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ELECTRIC SURVEY REPORT RECEIVED BY TOWN BOARD

Meeting Will Be Held Friday at
3 p.m. to Review It and Fix
Nominating Committee

Due to the necessity of one of the members having to be out of town next week, when M. L. Daniels Jr. is to attend a business management school in Chapel Hill, the regular meeting of the Manteo town Board which falls ordinarily on Tuesday, April 8, has been moved up.

Instead, the Board will meet this Friday, April 5 in the Manteo town hall at 3 p.m., at which time it is planned to fix the date for the customary public meeting to nominate candidates for town offices to be voted on in the election on May 7th.

Beside the other usual business of the Board, there will be offered for consideration, a report made by O. J. McColl, a Norfolk engineer, on the probable cost to the town of entering the electric power business. This report was turned in this week to M. L. Daniels Jr. and S. E. Midgett, aldermen of the town who have been investigating to see if the town would be justified in taking over the business of those customers now served in town by Roanoke Utilities.

This report, it is understood, anticipates the town starting off the first year with a bonded indebtedness of \$50,000. Taking care of this debt and operating the system would cost an estimated \$24,700 a year. Further estimates show the town would take in \$25,500 a year for electricity, based on full collections and provided the current could be bought of Veeco at one See SURVEY, Page Five

MRS. GRAY SUES FOR \$75,000, RESULT SEVERE INJURIES

Famed Maker of Dolls Sustained
Damage in Collision With
Garbage Truck

Mrs. Julia Culbreth Gray of Dare County, the nationally-known maker of dolls who has operated businesses on Roanoke Island, Nags Head, Washington, D. C. and Florida, has a suit pending in Dare County Superior court asking for \$75,000 damages as the result of severe personal injuries she sustained on August 22, 1955.

The injuries occurred when the car in which she was riding, and which was driven by Mrs. Ethelyn L. Watts, then living in Dare County, crashed into the rear end of a truck stopped on the highway in the process of picking up garbage at Nags Head.

Named as defendants in this suit is Mrs. Watts, driver of the car, Leonard Midgett of Manteo, garbage contractor, and his driver, a negro named George Washington King of Manteo.

Mrs. Gray, who spent the greater part of the time in hospitals in Elizabeth City and Charlotte, N.C., suffering from painful and permanent injuries, alleges negligence on the part of both Mrs. Watts and of the owner of the truck and its operator, Mr. Midgett and King. She now continues to walk with a crutch and in a brace. She is represented by John Hall and Forrest Dunstan of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Watts' lawyers are LeRoy and Goodwin of Elizabeth City, while Midgett and King are represented by Worth and Horner, also of Elizabeth City.

BUCCANEERS TO DANCE AT HATTERAS APRIL 6

Dave Smith's Combo will make the music for the colorful costumed Buccaneer Ball at Hatteras Community Center on Saturday night, April 6, it has been announced by Lloyd Styron, chairman.

In addition to music and dancing, a costume contest and other interesting events are scheduled. Monies derived from admission charges will, after expenses, help defray the expenses of the Hatteras Island phase of Dare Coast Jamboree which is scheduled to open the third annual event on Hatteras, April 26.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION IN MANTEO FOR SIX-YEAR-OLDS

All parents who have children to enter the Manteo school next fall are requested by Principal W. H. Bunch to bring them to the Primary school building in Manteo on April 10 between the hours of 1:30 and four p.m., for registration. After being registered, they may go to the Health Center for physical check-ups. All children must be six years old by October 15 in order to enter school.

MANTEO BOY WINS \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP IN DURHAM



RICHARD SHANNON of Manteo, a senior who entered Northern High School, Durham this year, after his parents moved to that city, has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Wake Forest, following a series of interviews at that college. He has a scholastic average of 95.5 for four years of high school. In the Manteo school he rated among the top notches for ability and application. He has been chosen valedictorian of the Durham school in which there are 87 Seniors. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Shannon of Manteo, and who are now living at Birmingham Avenue, Durham, where Mr. Shannon is in the masonry business. His former student pals in Manteo are highly gratified at his remarkable record, in school

LIQUOR FUNDS TO BE USED TO BRING TOURISTS TO AREA

County Board Votes Appreciation
for Mrs. Van Ness Harwood,
County Librarian

Dare this week took action in behalf of legislation whereby half of the profits from liquor sales in the county would be assigned to the tourist bureau for tourist promotion work, inasmuch as tourists are considered to bring half the business to the stores.

Many citizens appeared in behalf of the plan, representing numerous business interests. Some opposition was found on the Board, in that Commissioner Perry wanted to hold an election about it and let the people vote on it. Other members of the Board didn't consider it important enough to spend \$3,000 to hold an election for this purpose.

The Board passed resolutions praising Mrs. Van Ness Harwood for her long service toward building up the Dare County Library in Manteo, and gave her the larger part of the credit for what has been accomplished during the past several years.

A petition sent in by R. D. Owens See FUNDS, Page Four

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STAGES ANNUAL BANQUET

Manteo Teams Honored at Dinner at
Shrine Club by Their Parents;
Dance Follows Dinner

The annual banquet of the Manteo High School Athletic Association was held last Friday evening in the Shrine Club at Nags Head with a record crowd in attendance. The banquet was given by parents of the association members and the colors of black and gold were carried out in the decorations. Bowls of jonquils centered the tables, and place cards were in the shape of basketballs with referee whistles attached. A turkey dinner was served. Those attending included players and faculty members, and school board members, with the parents coming in for dessert. A dance followed the dinner.

The invocation was given by George W. Burch of the faculty. Principal W. H. Bunch gave the address of welcome, Allen Dough and Bobby Duvall responding. A toast to the teams was given by Mr. Burch, and response by Mabel Jean Basnight and McCoy Tillett, Jr. Reviews of the teams came from coaches A. O. Ayers, W. H. Fry and Clarence Butler. R. O. Ballance, school board member, acted as toastmaster and gave a small memento to each player, and special gifts to each of the 12 girls on the first string basketball team who won the tournament, and to coach Ayers. Mr. Ayers coached the girls' basketball team, Mr. Fry the boys' basketball team and Mr. Butler the football team during the season just past.

50 LOVELY DARE COUNTY GIRLS TO CONTEST FRIDAY

Event at Manteo High School to
Select County's Entry For
Bridge Celebration

Approximately 50 lovely girls from all sections of Dare will compete in an evening-frock beauty contest at Manteo school Auditorium Friday night, April 5, at 8 o'clock, and from the group a winner will be selected to represent this county at the William B. Umstead Bridge Dedication on Thursday, April 25 on the eve of Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree.

The competition on Friday evening will be a feature of the Mt. Olive Methodist Church-sponsored Spring Fashion Show that will be presented on the stage during the evening under the direction of Mrs. Pat Wescott.

The Fashion show attractions will include not only the latest in wearing apparel from local firms, but also comedy and music. An act billed as the Barnacle Billy Band will be a musical highlight and also on the program will be talented Millie Brown at the piano.

The Beauty Show feature will be under the sponsorship of Manteo Rotary Club from which a committee headed by Dan Morrill has been responsible for bringing together perhaps the largest number of pretty girls ever entered in competition in a North Carolina county.

"By early this week 46 girls from Kitty Hawk to Hatteras and from Nags Head to Stumpy Point had been lined up to take part in the contest, and each are sponsored by commercial firms or individuals who paid entry fees for the privilege," said Morrill.

The entry fee for each girl entered will be used in defraying overnight expenses of contestants who are unable to return to their homes after the contest on Friday night. This group includes at least 18 entrants and their chaperones from Hatteras Island. Morrill's Island Studio will be information headquarters for any contestants seeking information about housing. His Rotary Committee assisting in arrangements includes See GIRLS, Page Four

CASES DISPOSED OF IN TUESDAY RECORDER COURT

Traffic cases prevailed in Dare Recorder's Court this week, the following being disposed of by Judge W. F. Baum.

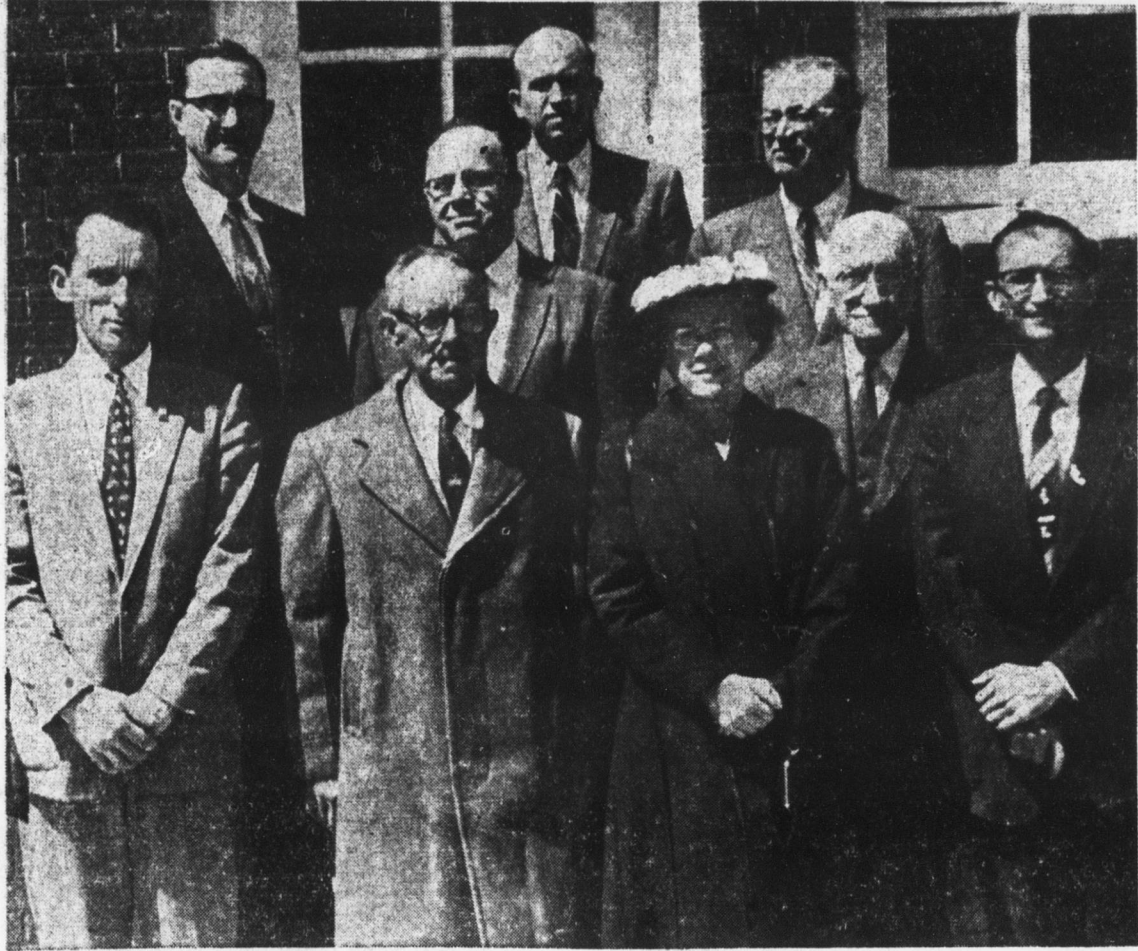
Mose Elliott Peterson of Hyde Co. paid \$10 for operating a vehicle with improper brakes. Talmadge M. Austin of Hatteras paid \$25 and costs for driving without an operator's license.

Albert A. Bridgers, for careless and reckless driving and speeding at 65 miles per hour, paid fines totalling \$35 and costs. Wiley Green Beasley paid \$10 and costs for driving too close to another car and attempting to pass in a risky manner.

Robert Bruce Best, 17 of Kitty Hawk, paid \$10 and costs for speeding at 65 miles per hour. Nellie Twiford Perry, for driving without an operators license paid \$25 and costs. Richard Speight Smith paid \$25 and costs for driving after his chauffeur's license had expired.

Charlie Julian Crank, 65 of Wanchese, paid \$10 and costs for driving at 65 miles per hour.

SOME WHO CARRIED THE BURDEN OF BUILDING NEW HATTERAS CHURCH



PICTURED here are some of the leaders in the movement for the new Hatteras Methodist Church which was consecrated for worship Sunday, and in the picture are the pastor and visiting ministers, who were former pastors. In the top row, left to right are Rev. Dan Meadows, who is now pastor of the Bath charge, and who for three years was leader and preacher at Hatteras. Next is Rev. Earl R. Meekins of Winfall, third Rev. Ray Sparrow, and fourth, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District. Bottom row: Roy Gray, Superintendent of the Sunday School; Carlos Peele, Chairman of the Building Committee; Mrs. Nacie (Maude) Austin, Chairman, Official Church Board; Rev. Maynard O. Fletcher of Washington, retired minister, part time resident of and longtime friend of the community, and Rev. W. G. Gregory of Creswell, a former pastor of the church. All photos by Victor Meekins

MANTEO FIRM LOW BIDDER, AT \$142,400 ON TYRRELL SCHOOL

Kellogg & Cuthrell Would Build
New Columbia Classrooms
and Gym

The Manteo contracting firm of Kellogg & Cuthrell was the low bidder last week in the sum of \$142,400 on general contract of constructing a new school building with 12 class rooms, and a gymnasium building in the town of Columbia. If the bid finds approval in Raleigh, construction will start within 30 days thereafter, and the gymnasium would be ready for the first games of next season.

J. G. Kellogg of this firm was the builder of the new Cape Hatteras High School which was completed two years ago at Buxton. This job cost more than \$150,000 for the general contract.

The other low bidder for the Tyrrell County job were J. B. Cartwright of Elizabeth City on the plumbing contract at \$13,210, and for the heating, the sum of \$18,296. The entire job will cost near \$175,000.

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REVIVAL AT BETHANY

Revival services at Bethany Methodist Church in Wanchese will begin Sunday evening, April 7, and continue through Friday, April 12, with services at 7:30 each evening. Rev. Van T. Crawford of Murfreesboro will be the guest minister, and the public is invited to attend.

GREATLY IMPROVED MANTEO STORE OPENING THIS WEEK IS NOTABLE EXAMPLE OF FATHER-SON TEAM FORGING AHEAD



THOS. B. DANIELS

SOMETHING NEW and something bigger for Manteo will be thrown open to the public next week, when the newly remodeled Ben Franklin Store opens its door, with a completely new interior finish and arrangement, new and larger stocks, and one of the first in this area to inaugurate self service throughout.

The owners and operators of this store are a united father and son team, the first being a veteran in business and the second having joined the firm a few years ago. M. L. Daniels Sr. knows the business life of the community from away back, he having often facetiously said he began business back about 1912 with a crate of pop and a bunch of bananas, when he and the late Ed Midgett opened a small store. Mr. Midgett being in the Coast Guard, he soon sold his in-

M. L. DANIELS, SR.

terest to Mr. Daniels, who has continued the business ever since, a business which rapidly expanded from the start, and soon became a general store. Thos. B. Daniels, younger son of the family, joined hands with his father some six years ago, and the two of them have been making a remarkable success, operating now as the Ben Franklin Store, which by reason of its affiliation with a large auditing and buying system, gains advantage of the latest merchandising, buying and accounting methods. About a year and a half ago, the son came to be a full partner in the business which he and his daddy now own between them.

The Ben Franklin store is a heartening example of several in this area, illustrating the success that can be accomplished when a father and son team up in mutual affection and interest, looking toward the goal of establishing a monumental family business. One can readily imagine the pride and satisfaction that comes to a man who has reached the summit of life, and is looking down into the twilight valley on the other side, and is secure in the knowledge that one or more sons stand loyally by his side; and who out of appreciation and mutual interest in the family security and progress, are willing to put into the same business the same sort of energy, interest and devotion that built it from a small beginning.

Indeed the business founded by M. L. Daniels 45 years ago, without capital, and which has survived through disastrous fire and tides that all but wiped it out, and kept it out of business for long periods while a new start was being made, might readily be a source of satisfaction to most any man. It is monument to a man's thrift, perseverance, and hard work, who despite disaster and discouragement See NEW STORE, Page Four

PRIDE AND DELIGHT MARKS OPENING OF HATTERAS CHURCH

A Day of Fellowship as Methodists
Officially Open New Build-
ing For Worship

Fair skies, and a full auditorium favored one of the biggest events in the religious history of Hatteras Island Sunday, when the new brick church building was used for worship for the first time. Attending the service at 11 a.m. were several former pastors of the church. These included Rev. Dan Meadows, Rev. Earl R. Meekins, Rev. W. B. Gregory and Rev. C. Freeman Heath, District Superintendent. All had parts in the service. Rev. Maynard O. Fletcher of Washington was an honored guest. He is a retired minister.

The congregation was reminded that there is an obligation of some \$20,000 on what is said to be a \$75,000 church plant, although, due to generous contributions of time and materials by various people, it did not cost this sum in actual money. But knowing the will and spirit of the congregation there is no doubt but that this sum will soon be raised.

The opening declaration by the Rev. Mr. Heath. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Gregory, the sermon by Rev. Dan Meadows, under whose leadership a great job was done in the building of this project.

Nine children were baptised during this service. A special attraction was the Youth Choir of Bethany church Winsteadville, where Mr. Meadows is now stationed. This group of some 20 young singers were an exceptionally handsome and clean cut assembly with wonderful voices.

Acknowledgement was made to several specific donors to the project. J. W. Scarborough of Avon wired the building without charge; See CHURCH, Page Four

MAYOR'S RACE SHAPES UP AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

Mrs. Emily Mustian Reconsiders and
Announces Candidacy for
Re-election

Mrs. Emily Mustian, who had previously announced definitely that she would not be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor of Kill Devil Hills, stated this week that the press of opinion had caused her to reconsider, and she would be a candidate.

Attorney Thos Cheers, while not having announced, is considered to already be in the race for Mayor. Mr. Cheers says he sees some things at Kill Devil Hills for the betterment of the community but has stated no platform. Mrs. Mustian says she is definitely opposed to any increase in taxes.

Elton Twiford is the only present member of the Board who has said he would run again for Alderman. Other candidates who have announced for this office are Eddie V. Melson, R. E. Parker Jr. and R. H. Cooke. Miss Jennette Gray is a candidate for town treasurer.

ELLIS GRAY IS CHAIRMAN DARE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ellis Gray of Avon after some four terms on the Dare County Board of Education, was named chairman this week when the new Board met to take oath and organize. One of the new members, Leland Wise of Stumpy Point who is now living in Norfolk failed to show up, but did come next day to take the oath of offices. The members are Mrs. Susie Briggs of Kitty Hawk, S. L. Scarborough of Buxton, R. O. Ballance of Manteo, and Mr. Wise and Mr. Gray.

Mrs. Mary L. Evans was elected for a fourth term of two years as Superintendent of the Dare County schools.

The Board discussed the acquisition of a 15-acre site at Kitty Hawk which is expected to cost more than the \$15,000 allotted for a new school to be built there. Also the proposed Manteo school is being discussed, plans for which are expected to be ready in two weeks, and which is to cost \$250,000.

ARLINGTON HOTEL OPENS FOR SEASON AT NAGS HEAD

Dewey and Phoebe Hayman opened the ever popular Arlington Hotel and dining room at Nags Head, on April 1, and they are catering this year, more than ever to the service of meals to outside guests, whereby Nags Head gets the advantage of additional de luxe restaurant service.

The Haymans recently returned from Washington, D. C., where they were employed for the winter, and in a few weeks have given the popular old hotel and its brand new additions a complete going over.