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FINAL APPROVAL GIVEN TO 30-YEAR VEPCO FRANCHISE

S. L. Barnett Sworn In as New Member of Town Board Monday Afternoon

The Manteo Town Board Monday gave final approval to the granting of a 30-year electric franchise to Virginia Electric and Power Co., effective July 1st and also approved a 30-year contract with VEPCO for street lighting. A new and improved street lighting system will be installed by VEPCO, and the town will pay a prescribed amount for the operation of each light.

At Monday afternoon's meeting, S. L. Barnett was sworn in as a new member of the town board, having been elected to replace M. L. Daniels Jr. Mr. Barnett was named street commissioner, G. T. Westcott was named water commissioner, and Sam Midgett was named police commissioner and street lighting supervisor.

The board also passed a resolution expressing appreciation to M. L. Daniels Jr. for his service while a member of the board.

At a special meeting Wednesday, the board also approved a contract with Brown Paving Co. for the resurfacing of County Street as a regular maintenance project.

FREE FERRY SOON FOR HATTERAS TO OCRACOE SOUGHT

A free ferry service early this summer to replace the toll ferry operating between Hatteras and Ocracoke Island is the objective of a group of Ocracoke and Dare citizens meeting in Manteo this week. Lawrence Swain, Dare County commissioner, was chairman of the meeting.

Representing the State Highway was Commissioner Emmett Winslow of Hertford, while from Ocracoke Island and the Dare coast were R. S. Wahab, Nafie Scarborough, Marvin Howard, Montford O'Neal and others. Frazier Peele, who operates the inadequate toll ferry, was present, and he expressed a willingness to negotiate with the State for a free ferry and cancellation of the franchise he now holds. George T. Davis, representing Hyde County's commissioners, was present to favor a free ferry for the Ocracoke residents. Other spokesmen in favor of a free ferry were Theodore Rondthaler, prominent Ocracoke citizen who has been instrumental in getting the new highway there, and W. H. McCown, chairman of the Dare County Tourist Bureau.

Commissioner Winslow indicated that it would cost considerable money to establish the proposed ferry service but that he saw the need for same. He expressed an opinion that it may be possible to have a free ferry in operation by July 1. This would be one of the former Oregon Inlet LCU types of ferries to which landing ramps would have to be added.

Another angle that could slow up establishing the ferry service, assuming that it is approved by Governor Hodges, to whom the appeal will go direct, would be the acquisition of the present Peele-operated 4-car ferry and the franchise he holds, it was stated.

SPORTS FISHING SCHOOL UNDERWAY ON DARE COAST

Approximately 100 persons are attending the N. C. State College Extension's sport fishing school underway again this year on the Dare Coast with headquarters at The Carolinian. Except for Monday, when a northeaster plus high seas and tides interfered with outside instruction, the weather has been perfect.

E. W. Ruggles, head of the Extension Department at State, is on Nags Head to head the group this year. A group of expert sportfishermen in the casting, tackle, and other fields are the instructors.

Here to cover the school this year for newspaper and magazines are Mrs. Evelyn Covington and Bill Gully of the State Advertising Division; Aycock Brown of Dare County Tourist Bureau; Hal Lyman, publisher of Salt Water Sportman; Lee Griggs of TIME Magazine; Peggy Chears of the State publicity bureau; and Brantley Brown for "Bounce Anderson" movies.

On Thursday the group went fishing in the Gulf Stream. The principal speaker at the school's annual banquet will be Mike Hudoba, of Washington, D. C., a noted capitol representative for several outdoor and conservation outfits.

VIGOROUS AND HAPPY, 75 SERENE, STRONG, HOPEFUL



MRS. IDA TWIFORD HASSELL, who reached the age of 75 on June 7th, was remembered Wednesday at a party given in her honor, attended by her children and friends at the Oasis Restaurant near Manteo, where she now resides with the owner, her daughter, Mrs. Violet Kellam. Mrs. Hassell is an interesting woman, happy, hearty and vigorous, a ready talker with old friends, and with a wealth of memories about the good old days back in East Lake, where she was born, daughter of Manly D. and Zenobia Adeline Basnight Twiford, on June 7, 1882. Her father was a primitive Baptist preacher, merchant and leading citizen, and Mrs. Hassell is a member of the Pine Ridge Church of East Lake. Mrs. Sarah Cahoon, the retired postmaster of East Lake, is her sister.

At the age of 20, she married Norris Mann of East Lake, who was the son of Charles Mann, a local Methodist preacher who some 75 years ago, predicted the airplane, TV, etc. Bob Cain, one of his members, said he ought to be horsewhipped and rode out on a rail for talking about things God only knows.

The union with Norris Mann brought four children, Mrs. Kellam being one of the three who survived. After Mr. Mann's death, she married Dean Hassell, a neighboring widower with two children. Miss Ide, as so many affectionately know her, has been a helpful woman, assisting in preparing the dead for burial as well as helping to bring many in the world. She also cut the hair of the neighborhood children.

In later life, after going to Norfolk to live, she took a job with the city, and the last job and from which she retired, was as matron of the Woman's Prison Farm in Norfolk.

The party was given by her daughter at the Oasis, and attending it were many of her Norfolk friends, including the 60 Plus Club of which she is a member. One of her brothers is Marshall Twiford of Norfolk, the last of the six sons of the family. She lost one sister, but has another, beside Mrs. Cahoon, Mrs. Luther Davidson of Norfolk.

WORK TO BEGIN ON NEW DOCK, LAUNCHING RAMP

Construction of docks and a launching ramp as a part of the project to develop a waterfront park in Manteo is expected to begin right away, according to Dan E. Morrill, chairman of Manteo's Waterfront Improvement Committee.

The street running between the park and Davis' Store is to be extended and paved by the town, and the launching ramp will be built adjacent to the new street. The lumber for the docks, obtained from the State Highway, is now stacked on the lot ready for use. Volunteer labor is to be used in the building of the docks, with most of the work being done evenings. Anyone willing to contribute some time to the project is urged to contact Mr. Morrill, Jack Wilson, or John Ferebee.

LIONS TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS NEXT TUESDAY; LADIES NIGHT

Installation night and ladies night will be combined to provide an enjoyable evening when the Manteo Lions Club next meets Tuesday night, June 18. Meeting time is set for 7:15.

An out-of-town speaker has been invited, and will make the installation.

To be installed are the following: Wayland Fry, president; Keith Fearing, Jr., first vice president; Willett Tillett, second vice president; R. D. Sawyer, Jr., third vice president; Fred Westcott, lion tamer; Earl Green, talltwister; Francis Meekins, secretary; Tommie Daniels, treasurer; Ralph Umphlett and Thomas Jordan, two-year directors.

STATE PRESS ASSN. MEETING SET IN DARE NEXT WEEK

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther To Be Principal Speaker at Convention at Nags Head

General Alfred M. Gruenther, national commander of the American Red Cross and former assistant to General Eisenhower, a member of the NATO and SHAFF staffs, is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the annual convention of the N. C. Press Association to be held on the Dare coast Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Headquarters for the convention will be at The Carolinian, and certain entertainment phases will be held at the Dare County Shrine Club at Nags Head. A feature of the entertainment phase will be a couple of rehearsal scenes from the Lost Colony, now being prepared for its 17th season opening on June 29.

Ashley Futrell, editor and publisher of the Washington (N. C.) Daily News, has indicated that more than 200 delegates would attend the annual convention. Among those present will be the association's president, Thomas L. Robinson of Charlotte, and Miss Beatrice Cobb, secretary and treasurer, of Morganton.

General Gruenther will speak at the banquet on Thursday night at the Carolinian.

Mrs. Sarah Everett, assistant resident manager of the Carolinian, stated that two other June conventions scheduled for Nags Head included the Tri-State Association June 14-15 and the N. C. Small Loans Association for two days beginning Tuesday, June 18.

FOUR PERSONS ESCAPE INJURY AS PLANE FALLS WEDNESDAY AT K. D. HILLS

No serious injuries were sustained by the occupants of a plane which was involved in an accident at the landing strip near Kill Devil Hills Wednesday.

The occupants were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Manning of Enfield and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Morris of Nashville, Va. They were treated for minor injuries by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. of Manteo.

The plane, a Cessna 172, was piloted by Manning. He was attempting a landing, when due to varying wind conditions, the plane stalled, fell to the ground and turned over. Considerable damage is reported to the plane.

EDITOR IN HOSPITAL

Editor Victor Meekins, of the COASTLAND TIMES, entered Leigh Memorial Hospital in Norfolk, Va., Monday and underwent an operation Tuesday. The staff will carry on to the best of their ability, but the editor's usual columns will be missing this week.

BIGGEST BLUE MARLIN OF 1957 SEASON



GILBERT THOMAS of Norfolk poses beside the 458 pound blue marlin he landed off Cape Hatteras last week end while skipping bait from Walter Wilkins' private cruiser "Jon-Lee." It was the biggest blue marlin of the 1957 season, measuring 11 feet and 3 inches from tip to tip and 4 feet and 11 inches around its girth. It was the third blue marlin of the season for the waters off Hatteras. (Aycock Brown Photo)

PARTY SATURDAY HONORS DARE NATIVE, RECENT AUTHOR



MRS. NELL WISE WECHTER, native of Stumpy Point and now a resident of Greensboro, is shown autographing copies of her recently-published book, "Taffy of Torpedo Junction," at a youpon tea party given in her honor at The Carolinian hotel at Nags Head Saturday. The Cape Hatteras region during World War II is the locale for her story, which was written especially for teen-agers. Others in the picture: Tommy Ragland of Plymouth, and in the back ground, Mrs. Lima S. Oneto, hostess at the tea, and Mr. and Mrs. Onslow Jones of Manteo. (Aycock Brown photo)

R. A. YOUNG NAMED BY BOARD AS MAYOR OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Former Town Board Member takes Office Vacated by Mrs. Emily Mustian's Resignation

R. A. Young, former member of the town board, has been named the new mayor of Kill Devil Hills to fill the office vacated Tuesday night of last week by Mrs. Emily Mustian. Appointment of Mr. Young was made Friday by the town's present board of commissioners, which is composed of R. H. Cook, E. V. Melson, and R. E. Parker, Jr., all of whom took office on June 1. Mr. Cook had been named mayor pro tem by the board Wednesday of last week after Mrs. Mustian's surprise resignation.

Mr. Young, who is engaged in the real estate business, was a member of the town board whose term expired on June 1. He was the only member of the previous board who did not seek re-election; the other two were unsuccessful in their bids to return to office.

George Frank, who also resigned at the June 4th meeting, has been re-employed as chief of police, street inspector, and building inspector. Mrs. Henrietta Tillett is the new tax collector, town clerk, and treasurer, and Mrs. Nellie G. Perry, the executive clerk, has been named deputy tax collector.

RECEIVES MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE



REUBEN ELLIOTT PAYNE JR., of Manteo was graduated from N. C. State College in Raleigh on Sunday, May 26, with a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Attending the ceremonies were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Payne; his sister, Miss Shelva Jean Payne of Manteo; and his grandmother, Mrs. Judie Payne, of Stumpy Point.

Mr. Payne left Sunday for Newport News, Va., to take up employment with the Newport News Shipyard and Drydock Co.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROVES PAYMENT OF \$4,820 TO DARE SCHOOLS

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner advised the Times by telegram Thursday morning that "the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has certified for immediate payment \$4,820 of tentative entitlement for fiscal year 1957 of \$6,025.80 regarding project no. NC57E808 of Dare County Board of Education." He stated that the funds are available pursuant to public law 874 providing financial assistance for schools in federally-affected areas.

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Superintendent of Dare County Schools, said the allocation is made by the federal government to areas where there is an influx of children of employees of the federal government and is based upon actual attendance records of the county. She emphasized that such funds are earmarked to be used to provide supplementary services in the schools and are not for normal operating expenses of the schools which the county is expected to bear.

MARLIN LANDED BY WOOD WERE WHITE, NOT BLUE

It was a case of mistaken identity last week when a telephone report to the area's news reporter stated that John Wood had landed two small blue marlin off Oregon Inlet. He landed two marlin, but experts who saw the fish and also the photos definitely identified them as white marlin.

They were big white marlin too, going better than eight feet in length and weighing (according to Angler Wood's report approximately 120 pounds each. It was an outstanding catch, whether they were blues or whites, the largest taken this year and also the first 1957 pair to be landed.

BIG ATTENDANCE MARKS OPENING OF 4-H CLUB CAMP

The Roanoke Island 4-H Camp last week had a highly-successful week to open its eleventh year's camping season. A total of 170 campers were on hand, representing Stokes, Pender, and Beaufort counties.

Registration for this week totaled 160 4-H members from Cumberland, Johnston, and Warren counties.

Lyman B. Dixon, assistant state 4-H Club leader, is serving as camp director for his eighth year, with the assistance of Mrs. Dixon. The camp staff is made up of college students who have outstanding records in 4-H Club work. Those making up the staff are: Mrs. Leroy Vaughn of Jackson, camp dietitian, who is assisted by Billy Barrow of Weldon; Glenda Noble of Lenoir county, crafts instructor; Barbara McDonald of Richmond County, social recreation instructor; Bobby Smith of Hertford and Billy Taylor of Wayne County, swimming instructors. Additional instructors who served for the first week only were Suzanne Hamrick of Cleveland County, recreation; and Ronnie Stallings of Raleigh, swimming, and Kenneth Wilson of the Wildlife Resources Commission also taught a class in wildlife conservation. Virginia Electric and Power Co. representatives are on hand to teach electric classes both for boys and for girls each Friday also. The kitchen staff included colored cooks Annie Mae Daniels of Manteo, Ida Bell Williams of Jackson, and Mary Alice Evans of Raleigh.

The campers arrive each Monday afternoon and remain until Saturday morning. During the week, activities include classes on handicraft, wildlife, recreation, swimming, and electricity. Trips are also made to various points of interest, including Fort Raleigh, the Wright Memorial, and Jockey Ridge.

Activities at the camp will continue through August 24, except See CAMP, Page Four

GULF STREAM FISHING SEASON NEARING PEAK

With dolphin, amberjack, cobia, king mackerel, oceanic bonito, albacore and false albacore being caught daily by anglers aboard Gulf Stream boats out of Oregon Inlet and also from Hatteras, the Gulf Stream fishing season is nearing its summer peak, but the peak will continue throughout the warm months and until mid-autumn.

In addition to the lesser varieties mentioned above, the bill-fish season is also nearing its peak, as additional catches of white and blue marlin are being made from week to week in the Gulf Stream off the Outer Banks. To date, a half-dozen white marlin have been caught off Oregon Inlet and about the same number have been taken or hooked and lost off Hatteras. Three giant blue marlin ranging from 377 to 458 pounds have landed off Hatteras in less than a month, and dozens of the fish have been raised to market in some cases hooked and then lost.

Last year more marlin were off Inlet and Hatteras than in any other year. A dozen big marlin were taken off Hatteras last year.

TOURIST BUREAU GIVES REPORT ON SPRING PUBLICITY

New Record Set during May for Number of Inquiries Handled

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Dare County Tourist Bureau was held Wednesday morning in Manteo. President W. H. McCown welcomed a new director representing the Town of Manteo, Mrs. Juanita Parker. Plans were made to meet with the Pirate Jamboree Steering Committee at an early date to schedule the time and various events of the 1958 Jamboree so that more advance publicity may be used. A request is to be made to Park Service officials to schedule the formal dedication of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore at the approximate time of the 1958 Jamboree.

Alvah Ward, Jr. was appointed to arrange a meeting of Tourist Bureau officers and the news director with local fishing guides for the purpose of improving the fishing news coverage and explaining the methods for guides to assist the bureau's operation.

Bureau Manager Aycock Brown's quarterly report indicated tremendous breaks for the area-wide publicity and reported that the office handled more inquiries about the Dare vacation area in the month of May 1957 than were handled the entire first year of the organization in 1950-51.

Since the Spring meeting of the board of directors, more widespread publicity with vacation appeal has appeared in newspapers, magazines, on radio and television than during any previous quarterly operation of the Tourist Bureau. Stories and photographs, both color and black and white, have appeared in such magazines as Better Homes and Gardens, Redbook, Parade, Salter Water Sportsman, The Fisherman, Field and Stream, Sports Afield, Fishing and Vacation Guide, Southern Telephone News, Popular Science, Ford Times and other magazines. Stories about the Dare Coast as a place to spend vacations, stories about the new Umstead Memorial Bridge, stories about Pirates Jamboree, and the Jamboree Regatta, also the fishing, the opening of new National Seashore attractions, various conventions, and items about personalities have appeared as stories or newspaper pictures during the period in newspapers from coast to coast. During this period, numerous photographs have been distributed by See MEETING, Page Four

SERIES OF THEFTS ON DARE BEACHES REPORTED

Sheriff Frank Cahoon is awaiting a report from the State Bureau of Investigation on the identification of fingerprints found on the scene of a series of recent break-ins and thefts on the Dare beaches. Sheriff Cahoon expressed the belief that these incidents are the work of professionals who have a market for the type of articles taken.

The series of thefts began on June 5 at Kitty Hawk when two batteries were taken from George W. Long's cottage and the M. A. Marks cottage was entered and searched but nothing was reported taken. Two nights later at Kitty Hawk, the cottages of L. D. Cooley, Scott Ferebee, F. J. Thompson and Francis F. Haserot were entered, but nothing is reported missing. The same night, however, the Long cottage was re-entered and two outboard motors were taken and a short-wave radio was taken from W. D. Washburn's cottage. Also Friday night, a new outboard motor belonging to Robert H. Cotton was taken from a boat parked only a few feet from Mr. Cotton's home at Kill Devil Hills, and at Oregon Inlet a motor was also taken from the George Stronach boat.

A jeep belonging to South Shores Realty Co. was reported taken from the driveway of Stick Saturday night, and a day night hub caps were taken off the car of Maj. J. J. Harding at Kill Devil Hills.

D. A. ROGERS ON BOAT

D. A. Rogers, Jr. of Manteo, charged by Albert I. Kitty Hawk with trespassing as a result of an alleged assault on Rogers is under \$1000 bond to appear in Superior Court on Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

David Stick on Monday were taken by J. Harding