch, Edenton.

Richard L. Knowles of Buxton was charged with speeding 75 mph, and fined \$50 and costs. Lance E. Smith, also of Buxton, tried on the same charge, took the stand on his own behalf, and got off with a \$15 fine, the court holding he did not drive in excess of 70.

Willis Wilson of Manteo, who was supplementing his income as a taxi-driver by doing a little boot legging, was found guilty of the unlawful transportation of whiskey, and of selling it. He was fined \$100 and costs, but appealed to superior court.

A charge of careless and reckless driving against Willie L. Hill of Wilson was not pressed. Danforth T. Allen of Parkside, Md. See COURT, Page Six

TRASH PICK-UP SERVICE AT BUXTON \$1 MONTHLY

The proposed pick-up service for trash at Avon and Hatteras township to be operated by David Barnett is to cost \$1 per month for householders, and not \$1 per week, as was listed in our columns last week.

Persons interested in this service will advise Mr. Barnett who lives in Buxton.

DARE SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Mrs. Dennis Evans, superintendent of Dare County schools, will leave early Monday morning for Mars Hill, to attend the annual conference of school superintendents, held at Mars Hill College. Mr. Evans will accompany her.

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY

Sidney Shaw of Manteo will present the message at the morning service at Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo Sunday, August 12, during the vacation of the pastor, Rev. L. A. Aitken. On Sunday evening, the speaker will be W. H. Hofer of Manteo. Last Sunday the morning service was conducted by George Creef and the evening service by Willie Wise.