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JAMES M. VANNOTE APPOINTED TUESDAY AS DARE CORONER

Other Matters Taken Up at Regular Board Meeting; Reports Given

James M. Vannote of Manteo was Tuesday appointed Dare County Coroner by the county commissioners to fill the unexpired term of the late Marvin Rogers, which expires in December, 1958. Mr. Vannote served as acting coroner whenever needed during the illness preceding Mr. Rogers's death.

A Hatteras delegation appeared before the commissioners in the interest of some drainage in Hatteras and the dredging and deepening of Hatteras Inlet. The board ordered that the Special Committee for the Improvement of Oregon Inlet be changed to the Dare County Special Committee for Waterway Improvement and that the membership be changed to include: M. L. Burrus, Wheeler Ballance, William Gibson, and Millard Ballance, Hatteras; Alvah H. Ward, Jr., and Lawrence L. Swain, Manteo; Ben Dixon MacNeill and E. P. White, Buxton; and Melvin R. Daniels, Wanchese. The new committee was specially charged with assembling information and preparing presentations to improve the waterway through Hatteras Inlet as well as the promotion of Oregon Inlet as a waterway, provided that consideration of flood control or waterway projects be developed in other areas as they become needed and evident and that the necessary expense of preparation of documents and briefs be borne by Dare County except that such expenditures as are made must have prior approval of the commissioners.

The board directed that the clerk to the board contact the U. S. Coast Guard to ascertain if the State Highway Commission could be allowed to operate the ferry across Oregon Inlet as late as 6 p.m.

The county accountant was ordered to advertise for bids to furnish fuel oil for the Courthouse, Community Building, and Health Center. The bids are to be opened at the board's regular meeting December 3.

A. H. Ward, Jr., president of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, made a report on the workings of the Tourist Bureau, citing the many benefits derived from its activities. In other action, the board appointed Mrs. Nellie Perry as secretary to the farm and home agents to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Grace, who resigned; appropriated \$350 for the Wright Memorial Association celebration to be held December 17, with \$100 of this amount to be used in getting out a brochure; and agreed for the county to assume payment of the electric bill for the county Civil Defense radio facility.

LIONS BROOM SALE WILL START NEXT WEEK

Members of Manteo Lions Club will begin door-to-door sales of brooms next week, offering two types to householders and a special warehouse broom to business firms. This is an annual event for the club. Prices will be \$1.50 for standard brooms, 75 cents for whisk brooms. The brooms are manufactured by blind personnel at the Industries for the Blind, Greensboro. Profits from the sale will remain in the club treasury for furtherance of local projects.

PAST GRAND NOBLES HOLD EASTERN STAR MEETING

The Eastern Star meeting at Wanchese on November 4 was conducted by the past noble grands, with a program on "Friendship". Those taking part were Mesdames Lina Harbour, Pattie Smith, Katherine Kennedy, Elizabeth Parkerson, Salina Midgett, Tracy Ward, Susan Ballowe, Lois Midgett, Lessie Davis, Bernice Cannady, Hilda Francis and Gilda Swain.

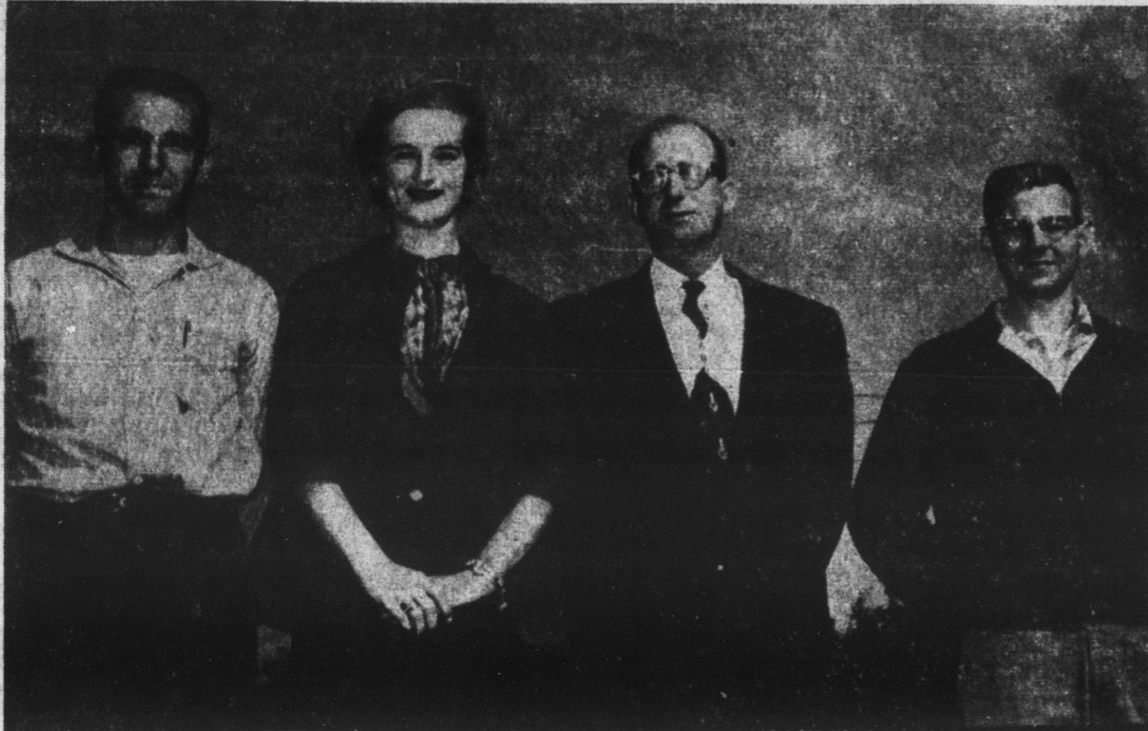
BAZAAR NEXT WEEK

The public is reminded of the Eastern Star bazaar which is to be held November 14, 15 and 16 in the show room of the Dare County Ice and Storage Company in Manteo. Many items will be on sale, and it might be a good time to begin Christmas shopping, at the same time helping out a good cause.

MRS. LYDIA R. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Manteo were called away Saturday due to the death of Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Lydia R. Smith of Vanceboro, who had been ill for some time. The funeral was held Monday at Vanceboro.

DARE COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUB OFFICIALS



— Aycock Brown photo

RECENTLY elected officials of the Dare County Young Democratic Club are shown in the following group. Jack Tillet, President, Horace Hooper, Stumpy Point, Whip; Mrs. Dotty Fry, Secretary and Alvah Ward Jr., Treasurer. Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr., Vice President is not shown in the picture.

MANTEO ROTARIANS HEAR ABOUT INDIA MONDAY FROM KANNAIAH KONURI

A tobacco farmer of Guntur, India, speaking to Manteo Rotarians Monday night gave a contrast of living in the United States and the democracy of his native country.

For the past several months, in the role of goodwill ambassador the speaker, Kannaiah Konuri, who is a member of the Rajahmundry Rotary Club, has been making a study of tobacco farming and marketing in North Carolina and between times, he has been guest speaker at civic clubs from the mountains to the coast. He stated that one of his primary purposes in this country was to promote good will and a better understanding between his people and the peoples of the United States. Soon he goes to New York and the United Nations for a visit, and then he returns to India.

A member of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Konuri is an Advocate of the Indian Supreme Court and president of the Nagarjuni-Sagar multipurpose River Valley Project Committee in Guntur, South India.

"This project," he stated, "is costing 240 million dollars and will irrigate four million acres of land in famine-stricken South India."

While he is primarily a tobacco dealer and explorer he stated that his main purpose for coming to North Carolina was to increase his knowledge of the tobacco industry. He has been in the tobacco industry for the past 25 years.

Konuri is interested in building up business connections with the United States and improving Indo-American relations, understanding, and good will. He began his talk by stating that the Constitution of India was copied from our Constitution and that the Supreme Court has authority to interpret the Constitution, and that the citizens of India enjoy today the same liberties as do Americans.

His nation, he said, is divided into 14 states based on languages but they are now attempting to establish a unified language.

Konuri pointed out that the Indian nation is in great need of raising its economic standards. The present per capita income of an Indian is only \$60 per year and the average citizen consumes only 2,000 calories daily while the normal consumption should be 3,000. The principal food of the masses is rice and vegetables.

"India is a democratic nation and about 10 million of its 380 million inhabitants are Christians, largely because of the work of American missionaries," said Konuri. He, himself, is a Hindu.

American industry is invited to participate in India's economic development by acquiring properties and helping produce needed foods and other necessities that will help an Indian know a better life. He urged this especially because India is a stronger believer in peaceful settlement of problems, a sort of "testing ground for future Democracy." If India fails, due to Communistic influences that are continually being injected into Asian countries, the "repercussions would be felt far beyond India's borders," it was stated.

Arrangements for Konuri's appearance in Manteo was made by Rotarian Roland Sawyer.

Several guests were present at the meeting Monday including former District Governor P. D. Midgett of Engelhard.

In the absence of club president Ernest Meekins, now on vacation in Canada, Aycock Brown presided.

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COMMANDER DANIELS GOES TO CALIFORNIA



COMMANDER ROYCE L. DANIELS, SC, USN, of Wanchese has been transferred from Norfolk to the Long Beach (Calif.) shipyard after service at the Norfolk Naval Supply Center, where he will be succeeded by Cdr. A. L. Hughes. Cdr. and Mrs. Daniels were honor guests at a luncheon last week. He was detached on Oct. 25. He was in charge of the Norfolk Naval Supply Center's Provision Supply Depot. Mrs. Daniels is the former Celia Stowe of Wanchese. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Daniels.

MANTEO MEN MEET UNEXPECTEDLY ON WEST COAST



TAR HEELERS—It's a small world. When Andy Griffith (left), a resident of Manteo, N. C., went aboard the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Heather for filming on Warner Bros. "Onionhead," he was welcomed aboard by a fellow townsman, Lt. Comdr. Marvin H. Twiford, USCG, the C. O. of the ship. Twiford, born and brought up in Manteo, joined the Coast Guard in 1924. Griffith commutes to Hollywood for film assignments but continues to maintain his home in Manteo.

Lt. Cdr. Twiford retired from the service in October, and will continue to make his home in California. Mrs. Twiford is from Connecticut. They have three children living, and lost one a few years ago, a son who while in the Coast Guard service was killed in a mishap to his car when it skidded on a live opossum on the highway in New Jersey. The Twifords visited Manteo last about two years ago, and are expected here again next year. His father was the late Henry Smith, who lived in Manteo 40 years ago, and the late Mrs. Betsy Harris Smith of Kitty Hawk, but he was adopted and reared by the late George W. Twiford, his uncle, former Manteo police chief. In Manteo Cdr. Twiford visited his brother, Belove Twiford, and other relatives in this area.

REPORT PROPOSES \$204,000 MANTEO STREET PROJECTS

The engineering firm of Wm. F. Freeman, Inc. of High Point Monday presented to the Manteo Board of Aldermen a report proposing that the town undertake street and storm drainage projects amounting in all to \$204,000. The board received the report for consideration, but took no action on the proposed projects.

The only official action taken by the board was to approve the foreclosure on all property subject to unpaid town taxes without any exceptions, and to approve the installation of a public telephone booth in the town's business section.

In a detailed report, the engineers recommended that the Town Board investigate the possibility of constructing curb and gutter, storm drainage and paving on an assessment basis of essentially all the unpaved streets within the town's limits. The assessments are computed on the basis of the town assuming 1/3 of the total cost.

The town is presently responsible for maintaining 1.08 miles of hard-surfaced streets and 1.95 miles of unsurfaced streets. The total street mileage within the town limits is approximately 3.63 miles, with the State Highway Commission, responsible for Highway Street and Little Street within the town limits.

AFTER SERVICE IN ITALY HAS BALTIMORE ASSIGNMENT



Baltimore, Md.—First Lieutenant Major Irving Hooper, son of Mrs. Florine Hooper and the late Loran D. Hooper of Stumpy Point, has been assigned to Headquarters Air Research and Development Command (ARDC) here effective November 16. He will be assigned as an Administrative Officer in the office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Lieutenant Hooper entered active duty with the United States Air Force shortly after his graduation in May 1954 from East Carolina College, Greenville, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. He has been Adjutant of the 7207th Air Base Squadron at Aviano, Italy, for the past two years and nine months.

He holds the National Defense Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany).

Lieutenant Hooper and his wife, Marietta, are the parents of a son, Major L. Jr., 14 months. Lt. Hooper was named for his grandfathers, the late Capt. Major Pugh of Manteo, and C. Irving Hooper of Stumpy Point.

BIG ROCKFISH CATCHES MADE NEAR MANN'S HBR.

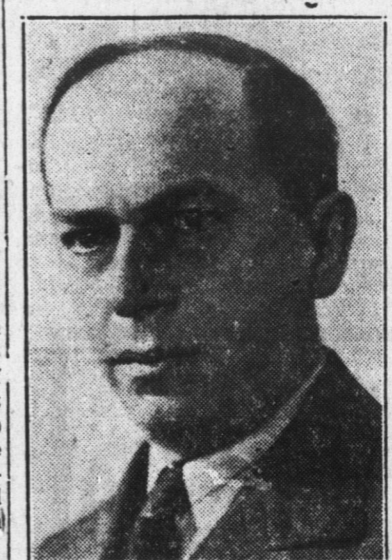
Largest catch of rockfish (striped bass) taken from the waters of Croatan Sound in the Manns Harbor area was made by Glenn Bonner and party of Manteo. In one morning of fishing, he and his fishing friends accounted for 201 strippers . . . Junie Baydush, John Timberlake and J. T. Owens of Norfolk, aboard the cruiser Mar-Sue reported catching 194 strippers in one day of fishing near Manns Harbor, a few going to three pounds each. The Norfolk party had been fishing local waters of Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor for several days and with Manteo friends in on some of the catches they caught a total of more than 500 strippers . . . All the strippers taken were landed with trolling lures . . . Chick Craddock and Clarence Holmes of Manns Harbor, professional fishing guides reported more strippers this year than since before the hurricanes of two or three years ago.

Outlook for surf and sound fishing for channel bass and striped bass during the remainder of November in waters of the Dare Coast and Outers Banks is very good.

POSTMASTERSHIP CHANGES TWICE IN WEEK AS SHANNON SUCCEEDS SWAIN WEDNESDAY

Movement Started in Washington Snowballs Ben Shannon Into Job Despite Republican Protest, Overcoming Appointment of Ralph Swain Who Got Caught in the Gears and Served Six Days, Succeeding Ray Jones.

BONNER TO SPEAK STUMPY PT. MONDAY



HERBERT C. BONNER, Congressman from the First District will be the speaker at the Young Democratic Armistice Day rally at Stumpy Point Monday evening at 7:30 at Stumpy Point. Horace Hooper, young Democratic Club whip and his committee at Stumpy Point have promised a big time with a choice oyster roast, and Young Democrats from all parts of Dare County have been invited. The president of the Dare County Young Democratic Club is Jack Tillet of Manteo. A. H. Ward, Jr. is Treasurer. Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr. of Manteo is Treasurer, and Mrs. Dotty Fry is Secretary.

Mr. Hooper says old Democrats as well as young ones are invited to hear Mr. Bonner and to enjoy this oyster roast.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR HATTERAS SCOUTS

Girls Receive Badges in Recent Meeting, Mrs. Carlos Oden Leader

Hatteras, Nov. 4.—An investiture ceremony and court of awards for the Girl Scouts of Lone Troop No. 1 were conducted Wednesday, October 30, at the Hatteras Community building.

Prior to the ceremonies, the leader, Mrs. Carlos Oden, gave a brief outline of the projects, badges and activities towards which the girls will work* in the coming year.

The ceremony opened with the song, "Girl Scouts Together". This was followed by the flag ceremony, with Ann Styron and Jennifer Austin serving as color bearers; Elaine Miller and Geraldine Meekins as color guard.

The investiture ceremony was conducted by the leader. Tenderly welcomed into the troop were Chalaron Hudgins, Etta Stowe, Marianne Heald, Susan Williams, Mammie Gaskins, all of Hatteras, and Yvonne Frontis and Ruby Jemette of Buxton.

The assistant leader, Mrs. E. J. Miller, awarded second class badges to Elaine Miller, Jennifer Austin, Geraldine Meekins and Ann Styron. She also awarded proficiency badges as follows:

My Community badges—Roberta Austin, Joanne Austin, Reba Burrus, Sandra Gray, Jane Gaskins, Susan Heald, Susan Midgett, Cecilia Scarborough, Natlie Stowe.

Dabber badges—Joanne Austin, Roberta Austin, Reba Burrus, Jane Gaskins, Sandra Gray, Susan Heald, Susan Midgett, Geraldine Meekins, Elaine Miller, Cecilia Scarborough, Elaine Miller, Susan Midgett, Ann Styron, Geraldine Meekins.

A refreshment and game period completed the ceremonies. Hostesses were Jane Gaskins, Mammie Gaskins, Reba Burrus and Chalaron Hudgins.

NARROW ESCAPE IN WRECK

Louis Latham Midgett of Manns Harbor had a narrow escape Tuesday night about 11 p.m. southwest of Stumpy Point on Highway 264 when his 1956 Chevrolet ran off the road near Payne's Creek and was wrecked into a total loss.

Orders out of one branch of the Postoffice Department do not always agree with orders from another branch. Witness the surprising change made Wednesday night when post office inspector Paul Osgood came into Manteo, and announced that he had come to check out the postmaster and put in a new one.

The new one now is Ben Shannon, but on November 1, Ralph Swain of Manteo had been appointed on the sudden resignation of acting postmaster Ray Jones.

The snowball of political effort begun in behalf of Ben Shannon last May, had finally caught up and put him in the post for which he was destined. But in the meantime, one branch of the Department had sent word for Mr. Swain to take over when Mr. Jones decided to resign.

It was a sort of embarrassing situation for Mr. Swain, caught as he was in the cogs, after holding the office since Nov. 1, to find himself relieved and nobody could give him any explanation.

A bit of unique history surrounds the effort for the postmastership at Manteo. Under the Eisenhower Administration, Republican leaders had been trying to fill the place with one of their members. A popular young Manteo businessman, Ray Jones, son of former postmaster, the late R. C. Jones, was selected and given the interim appointment as acting postmaster, pending examinations of applicants, but when the applications had all been processed, it was found that Mr. Jones was not one of the top three candidates. The list was last headed by Ben Shannon, a permanent clerk in the Manteo postoffice, and the other two on the list, the brothers Swain, Ralph and Lawrence. This was indeed a painful dilemma for the Republicans.

Mr. Jones had the general good will of the community, his party leaders, and the help of many who are so-called Democrats, but some of them gave him some bad advice. He filed a number of childish charges against Ben Shannon, the clerk in his office who was top man on the list. The obvious purpose being to discredit Shannon, get him fired from the postoffice and out of the list of candidates. In this manner, Mr. Jones might have then moved into the list of three.

It's all history how the move back-fired, hurt Mr. Jones, and gave Democrat leaders a chance to have some weight in the situation. The situation didn't offer much hope for Mr. Jones; he considered resigning, some say his friends had hopes he'd be given a clerkship in the postoffice, anyway, he and the Republican leaders, along with some others backing him were determined that anything and everything possible would be done to keep Shannon from getting the appointment. As one self-styled Democrat who is not a resident of the community, but likes to run things, told a post office inspector, it was unthinkable that a Shannon be given the Manteo postoffice; it would be a disgrace.

Republican County Chairman Vernon Gaskill of Wanchese, who shortly before the Eisenhower election, had been registered as a Democrat for a spell, offered Ralph Swain his endorsement. Mr. Gaskill and Mr. Jones considered Mr. Swain the least undesirable of the three who were on the qualified list.

The Manteo post office carries a salary of about \$4,800 a year. It is rated a second class office, and has two permanent clerks, John Krider and Ben Shannon, and two substitute clerks, Mrs. Marilyn Midgett and Frank White.

Mr. Swain* who is a well-known groceryman and former insurance salesman, has lived in Manteo for the past 12 years, coming here See POSTMASTERS, Page Eight

WHOPPING DRUMFISH REPORTED AT BUXTON

Here's a catch of drumfish out of this world, as the saying might have it, but reported from Buxton by Raymond Midgett, the well-known bus driver. Three fish, taken from the surf Tuesday night were weighed in at 50, 68 and 75 pounds. Mrs. Midgett reported by phone from Fuller's store, Wednesday morning.