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## HIGH LAND ON 158 CHOSEN SITE FOR NEW K. H. SCHOOL

Tract Near Currituck Bridge at Old Duck Road Chosen This Week

The proposed new \$275,000 elementary school in Kitty Hawk District, for which a bond issue of \$200,000 on the Atlantic Township area, to be supported by a special tax was approved by the voters on January 5th, had the option of several sites, ranging from Collington Island to the Duck road and U. S. 158.

The latter site met the approval of a committee appearing before the Dare County Board of Education this week, which consisted of Capt. Pennel A. Tillett, Adolphus Hines, and Mrs. Linwood Tillett. They said it is in the geographical center to be served, all land needed is available, and it is all high land, safe from tides and protected from the bleak winds of winter.

In selecting this site, which will cost about \$15,000 for 15 acres, there appears full approval of the Board of Education, and of a large part of the citizens. The property is owned by the Southern Shores group of investors.

On the other hand, Mrs. Emily Mustian, Mayor of Kill Devil Hills, George Frank, Sam Liverman, Ira Partridge and Mrs. Troy Beasley wants the school located on a 76 acre tract southwest of the Wright Memorial on the shore of Kitty Hawk Bay, which is already owned by Dare County, having been taken over some 20 years ago for unpaid taxes.

In the village of Kitty Hawk, which offers the center of population of the school area, there was strong support for selecting the farm site of the late Capt. Ben Frank Perry.

David Stick, of Collington Island, had also offered free a 20-acre tract near the old Collington School building.

There are many citizens, ambitious for the building up of the Kitty Hawk school, and later enlargement into a high school, who foresee a possibility that in time, a large part of school enrollment from lower Currituck County will be brought to the new school. The site chosen is only about three miles from Point Harbor.

## 10th ANNUAL VALENTINE FOX HUNT UNDERWAY

Two packs of fox hounds were used in the 10th annual Nags Head Valentine Season Fox Hunt as it began on the Dare Beaches Thursday morning. One of the packs was owned by Master of Hunt John Ray Watkins and his brother Chandler Watkins of Oxford. Another pack of hounds owned by C. M. Forehan and R. C. Stevens of Murfreesboro, also on the hunt.

A spokesman at the Carolinian, headquarters of the hunt stated that on the opening day the dogs were running in lower Nags Head. "We are expecting about 100 persons to come as hunters or spectators before the three day hunt ends," it was stated.

On Friday evening at hunt headquarters there will be an oyster roast on the beach and on Saturday evening in The Pine Room a gala hunt ball with dancing to live music.

Among the attendants again this year are Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher of Bandon Plantation at Edenton, the distinguished author, Inglis Fletcher and her husband, who have attended the hunts each year since they were started 10 years ago.

## WATERFRONT DONATIONS NOW UP TO \$577.00

Two contributions of \$50.00 each bring the waterfront improvement treasury up to \$577, of which \$300 has been disbursed to the State for creosote lumber to be used in building docks. At the regular meeting of the committee Tuesday night of this week, it was decided to bring this material at earliest possible date from its present location at the foot of Currituck bridge. Also approved for immediate action was the hiring of a bulldozer operator to grade the lot being improved. Brown Paving Co. has agreed to furnish the bulldozer at no cost.

Contributors to the fund in the above-mentioned amount were the firms of Carson W. Creef and R. D. Sawyer Motor Co., both of Manteo.

## SOCK DANCE SATURDAY

A sock dance will be held Saturday night, February 16th in the Manteo gymnasium, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Proceeds will go to the high school athletic association.

## DIANE HOLLAND WILL SING



LOVELY DIANE HOLLAND, soprano, will appear in the role of Carolina in the forthcoming production of *THE SECRET MARRIAGE* by the National Grass Roots Opera Company in Manteo Thursday night, Feb. 14. Miss Holland, a recent graduate of the School of Music at Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans has appeared in over 100 performances with the Grass Roots troupe. Her repertoire includes leading coloratura roles in "The Barber of Seville," "School For Lovers" (Cosi Fan Tutte, "Don Pasquale" and "The Secret Marriage" in addition to other standard and contemporary works.

## NOTABLE BOOKS OF 1956 ARE LISTED IN DARE LIBRARY

"Christian Books—Heralds of Truth" is the theme of Catholic Book Week, February 17-23, which will be observed in the Dare Library by a display of the books recommended by the Catholic Library Association in their lists for each of the following groups; children, young adults and adults. Titles of available books have been checked and the lists posted on the bulletin board where interested patrons may see at a glance what is considered the best in Catholic reading.

Also on the bulletin board is a list of the 40 "Notable Books of 1956" as selected by the American Library Association. They are not the books that appear on the best-seller lists, although some of them do, but the books that the association feels make a real contribution to literature. Thirty-two of these have been ordered by the library, but not all have been received. Some of the books from this list that are finding favor with Dare readers are "The Years from ten to Sixteen" by Gessell, "A Single Pebble" by John Hersey, "Helen Keller" by Van Wyck Brooks, "This Hallowed Ground" by Bruce Catton, and "The Age of Fighting Sail" by C. S. Forester.

The president of the League of Women Voters states that the most hopeful trend in America today is the interest that citizens are showing in our foreign policy. To give the necessary background for understanding our dealings with Egypt the library has "From Pharaoh to Farouk," "Egypt's Liberation" by Colonel Nasser himself, and "Egypt's Destiny", a personal statement by Nasser's predecessor, Mohammed Naguib. There are also a number of books on Israel.

## HATTERAS LIGHTSHIP'S ANCHOR LOST, RECOVERED

The Diamond Lightship, stationed off Cape Hatteras, drifted off station for about a mile Sunday morning after losing its anchor when the anchor chain parted about 9:30 a.m. during a fairly rough sea. The lightship managed to return to its station in a couple of hours.

The Coast Guard buoy tender "Conifer," from the Fort Macon Base, which serves as a supply ship for the lightship, began dragging operations for the anchor Monday morning; twenty minutes later the crew felt something that proved to be the 138-pound anchor along with 135 fathoms of chain, located in 190 feet of water.



## JAMBOREE COMMITTEES ARE COMPLETING PLANS FOR BIG APRIL EVENT

A co-ordination of plans in connection with the Hatteras phase of the third annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree was discussed here Wednesday by members of the island's steering committeemen and officials of the event in the Roanoke Island and Dare Beaches area. The local meeting followed one by the Hatteras committeemen held on Sunday.

Under discussion was the matter of finances and innovations planned for the Jamboree this year that would be different from last year. Hatteras residents will meet again on Sunday, February 17, to complete their plans.

Present at the local meeting were William Gibson, Boyd Gray, Lloyd Styron, Millard Ballance, Calvin Burrus, Fred Jones and A. H. Gray from Hatteras Island and W. H. McCown, Tom Briggs, Mrs. Elizabeth Baum and Lawrence Swain of Manteo and the beaches. Gibson stated that included in the Hatteras plans was a bigger and better salt water fish fry. "Our folks are taking much interest in the coming event and the Hatteras phase," he stated.

"This year there will be more bearded men and we believe considerably more persons in costume than last year," he added. Efforts will be made to have more persons from Hatteras competing for the regalia titles of Pirate King and Queen this year.

A second meeting on Wednesday was held by Robert Thompson's committee on plans for a more elaborate "pirate landing" this year. At his meeting were Tom Basnight, Thomas Chears, Martin Kellogg and others.

Tom Briggs reported advertising sales for souvenir program as very good to date.

## THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR LUTHER H. HODGES

We Think This is An Exceptionally Interesting Address Made on His Accession to a New Term in Office, at Raleigh, on February 7, 1957.

Once every four years the people of North Carolina select by ballot a Chief Executive to administer the affairs of their state government. Once every four years there is held this solemn and impressive ceremony of inauguration for the new Governor and other selected state officials who have been given the responsibility of office. It is a moving experience to find myself as the man chosen to take the oath of office as Governor.

As the ninety-second individual to serve as Governor of North Carolina, I am aware that no greater honor can be given to any citizen of our State. I should like to express my profound appreciation to the thousands of people in every walk of life, and from every section of our State, who have given me their support and expressed their confidence in me and in what I have been doing to help our State and our economy move forward. The people of North Carolina have been very generous to me. To the members of the several General Assemblies with which I have been privileged to work, I wish to express my gratitude for a cooperative and constructive approach to the problems facing state government and to express my appreciation for the assistance which has been given me in so many ways.

And, may I now say to the members of this General Assembly that I am looking forward eagerly to working with you. You come as do I, directly from a mandate of the people, and we will together do our best to help this State as it faces great problems and great opportunities.

I fear that too few people really understand the responsibilities and activities of the General Assembly of North Carolina. There is often much unfair and unwarranted criticism of the General Assembly because of this lack of understanding. We have been fortunate over the years to have men of great ability, dedication and patriotism to serve and lead the affairs of our legislative bodies. I have often pointed to this outstanding record of service on the part of our legislators because I know from first-hand experience that this is true. I am proud to be associated with you!

We have about 75,000 people employed by the State to serve our departments and agencies, including our great public schools. These employees, their supervisors and our agency and department heads have demonstrated high character, loyalty, ability and a willingness to improve not only the job at hand, but the work of the state as a whole. I wish to express sincere appreciation for the work of our state employees, and to thank them for their co-

## HANDSOME YOUNG WOMAN LIVING WITH DOCTOR DISAPPEARS

Mary Ann Scales, 33 of Trenton, N. J. Disappears off Ocracoke Island Saturday Night

There is something which rings peculiar about the disappearance of Mrs. Mary Ann Scales, a good-looking 33-year-old divorcee who was travelling on a small yacht with Dr. James T. Dodge of Trenton, N. J. The doctor, 45, who is also a divorcee, says she disappeared from the boat some time Saturday night. The couple had come all the way from Manasquan, N. J., and had first visited Belhaven, stopping by Axson Smith's hotel.



Why the Doctor anchored his boat in Pamlico Sound when there See MYSTERY, Page Eight

Other cases heard by Judge Baum this week were as follows: Robert S. Perry, paid \$5 and costs for speeding at 60 m.p.h.; Harry Hayman, Manteo taxi-driver, paid for speeding 35 m.p.h. in town, \$10 and costs. Jeremy Payne, Jr., submitted to a charge of operating with no lights, and illegal parking in the town of Kill Devil Hills and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Bannie M. Williams, 62, of Avon, paid fines of \$125 and costs for driving drunk and allowing an unlicensed operator to drive his car. John Madison Scarborough, 19, who was driving Williams' car, paid a \$25 fine and costs; and a fine of \$5 for improper passing.

Ellis Ray Berry of Manteo, who had been eluding and evading the court since last August, on a charge of driving drunk, and speeding at 70 m.p.h., came in the court, pleaded guilty, and paid fines of \$115 and costs, as he now wishes to enlist in the army.

## MANY INTERESTING THINGS SHAPE UP AT OCRACOKE ISLE

Beach Erosion Survey, New Flying Service; More Land Development

Ocracoke, Feb. 11.—Word has been received by members of the local Civic Club that Major General Charles G. Holle, USA, President of Beach Erosion Board, and Col. Harry E. Brown, director of the N. C. State Hurricane Rehabilitation Program, and party will arrive at Ocracoke on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, at about mid-afternoon to make a study of erosion conditions here. They are making a study of conditions along the Outer Banks and will come in from Hatteras that day and go on southward the following day.

Also here on Tuesday will be Edward F. Gray, Field Representative of Social Security. Mr. Gray plans to get here on the mailboat Tuesday and will be available at the school house that night from 7 p.m. on to meet with any desiring information about social security.

Ocracoke now has daily airplane contact with Washington, N. C. Tommie Stancil of the Stancil Flying Service makes a trip over each afternoon arriving here at about 3 p.m. and leaving about 5 p.m. He is giving air express service and is bringing over with him the Washington Daily News for distribution here. Round-trip passenger rates are given permitting Ocracokers to go to Washington one day, do business there, and return the following afternoon. Mr. Stancil will also cater to the summer tourist trade to and from the island.

## CASE PETERS OUT AGAINST PETERSON FOR WIFE STEALING

Judge Accepts Attorney's Recommendation Nol Prose; Returned Wife Warrants Husband.

The long awaited trial of James J. Peterson who was charged by Carl Beasley of Kill Devil Hills for stealing his wife, Mrs. Braunda C. Beasley, and taking her to Florida, finally petered out this week when it came up before Judge Baum in Dare Recorders Court. County Attorney Martin Kellogg told the court he didn't think he could produce enough testimony to convict Peterson of abduction, and his request for a nol pro se was granted.

Mrs. Beasley had previously returned home from Florida, and she was in court but did not appear on the stand. On Wednesday, the 13th, the day after court, she appeared with Sheriff Frank Cahoon before Clerk of Court C. S. Meekins and swore out a warrant against her husband Beasley, whom she said stayed drunk, even when she was back home, had beat her and threatened to kill her if she again left the house. This case is set for trial Tuesday of next week.

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Two of the Methodist church groups met this past week. Circle I met on Tuesday night with Doris Garrish presiding. Plans were discussed for a St. Patrick's supper on March 16th. The group enjoyed several contests. A part of the evening's fun was an exhibit of baby or teen-age pictures of everyone present. Hostesses were Mrs. Kermit Robinson. Mrs. Wilma Williams, Miss Liz Scarborough, and Mrs. Theodore Ronthaler. Circle 2 met on Friday night. Mrs. Fletcher Hoggard and Mrs. David F. O'Neal were hostesses. This group See OCRACOKE, Page Four

## PURCHASE OF UTILITIES ON ROANOKE ISLAND BY VEPCO LOOMS IN SIGHT THIS WEEK

Manteo Town Board Receives Request For Franchise from Ray Goodmon, Company Official; Decision Delayed, But Agreement May Be in Sight Between Owners and VEPCO.

## K. D. HILLS WOMAN MAYOR NOT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

MRS. EMILY F. MUSTIAN, the only woman Mayor of Kill Devil Hills, the office in Dare County, or in northeastern N. C. for that matter, stated this week that she does not plan to be a candidate in the election of May 7th for another term as Mayor of Kill Devil Hills.

Mustian has had a successful administration, and appears to be approved by most of the citizens of her town, but she says she wants to be free to go wherever and whenever she pleases, and share the semi-retirement that her husband, Dr. Wallace Mustian enjoys.

## EFFORTS TO REFOAT TRAWLER "SEA KING"

Efforts were being made today to refloat the Hatteras-based fishing trawler "Sea King", grounded on Clark's Reef near Hatteras and sunk during a gale on Monday night. The "Sea King" is owned by Donald Oden of Hatteras and she was used in trawling operations offshore.

When she went aground on Monday night Snowden Quitley, her skipper and Eriss Waterfield, both of Hatteras were aboard. They were rescued Tuesday morning following an air-sea search operation in the area.

Initial efforts to refloat the vessel on Wednesday were made when Capt. Trafton Stowe's "Miss v-one" with group of Hatteras men aboard attempted to tow the vessel to safety. On Thursday morning, Carlos Oden reported that the efforts had been successful but he expressed the opinion that if large pumps could be acquired, the vessel could be saved, unless another gale changes the present situation.

## MANTEO WSCS TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR KITCHEN

Methodist Men's Club To Furnish Labor For Building Cabinets

Despite the weather and prevailing illness throughout the community representatives from all circles of the Mount Olivet Woman's Society of Christian Service gathered Thursday evening at the church in Manteo to carry on the general business of the organization. Mrs. Elmer R. Midgett presided and opened the session with the question "What is a perfect circle?" Her thoughts for meditation pointed up the idea that the chain is no stronger than the weakest link.

Mrs. Brancy Peterson presented a quarterly report and financial record. The president reported that members of the Men's Club are willing to furnish labor for a new project of building kitchen cabinets whereupon the women voted unanimously to purchase the materials. Plans in detail are being drawn by John Allen. The Society was requested to furnish hostesses for the teachers coming March 3, 4, and 5 as instructors in the Dare Sub-district Christian Workers School. Committee appointments were made. Mrs. Peterson was elected delegate to the annual WSCS conference to be held in April at Goldsboro. All members were reminded that the Treasure Chests are to be opened in April.

Mrs. Burwell Evans and Mrs. Lyna Harbour presented the closing devotional with the theme "Whom shall I send?"

## LOCAL BASKETBALL GAMES A BIG SUCCESS SATURDAY

The basketball games sponsored by the Manteo MYF were a big success as a large crowd turned out, both to play and to witness the fun. The ladies especially had a good time in playing, as well as the men. A total of \$130 was taken in by the organization. These funds will be used in several church projects and other worthy causes.

Mrs. Raymond Wescott, who had charge of the affair says that she wishes to thank everyone for their help in playing and in staging the event.

Possibility of the purchase of the electric power system on Roanoke Island by Virginia Electric & Power Company appeared this week when Vepco Vice-President Ray Goodmon of Williamston, appeared before the Manteo Town Board in the interest of a franchise for his company. The Roanoke Utilities franchise expires in about two years.

The property is now owned by the Roanoke Utilities Co., consisting of members of the Fearing family, who have operated the business about 30 years. It was begun by Dr. F. P. Gates of Manteo, whose son, Frank, sold it to the Fearings. Until in the mid-thirties, the current was manufactured by diesel motor in Manteo, but for many years has been purchased of VEPCO. At one time, the Roanoke Utilities lines extended to Kill Devil Hills but this part of their system was sold to VEPCO in the thirties.

The Manteo town board, some members of which have been turning over in their minds the idea of putting the town itself in the power business, did not make a decision on the request of Mr. Goodmon. But they are expected to make a decision in a day or two.

The action of Mr. Goodmon may indicate that a basis of agreement has been reached with the Fearing Bros. since they have been offering to buy for some years. It has been generally understood that VEPCO has been offering in excess of \$150,000 for the property, and said they would discard the present poles and wires, and build a new system on Roanoke Island. Present VEPCO rates would be considerably less than those now charged.

The VEPCO is now completing a big high power transmission system near the Roanoke Soundside of Nags Head, which connects at Whalebone with the present lines. This company supplies current to all northeastern North Carolina, the town of Belhaven, the Pamlico Power and Light Co. of Engelhard having discarded use of their plant during the past several years, and now use VEPCO power.

In fact it has been demonstrated that small electric systems, due to modern-day costs of fuel and other expenses cannot hope to continue to operate in comparison with the big power systems, without charging consumers an unsatisfactory price for current, which gives rise to much complaint. At the present time, the Roanoke Utilities has a case pending before the Commission in Raleigh which was heard on January 15, calling for cause why rates should not be reduced on Roanoke Island.

The commission has not rendered the decision, but many people believe that the decision will come See UTILITIES, Page Eight

## NEW EPISCOPAL MINISTER TO SERVE AT NAGS HEAD

The Rev. Robert W. Turner of Nashville, Tenn., who has accepted a call to become pastor of St. Andrews-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church here, will move in time to conduct services March 3.

A house in Manteo has been rented for his use, although the parish has a building program which includes the erection of a rectory.

The Rev. Mr. Turner, who has served parishes at Warrenton and other North Carolina towns was for a time missionary in the Panama Canal zone. Upon his return to the States he went to his home city of Nashville to take charge of a parish there.

The new rector will be accompanied here by his wife and three children. Mrs. Turner's home was in Louisville before her marriage. Although St.-Andrews-By-The-Sea was established many years ago by the late Dr. Drane when he was rector of the Episcopal Church in Edenton, it was open only in summer to serve the summer visitors. Visiting clergymen held the services. A little more than two years ago arrangements were made to have the church open all year. A vestry was appointed by the bishop and the Rev. A. C. D. Nee of Bath, who had retired as rector of the church here, became pastor at Nags Head. Since May, however, he has held only occasional services under restrictions of his retirement benefits but services have been held each Sunday by lay leaders John Earle and Aycock Brown.