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ANTI-MUNICIPALITY GROUP LEADING IN KILL DEVIL HILLS

New Board of Aldermen Named and Write-in Contest Reduce Mayor's Vote.

Three men elected to the Board of Aldermen in Kill Devil Hills Tuesday, are considered to be advocates for abolishing the municipality, Eddie V. Melson, hotel operator, led with a vote of 71, while R. H. Cook, and R. E. Parker Jr., both motel operators, carried votes of 64 and 59 respectively.

Mayor Emily Mustian, who got 55 votes was challenged by write-in votes for two candidates. Walter D. Perry, former Chairman of the Board of Education got 35 votes and four disputed ones, while former Mayor J. L. Murphy got six votes and one disputed one.

Runners up in the race for aldermen were E. C. Twiford and Thos. H. Briggs incumbents, with 54 and 46 votes respectively. R. A. Young, incumbent, who didn't seek re-election got one write-in vote for alderman. Major Murphy got two votes as a write-in candidate for alderman.

Miss Jennette Gray, unopposed for re-election as town treasurer, led the ticket with a vote of 88.

Jack Ballance, who had previously been an announced candidate for Alderman, withdrew from the race a week before the election.

BIG BOAT RACING EVENT IN MANTEO ON MAY 25 and 26

Next big event scheduled for the Dare Coast will be the American Power Boat Sanctioned Regatta in Manteo Harbor on Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26. Sponsored by the Dare Power Boat Association of Manteo, this event will feature outboard races on Saturday followed by fast inboard classics on Sunday afternoon, it was stated here today by Dr. W. W. Harvey, who has charge of the publicity for the coming event.

The races follow by exactly one month the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree.

"Because we can expect more favorable weather than usually prevails in late April, we expect to have the biggest races in the history of our annual regattas," said Dr. Harvey.

Real reason, however, that the races were postponed, is that May 25-26 are the only dates open this Spring when it was possible to get APBA-sanctionship. "Without this national organization, it is difficult to get boats from a wide area, as we expect this year," Dr. Harvey explained.

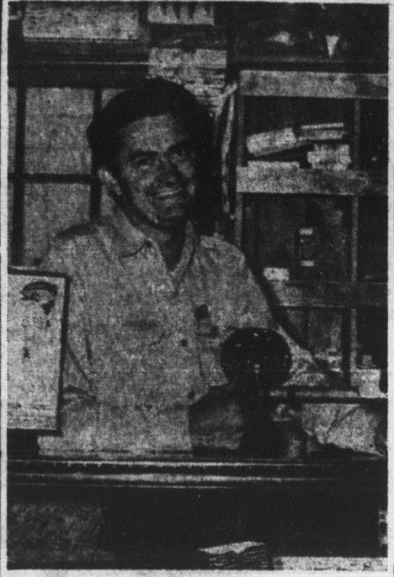
Tentatively scheduled for the regatta are 15 classes of fast boats. These include for the Saturday outboard races: A-B-C-D Stock Utility craft and A-B-C-D Stock Hydroplanes. The first heat on Saturday begins at 12:20 o'clock and the final heat will be at 5:20. There will be special Elimination Races between 11 and 12 noon on Saturday.

On Sunday, seven classes of inboards will include 48 cu. in. hydros; Pacific in one class; 135 cu. in. hydros; 136 cu. in. hydros, 280 cu. in. hydros, 225 cu. in. hydros, and 266 cu. in. hydros.

40 JURORS CHOSEN FOR MAY TERM DARE SUPERIOR COURT

The following persons were chosen for jury duty by the Dare County Commissioners Tuesday, to serve in the May term of Dare Superior Court. From Manteo: LeRoy Etheridge, Sr., Peggy Etheridge and John B. Etheridge, three out of one family, and I. Newton Davis. Thos. E. Dough. From Wanchese: Robert S. Barnett, Warren Gallop, Robert Daniels and Rondal Tillett. From Manns Harbor: Wilbur Pinner, G. C. Gard, Lester Sawyer, and John M. Creef. From Stumpy Point: Edna Wise, Muri P. Twiford, Carson Meekins, Gaither Gray, and Guy Best. From East Lake: E. B. Creef, and Ethelle Twiford. From Mashoes: Thos. R. Midgett. From Kitty Hawk: Lewis Tate, Mrs. Carlos Dowdy, Leon Perry, Mrs. Guy Hayman, and Orville Baum. From Colington: Sam Liverman, and Ernest E. Rogers. From Kill Devil Hills: Alice Dean Tillett, and Mrs. Manie Haywood. From Nags Head, Milton T. Henley, Andrew Wiler, W. L. Mann, and C. S. Culpepper. From Buxton: N. F. Jennette, Jr., John E. Midgett, Frederick B. Gaskins, from Salvo, Garland A. Hooper. From Hatteras: Janie R. O'Neal, Laura Lette, Mrs. Donald Stowe, Carlos Peele and Levin Fulcher. From Rodanthe: W. V. Watson. From Waves: Salina Midgett. From Kill Devil Hills: Charlie O. Basnight. From Frisco, Geo. W. Austin. From Avon: Arkansas Hooper, D. J. Gray, Willard G. Gray, Jr., Eugene Gray, and Percy Williams.

NEW OPERATOR OF OREGON INLET FISHING CENTER



H. A. CREEF, Jr., heretofore manager of an oil business at Manteo, has taken over the operation of Oregon Inlet Fishing Center through arrangements made with Capt. Toby Tillett of Wanchese, and approved by the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. The fishing center, near Nags Head, is one of the largest, and busiest along the mid-Atlantic Coast with berthing facilities for up to 100 sportsfishing cruisers. Creef, shown inside the Center's headquarters surrounded with tackle, is associated with his father, H. A. Creef, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gray, and George Creef. (Photo by Brantley Brown)

FUNDS DENIED TO BEGIN PROGRAM OF FLOOD INSURANCE

Rep. Bonner Expresses Renewed Hope However for Amendment Authorizing \$14 Million

Washington, May 3.—The proposed federal flood disaster insurance program suffered a major setback last Friday when the House Appropriations Committee denied funds for the new program.

The committee accepted the recommendations of the Independent Offices Appropriation subcommittee headed by Rep. Albert Thomas (D-Texas) in denying the \$50 million requested to start the program authorized by Congress last year.

An amendment, offered by Rep. Edward P. Boland (D-Mass.) to provide \$14 million for the program, also was voted down by the full committee. The two North Carolinians on the committee, Reps. Hugh Q. Alexander and Charles R. Jonas, voted for Boland's amendment, which was rejected 19-14.

Reps. Herbert C. Bonner and Graham A. Barden, staunch supporters of the program, voiced disappointment at the committee's action. Both expressed the opinion at that time that the only hope of launching the program this year was through Senate action.

The two Congressmen, together with Reps. Alton A. Lennon and L. H. Fountain, earlier testified before the Thomas subcommittee on the need for flood disaster insurance and urged that funds be provided for the program.

Renewed Hope
Rep. Bonner expressed renewed hope Monday after conferring with several members of the House Appropriations Committee and other See PROGRAM, Page Seven

BLUEFISH RUN REPORTED GREATEST IN MANY YEARS

From Southern Shores to Ocracoke, great herds of bluefish were hitting bait and lures of anglers this week, regardless of where an angler was fishing. On Wednesday night Ranny Jennette of Buxton called Manteo to report that more than 2,000 blues had been landed by some 40 fishermen casting in the surf at Cape Hatteras. The fish were still biting at dusk and with weather conditions such as they are, this should be a record-breaking bluefish weekend, at all Dare coast points.

Earlier Wednesday, Brantley Brown, covering Oregon Inlet with his camera, reported that all angler-laden boats in the area had caught plenty of blues. "Some of them ran to 2½ pounds each," he said, and added "they also caught channel bass." E. P. White of Buxton reported unusually good catches.

Jack Willis at Ocracoke reported earlier this week that anglers there were catching channel bass in the surf and also by casting from boats anchored in sloughs near Ocracoke Inlet.

Hatteras reported an unprecedented number of blues in the inlet there, and also several channel bass landed during the week. Gulf Stream fishing was also reported on the upgrade.

NPS CONCESSION AT OREGON INLET BOUGHT BY CREEF

J. B. (Tobey) Tillett Sells to Manteo Men, Business Catering to Tourists and Fishermen

Largest business deal of the year in Dare County appears to be the sale of the NPS concession at Oregon Inlet, heretofore operated by J. B. (Tobey) Tillett for the past four years, and which is announced this week. Mr. Tillett states he has sold the business to H. A. Creef, H. A. Creef Jr., George Creef and Wallace Gray.

The purchased price is not disclosed, but is said to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000, which is in line with other offers that had been made for the concession, which is granted by the National Park Service, owners of the property.

Several interests in Dare County and Elizabeth City were interested in getting the property, negotiations having been underway for several months.

Mr. Tillett will remain with the new operators for an indefinite period while the operation is getting See OREGON INLET, Page Seven

BIDS INVITED ON 45 MILES DITCHES IN DARE

Projects Include Manteo, Wanchese, Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, Colington and Hatteras Island

Wilmington, May 8.—An invitation for bids was issued here today by the Corps of Engineers for the restoration of some 45 miles of drainage ditches in Dare County.

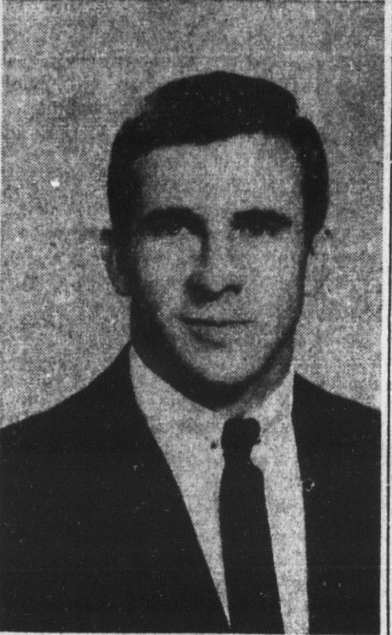
Bids are scheduled to be opened here May 28 with the successful bidder required to begin work in 15 days and complete the job in six months.

The work will be performed by private contractors and supervised by the Corps of Engineers for the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

The areas involved are, in linear feet: Manteo, 43,000; Wanchese, 70,000; Waves to Hatteras, 33,000; Kitty Hawk, 48,000, and Stumpy Point, Nags Head and Colington, 45,000.

These are projects that were worked up a year ago to be paid for from disaster relief funds resulting from the storms of the fall of 1955.

OUTSTANDING CADET IN EAST CAROLINA COLLEGE



HOWARD WADE NIXON, of Manteo, a Cadet 1st Lieutenant in East Carolina College's Air Force ROTC is among top cadets who were accorded unusual recognition for superior achievement last week in ceremonies conducted during the annual Federal inspection of the campus detachment.

Cadet Nixon receives the Reserve Officers Association Certificate, for excellent appearance, precision, courtesy, scholastic work, leadership and fundamentals of good citizenship.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Nixon of Manteo, and attended school in Norfolk, Va., and was a 1953 graduate of the Manteo High School. This is his first year at East Carolina, where he is majoring in accounting and business administration and is a member of the Junior class. He attended N. C. State College in Raleigh for two years before entering East Carolina.

DRINKWATER TO FLY OFF AS GUEST OF EASTERN LINES

A. W. Drinkwater, only living Manteo authority on the first airplane flights, is to get a fine trip next Tuesday, when he will fly to Charlotte as the guest of Eastern Airlines at a special celebration being held by this company. Mr. Drinkwater will spend Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Charlotte, and on his return renew his acquaintance with a number of his widow friends across the state.

MANTEO VOTERS CHOSE VEPCO ELECTRIC SERVICE BY LARGE MAJORITY AND LARGE VOTE

Aldermen Who Favored Plan Ran Lowest on Ticket as Board Picks Up New Member in Tuesday's Election When Record Vote Was Cast; 179 to 58 Votes Favor Vepco; Registration Had More Than Doubled.

HYDE CO. EDITOR JOINS COASTLAND TIMES STAFF



PRATT WILLIAMSON, Jr., who for the past three years has edited the weekly papers at Belhaven and Swan Quarter, this week joined the staff of The Coastland Times at Manteo, and henceforth will be seen in his former haunts only on week ends. Editor L. E. Fay, recently editor of the Clarendon (Ark.) Sun, has taken over the Belhaven and Swan Quarter papers and with Mrs. Fay will live in Belhaven.

Mr. Williamson is residing in Manteo, and may be reached by Manteo phone No. 44.

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE GIVEN BY MANTEO SCHOOL

Manteo High School has announced plans for this year's commencement exercises, which will conclude with the presentation of diplomas to the 26 members of the graduating class on Tuesday night, May 28. The speaker for this program, which will begin at 8 p.m., will be Dr. Nile F. Hunt of Raleigh, co-ordinator of teacher education of the State Department of Public Instruction.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday evening, May 26, at 8 p.m., in the school auditorium. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. E. Cholerton, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church. Other local ministers on the program will be the Rev. George W. Burch, the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, and the Rev. C. L. Warren. A special solo will also be sung by John H. Long.

Class night exercises, entitled "The Senior Wonderland," will be presented on Monday night, May 27, at 8 p.m., under the direction of P. D. Mavromatis. All seniors will take part.

Mabel Jean Basnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Basnight, has been named valedictorian, and Martha Rae Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rogers, will See COMMENCEMENT, Page 7

HEARING ON BEACH EROSION POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY, 28th

The date set for the public hearing in Manteo on hurricane problems affecting the Outer Banks has been changed from May 15 to Tuesday, May 28th, according to Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., District Engineer of Wilmington.

This meeting is to hear views of interested parties between Hatteras and the Virginia State line as to such problems resulting from hurricanes, a need of assistance of the Federal Government.

JAMBOREE MEETING FRIDAY

All officials, committees and persons participating in the 1957 Pirate Jamboree are urged to attend the Jamboree meeting Friday night at 8:30 at the Town Hall in Kill Devil Hills. Reports on all activities of the Jamboree and plans for the Jamboree Regatta May 25 and 26, together with financial reports, are expected to be given. Chairman Wallace McCown asks that everyone connected with the Jamboree attend this meeting so that a complete record of the 1957 activities will be available for early plans to be made for the 1958 Jamboree.

With 92 per cent of the town's registered voters casting their choice Tuesday, the proposal to put the town in the electric power business was snuffed under by a majority of more than three to one. Only four voters failed to register their choice on this issue. The vote in favor of the town proposition was 58, while 179 votes were cast in favor of granting the Virginia Electric and Power Company a 30-year franchise in Manteo.

High runner for Board of Aldermen was G. T. Westcott with a vote of 189, and next to him the newcomer in the field, Barnett, got 170 votes. Westcott, a member of the board, and Barnett, the newcomer, both favored Vepco. Sam Midgett, present member of the board, dropped down to 117 votes and is elected, but M. L. Daniels, Jr. lost out, his vote being only 100. Both these men advocated putting the town in the power business.

The citizens of Manteo had fair weather in which to express their desires. Heavy voting began early in the day. A few names were written in on the ticket. Belton Burrus, as a write-in candidate got 12 votes for alderman, Vernon Davis, a former board member, five votes, while Ralph Davis, W. M. Jolliffe and Mrs. Molly Andrews got one vote each. Keith Fearing Jr. and Vernon Davis each got one write-in vote for Mayor. Next highest vote cast, 178, went to Martin Kellogg, the re-elected incumbent mayor.

It was the biggest vote ever known in the town of Manteo. It was a clear verdict that the citizens do not approve of a municipal power system in Manteo. Considerable activity had been manifest on both sides of the issue. Roanoke Utilities Company, which favored the Vepco side, and aided by Vepco advice and counsel, had liberally besieged the town with argument in their behalf. The town board had also sent letter after letter to the citizens, making claims of great benefits that would accrue to the town by handling the power business itself.

During the registration period, the town's list of registered voters increased from 124 to 261, or a gain of 137. The total vote cast exceeded by six the last estimate made by this newspaper. The vote for Vepco exceeded by 12, the guess also likewise made.

No Regrets and No Complaints

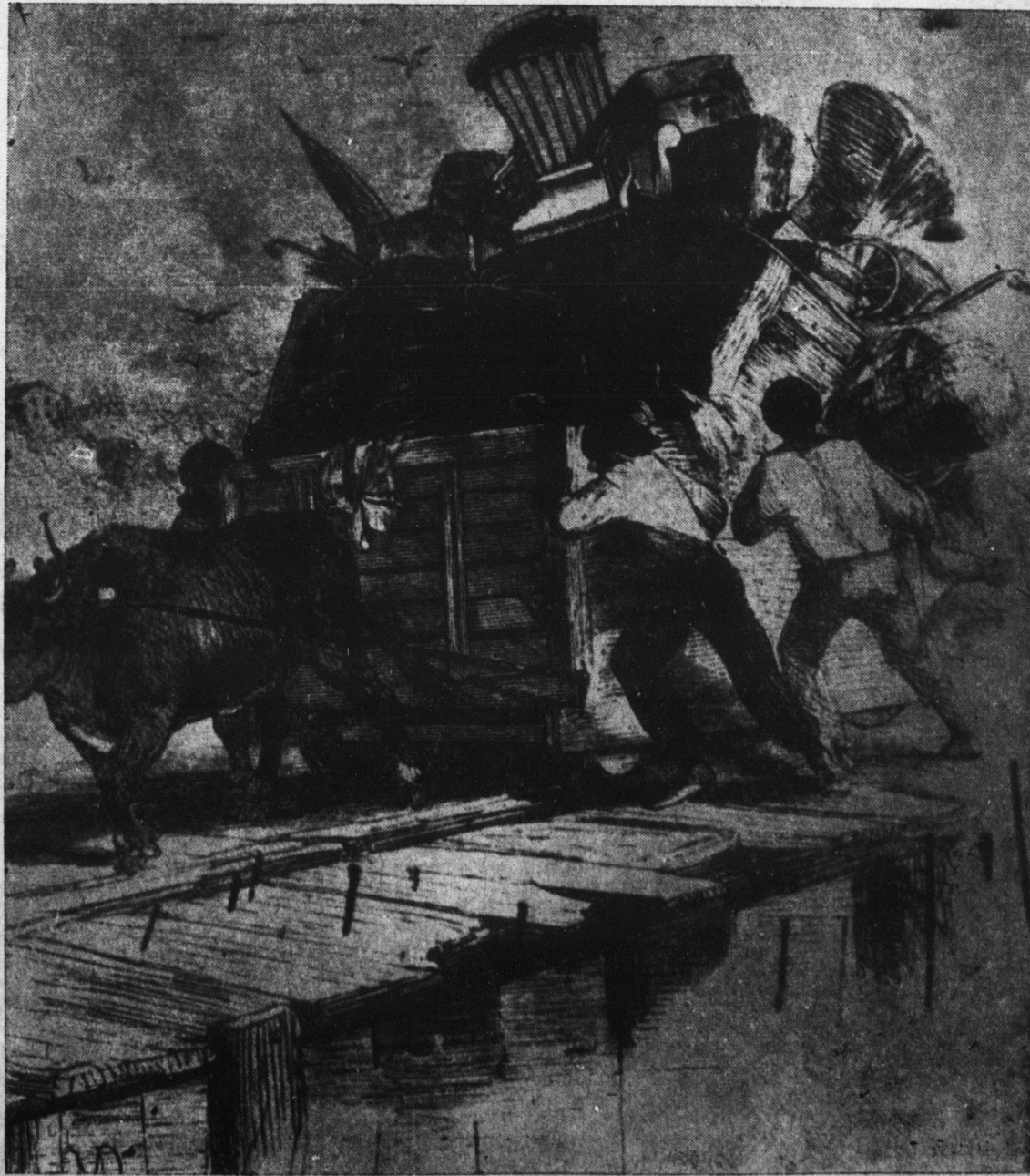
M. L. Daniels Jr., the one candidate for Alderman who was nosed out in the race, after having served some nine years on the Board, said he had no regrets and no complaints. He said he only wanted to bring out all the facts in the issue, and now that the people have spoken, he accepts their decision, and had it not been he will necessarily be out of town Monday of next week at the Board meeting, he would graciously approve the Power Company's application for the franchise on the first reading, when it comes before the board. This is in accord with his original statement of position.

"In fact," he said, "I feel as if I have a 200 pound load lifted off my shoulder, for the stress of a campaign of this kind naturally creates some tension. I have avoided saying anything about any of the participants that I would regret, and I have refused to believe numerous rumors brought to me by tale bearers, about what the opposition may have said about me."

"I wish everybody well, and have no envy or malice in any respect. I believe all parties will find me still their friends. I have worked as best I could for the town's interests, and most of it has been very pleasant, and I think I have gained much of value personally in my association with others in this work. It has been pleasant. I am grateful to those who supported me, and it is some satisfaction to know that many who opposed the municipal power issue, voted for me just the same."

Ray Goodmon, Vice President of Vepco said Wednesday morning his company would present their application again on Monday afternoon, May 13, to the Manteo town Board, and should it be approved on first reading and again approved at the June 10th meeting, he was confident, that upon approval of other regulatory agencies, Vepco would be taking over and See ELECTION, Page Seven

AS THE SEASON OPENED FULL BLAST AT NAGS HEAD BEACH 100 YEARS AGO



ONE HUNDRED years ago, Nags Head was a thriving summer resort, as indicated by the above picture, drawn by a Harper's magazine artist and published in the New York paper. When people came from various parts of Eastern North Carolina by steamer, they brought their household furniture, and carried it back at the end of the season. This furniture was hauled up the wharf on a truck that was pulled by an ox. Many of the summer visitors to Nags Head today recall when oxen were used to pull carts about the beach. Nags Head has been popular as a resort for 150 or more years.

Today, almost everything has changed at Nags Head. All traffic is by motor vehicle. Few houses remain on the sound-side where in the old days all population centered. A great development has sprung up, and the cottage line is thickly developed from end to end of the beach, and includes large groups at both Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills which rival Nags Head. All areas of the beach are served by modern motels, hotels, stores, cafes and amusement places. Homes now range in cost up to \$60,000 and no longer do people carry their cast off furniture to their seashore cottages, but furnish beach homes with latest beach innovations.