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SENTIMENT GROWS IN FAVOR OF RETAINING CHARTER IN TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Permanent Residents Conclude It is Poor Business to Throw Away the Nine Dollars They are Getting For Everyone They Pay, Just to Please A Handful of Outsiders Who Move in To Tear Down What They Can't Run As They Please.

There appears to be something of a majority now in favor of retaining the town charter at Kill Devil Hills, but it can be a hard fight to keep it, is the opinion of several citizens of the town this week.

While it is not a certainty how the election will turn on March 15, it shows something of the wind, when some voters once indifferent, and some who were against the town, now express themselves as having changed their mind, and expect to vote for the town to retain its charter after March 15.

One thing having weight in the issue is the hard campaign being waged by a few citizens who have moved in from neighboring communities, apparently for the single purpose of voting against the town, and then moving out at once afterward, as was done before.

"If these are the kind of people we have to listen to, we prefer to be against them," one citizen said. "They have no interest in our welfare and they either want to save town taxes or be allowed to clutter up real estate they own in any way that will make them a profit, regardless of how much they tear down neighboring values."

"It's been mighty hard on some of them shivering stubbornly through this cold spell, merely to carry a point," he said.

The things which helped to precipitate the issue in Kill Devil Hills when the first election was held some two years, was first, the neglect of the citizens to come forward with level headed leadership from their own ranks; and next, the overbearing attitude sometimes taken officially toward some citizens and the things that appeared to be grave problems to them.

As a result, real estate men and others who wished to cash in on property without being subject to restrictions on type and character of usage, developed a lot of sentiment against the municipality.

Sober reflection however, has changed the view of some people who had been influenced by real estate men and other property owners whose primary object has been profit.

Seldom if ever, has there been an instance where the people got so much for so little.

To begin with, more than 80 per cent of the taxes paid into the town treasury is paid by non-resident cottage or other property owners, who use their property only a small part of the year, and when they are there, they spend a great deal of money in the community.

Most of them have expressed themselves as glad to pay the taxes if only for the sense of security upon having some sort of police and fire protection which the municipality now provides.

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JOHN REBER LOSES HOME AT WANCHESE TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. John Reber had the misfortune to lose their home and most of their belongings at Wanchese shortly before noon Friday when the house caught fire from an overheated flue. The house was the former Ed Pugh home situated across the road from Richard Gray, and while the house was past saving before the Manteo fire department could reach it, the effective work of the firemen was responsible in preventing the loss of nearby property. Richard Gray says he believes his home was saved only because of the efforts of the firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Reber have six children. They have moved into the Paul Dykstra house at Wanchese. Because of the acute circumstances, neighbors have been raising some funds and gifts of clothing and furniture to help them.

DARE CO. SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED REST OF THE WEEK

Due to break-downs, freezing of water mains, and inadequacy of heating plants to supply sufficient warmth, the schools of Dare County with one exception will remain closed all the week.

The Negro school near Manteo has been operating all the week; the Cape Hatteras school might have operated save for bus trouble and lack of gasoline. All schools are expected to open Monday.

ALCOHOL WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT CITY ROAD CHURCH



An Alcohol Education Workshop will be held at City Road Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, with Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, Secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C., as the principal speaker. This is one of the Institutes which will be held in the nine districts of the North Carolina Methodist Conference the week of March 3-7.

Chaplain Paul Wesley Aitken of Duke Hospital and Keeley Institute will also appear on the program, which will cover the eastern part of the state.

Dr. Hooten has recently returned from a world tour as officer of the International Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism, after conferring with leading statesmen, educators, and public relations officials and holding numerous meetings on temperance.

Following pastorate in Texas and Oklahoma, Dr. Hooten has held a number of Conference and Jurisdictional positions as an outstanding leader in Methodism.

The youths will be featured in the workshops, with Dr. Hooten meeting with the young people, while Chaplain Aitken will conduct the counseling period with the adults. Dr. Hooten will also speak to the adults and youth during the first part of the program.

As Chaplain of Keeley Institute, Greensboro, and Duke Hospital, Durham, Mr. Aitken has worked closely with alcoholics for some years. He is a community ambassador to Oslo, Norway, during the summer of 1949. He is a member of the American Protestant Hospital Association and the N. C. Methodist Conference. All persons interested are invited to attend.

WANCHESE BOYS TAKEN FROM ICE BY HELICOPTER

Four adventuresome Wanchese lads, off in a boat near Wanchese wharf were rescued by Coast Guard helicopter from Elizabeth City Tuesday afternoon.

Bobby Scarborough, Victor Daniels, Jr., Wayne Johnson and Roscoe Beasley were out in a small boat looking around and their boat got shut off in an air hole.

Richard Gray, Wanchese merchant observed their plight and called the Coast Guard. Beyond reach of a boat, a helicopter got to them and brought them ashore, late in the afternoon.

The boys were somewhat the worse for wear from their exposure to icy winds, but it is believed will recover without serious injury.

MRS. CLARA M. GRAY OF STUMPY POINT SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Clara Mae Midgett Gray, widow of the late Seymour Gray, died Thursday morning at her home at Stumpy Point after an illness of five days. Mrs. Gray, who was 69, was born at Rodanthe, daughter of the late Orenda S. and Joseph Midgett. She was a member of the Stumpy Point Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Twiford's Funeral Home in Manteo at 11 a. m. Saturday, with the Rev. George M. Kelley, pastor of the Stumpy Point Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Gray is survived by two sons, A. Peston Gray of Stumpy Point and Ronald G. Gray of Norfolk; three brothers, Levene W. Midgett of Rodanthe, Andrew Midgett of Morehead City, and Joseph Midgett of Manteo; seven sisters, Mrs. Rowena O'Neal, Mrs. C. A. Midgett and Mrs. Darland Midgett of Waves, Mrs. E. R. Midgett of Rodanthe, Mrs. Robert Baum of Norfolk, and Mrs. Minnie Midgett and Mrs. Frances Midgett Gray of Manteo.

FISH ARE FROZEN ALONG DARE COAST'S SHORE

Frozen fish during the current big freeze of 1958 are being reported from several shore points in Dare. Some are completely lifeless, while others stunned by the cold waters and icy conditions are apparently in the last stages of life before freezing.

Commercial fishing is at a standstill due to the great fields of ice that have formed on the sounds of northeastern Carolina.

Capt. Tom Basnight, local fisheries patrolman, stated that ice conditions would undoubtedly bring about great losses to fishermen through the loss of nets.



PIRATES JAMBOREE FEATURES EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree this year on April 24-27 will feature events for all ages, including adults, teenagers or young adults and children, it was stated today by Alvah Ward, chairman of the overall steering committee.

His announcement came following reports that Dare Coast youngsters who had roles in several events last season were being left out this year.

For the very young, that is children under 12 years of age, there will be a treasure hunt in the Dare Beaches area and also costume contests.

A pre-Jamboree attraction for teen-agers and young adults will be a Pirate Royal dance at which a prince and princess will be selected. Already several male teen-agers in the Manteo consolidated school are acquiring a surprising growth of beard and adults from Kitty Hawk to Hatteras are sporting full or trimmed beards.

A complete tentative schedule for the Dare Beaches area was announced this week by co-chairmen George Sides and Dick Jordan. Something new in vehicular sport are bicycle races on the circle surrounding Wright Memorial to replace beach buggy races in upper Dare. The frog-jumping contests this year, a preliminary to the international Frog Jumping Jubilee at Angels Camps, Calif., will be held in a section of Nags Head where there will be adequate parking. Frog jumpers will make entries that they hope will outjump Orville Baum's "Atom Baum" which flew to Angels Camp last year for competition.

Several pre-Jamboree events are planned in the way of dances at Nags Head Casino, and caravans to various North Carolina and Virginia cities. Actual coronation of the pirate king and queen succeeding Pat Bayne and Virginia Swain this year will be held in the open, probably at Coquina Beach.

MRS. MARGARET MIDGETT DIES AT MANN'S HARBOR

Mrs. Margaret Midgett, 44, died Tuesday night at 11:30 o'clock at the residence in Manns Harbor after a long illness.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Nancy Twiford Midgett and the late Joe Thomas Midgett. She was a native and lifelong resident of Dare County and was a member of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. Besides her mother, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wilis Creef of Dover, Del., and Miss Rosa Lee Daugherty of Manns Harbor; two brothers, Cecil and Morris B. Midgett of Manns Harbor; one sister, Mrs. Mary Dickerson of Mann Harbor.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the Rev. Geo. M. Kelly, pastor of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Mann Cemetery.

VALENTINE FOX HUNT ENDED IN RAINSTORM

The annual Valentine Season Fox Hunt at Nags Head on the past week end started in a blizzard and ended three days later in a pre-freeze rainstorm. As result only two brushes were actually accounted for during the three days of hunting, two in the lower Nags Head region and one in Nags Head Woods. The event this year attracted more than 100 hunters and spectators and 150 or more hounds and included social events each evening.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY BY WOMAN'S CLUB FEBRUARY 22

A card party will be given on Saturday evening, February 22, in the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head, by the Manteo Woman's Club, proceeds to go towards the club's scholarship fund. The scholarship is given each year to a member of the Manteo high school graduating class, and has been increased from \$100 to \$150.

The party will start at 8:30, and the public is invited to attend.

UNCLE WILLIE FROM WANCHESE WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers up at Mack's store Saturday night was wondering if Sputnik will have any effect on the weather. Ed allowed as how Congress was liable to take over the weather if we git too many of them things flying around.

I think Ed's wrong, and I'll tell you why.

If our Congressmen was to take over the rain, fer instants, we'd have to file a 10-page application to git a heavy dew, and fer a real gully washer we'd have to git the political endorsement of the county chairman. By the time the Rain Committee got through with the red tape and was about ready to send us a sprinkle, it would be too late fer this year's crops. And if one of them Senate investigating committees discovered that some member of the Rain Committee had broke bread with Jim Hoffa, they'd hold up the application until we might never git any more rain. It wouldn't work, Mister Editor.

Moving over from Congressmen to hogs, the fellers got to talking about this year's hog killing crop. They got to arguing over the way a pig's tail curls. Ed sticks to the old claim that you can tell a pig by the way his tail hangs. If it hangs to the left the pig ain't no good. I ain't never watched it real close but seems like a pig always does better if his tails hangs clockwise, like Ed says. But some of the fellers argued that it don't make much difference so long as it hangs one side or the other.

COASTLAND'S BIGGEST FREEZE SINCE WINTER OF 1918 BRINGS SURPRISES AND NEW EXPENSES

Maybe Not So Heavy a Freeze But Will Prove Many Times More Expensive Than 30-Day Siege During World War I; More Discomfort Among People Now Accustomed to Easier Living; Set-Back for Fishermen.

SENT TO NORFOLK FOR NEW NAVY ASSIGNMENT



JAMES E. BYRD, seaman apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Byrd of 1710 Colonial Way, New Bern, has been sent to the U. S. Naval Receiving Station at Norfolk, Va., for assignment. His wife, Mrs. James E. Byrd, is the former Cecelia Sue Etheridge of Manteo. The Norfolk Naval Receiving Station, commanded by Capt. E. B. Pugsley, USN, processes approximately 8,000 men a month on their way to and from Naval activities all over the world.

GASOLINE FIRE INJURES TWO NEAR KITTY HAWK

Andrew Tillett and William Swindell Got Cuts and Burns Wednesday; Truck A Total Loss

The sudden explosion and fire resulting from dripping of gasoline from the fuel tank of the truck driven by William Swindell and Andrew Tillett of Manteo resulted in painful injuries for both men, and in the total loss by fire of the truck, which was owned by Andmar Appliance Co.

About 4:05 p. m. while they were returning to Manteo, and near the intersection of 158 and the old Duck road, flames suddenly sprang up around them. The two men jumped out, and Mr. Tillett suffered injuries to an ankle which prevented walking, and a gash on the head about three inches long. Mr. Swindell suffered severe burns.

The men were treated by Dr. W. W. Harvey and not hospitalized.

HEART SUNDAY IN DARE IS CHANGED FROM NEXT SUNDAY TO MARCH 2nd

A one-week postponement of Dare County's Heart Sunday collection of funds for the fight against heart diseases has been announced by Woody Fearing of Manteo, county Heart Fund chairman. Mr. Fearing reported that the past week's weather conditions resulting in halting of the Oregon Inlet ferry had made it impossible for him to contact all the volunteers who will carry on the door-to-door canvass. In view of this, it has been decided that within Dare County March 2 will be designated as Heart Sunday instead of this coming Sunday, February 23, as previously planned.

The Heart Sunday collections will be made in other areas of the nation as planned next Sunday, with more than a million volunteers in thousands of communities making door-to-door visits in all residential areas.

Each of the Heart Sunday volunteers will visit several homes, mostly in his or her immediate neighborhood. Each will be identified by a circular lapel badge and will carry official printed envelopes in which contributors may seal their checks, bills or coins. The amount of the contribution need not be revealed. Where the volunteer finds no one at home, he or she will leave a pre-addressed envelope in which a contribution may be readily mailed to Heart Fund headquarters.

Yours truly,
Uncle Willie

It's the biggest freeze in 40 years, but not near so rough. It just seems much worse for today's people used to so many luxuries, and who are not conditioned for such abrupt changes in temperature. That's the opinion of old timers who compare this week's rugged weather with that of the freeze which lasted for nearly 30 days in the winter of 1917-18.

Temperatures this week are reported as down to ten degrees in the N. C. Coastland, but nothing to compare with the cold suffered in states farther inland. In the northwestern states temperatures have been reported as low as 37 degrees below. Hundreds of deaths have

BULLETIN

Traffic was halted Thursday at 3 p. m. across the Wright Memorial Bridge over Currituck Sound as a result of pressing ice floes. A section of the bridge near the west shore was reported to have sunk about three feet, and State Highway officials closed the bridge to highway traffic until an examination could be made to determine the extent of the damages.

resulted from exposure and accidents that followed the low temperatures, including lives lost in burning buildings.

It appears now that most all nets and stakes of fishermen, already set or in process of being set for the spring season, will have been swept away by ice. A torrent of fresh water pouring down the sounds will be expected to delay the replacement of such nets, and in many cases fishermen will have insufficient gear to make a fresh start this year.

Many people were caught by surprise when it began snowing last week end and then rapidly turning to colder weather, which resulted in the freezing over of bays, sounds and rivers in a short time Kitty Hawk Bay, Colington Creek, Manteo Bay, and places of like size were soon followed by Roanoke, Croatan and Currituck Sounds becoming a solid sheet of ice.

Ferries were frozen solid in their slips and couldn't make their runs. Oil supplies began running low on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands and the situation began to look grim. Finally on Wednesday afternoon a ferry trip was made, and oil went across.

There have been a lot of changes in 40 years. Now we are living under a government by crisis, but in 1918 we were in the midst of World War I which was going to make the world safe from war forever. In those days most of the people of the coastland kept warm by firewood. Out of the Trent woods came most of the fuel that warmed the people of Hatteras Island. In subsequent years as wood grew scarce and people less inclined toward manual labor, coal began to grow in favor. Finally now, most everyone depends on oil, a few on bottled gas and they are more at the mercy of outside forces and economic conditions than ever before.

Forty years ago, the men of the household got up what wood was burned for cooking and heating. People went to the store about once a week, and what with their salt meat and fish, and various vegetables, from a family garden, they seldom felt the pinch of any.

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ROANOKE ISLAND NATIVE DIES THURSDAY IN NORFOLK

Mrs. Minnie McInnis Twiford died at her home in Norfolk Thursday morning following a long illness. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Mrs. Twiford was a native of Roanoke Island, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Meekins. She is survived by her husband, Eugene M. Twiford of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. Inez Jenkins of Norfolk; Mrs. Hazel Lewis of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren and several great grandchildren; two brothers, William S. Meekins and Roland S. Meekins of Manteo; two sisters, Mrs. C. C. Jones and Mrs. Gladys Brantley of Manteo.