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KILL DEVIL HILLS HASSLE RESULTS IN VOTE CHALLENGING

Hearings Held Tuesday and Continued to Saturday to Hear Registrants

For the first time in the memory of this generation, there has come up a considerable challenging of votes in Dare County and this time it is in the coming municipal election of Kill Devil Hills, where the right of some 18 people to vote on the abolishment of the town charter is the issue.

On Wednesday of this week, the three judges of election met to hear evidence on the qualifications of voters who had been challenged. Some could not attend, some husbands could not attend because of their employment elsewhere.

The hearing was continued to Saturday of this week when it will be resumed at the town office.

Mrs. Jean Beacham is registrar, and the other judges are Mrs. Ira Partridge, and Mrs. William Mann.

The election is to be held on March 15th.

Registrations of John Bell, Edith Harlow, Robert Stewart, Jack Chapman, E. H. Short, Viola Short, Thos. H. Briggs and Mrs. Susie Briggs, were challenged by E. V. Melson and R. E. Parker Jr., town commissioners, and Ira Partridge and Dan S. Harris, two of the original opponents of the municipality in the first anti-election.

Mayor Robert A. Young, N. R. Smith and T. H. Briggs challenged several other registrants including avowed antis: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Baum, Raymond Jackson, Clarence Beacham, Evelyn Beacham, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tillett, Mr. and Mrs. Ephey Priest, and Herbert Harding.

The challenge to the young Priest couple was withdrawn by the challengers. This couple had recently moved from Manteo to the Kellogg Apartments at Kill Devil Hills.

Herman Tillett and Mrs. Tillett's case will be heard Saturday as a result of bringing up the subject of whether Mr. Tillett could read and write the constitution.

EVANS ERECTING STORE BUILDING NEXT POSTOFFICE

Construction began this week on a large store building in downtown Manteo on the property of Charles R. Evans, adjoining the postoffice building, which he owns. The new building will be two stories high, of masonry construction.

The main section of this building on the corner of County and Fronts Sts., will be 50 x 50 feet, and to the southeast an addition 30 x 30 feet will be extended.

The store is on the site of the former John W. Evans store, which was operated by C. R. Evans for many years until the fire which swept the town in 1939 put it out of business. The late John W. Evans, an uncle of C. R. Evans erected the store about 70 years ago, during the time he ran one of the biggest mercantile businesses in the coastland.

C. R. Evans stated this week he might rent the building, but chances are he will establish a business of his own on the property. The second story will be suitable for conversion into apartment or office space, or may be used in connection with the store.

ROTARY CLUB ENDORSES ALL-SEASHORE HIGHWAY

Petition to Governor Asks State to Dredge 1,200-ft. Channel into Cedar Island Soon.

A petition, signed by many clubs and citizens from Wilmington to Dare County urging further support for the All-Seashore Highway, received the enthusiastic endorsement of the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night. The petition was presented by R. S. Wahab of Ocracoke, and for three days this week he has been getting many endorsers for the project.

Principal object of the current petition is to enlist state support which will cost some \$25,000 to dredge a 1,200 foot long channel from Pamlico Sound to Cedar Island, making possible landing of a ferry boat which it is proposed to operate between Ocracoke and U. S. 70 in Carteret County.

It is sought thus to provide a continuous highway route along the coast from Nags Head to Ocracoke Island, and which would become part of a New York-Florida coastal route. Many people contemplate eventual completion of the road between Kitty Hawk and Virginia Beach as a part of this route.

THEIR REIGN WILL END ON APRIL 24



Pirate Queen Virginia Swain of Manteo and Pirate King Pat Bayne of Nags Head are shown as they were taking off last Friday morning along with several costumed subjects for Washington, N. C., to participate in the events staged in the world premiere of the movie "Lafayette Escadrille." At the Jolly Rogers Ball on April 12, successors to Queen Virginia and King Pat will be selected. On April 24, as a finale feature of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore dedication at Coquina Beach, the new king and queen will be crowned, and afterwards a gala ball in their honor will be presented without the usual coronation confusion at Buccaneer Ras Westcott's Pirate Den Casino, with music by a nationally-famous orchestra. (Dare County Tourist Bureau photo)

1958 PIRATE KING, QUEEN ARE TO BE CHOSEN APRIL 12

Coronation of the Pirate Jamboree Royalty Will Be on April 24 at Coquina Beach

Dare Coast pirate royalty to succeed Queen Virginia Swain and King Pat Bayne will be selected on April 12 at the Jolly Rogers Ball, and the ruling buccaneers of 1958 will be crowned in coronation ceremonies to be presented as a finale of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore dedication at Coquina Beach April 24.

The Jolly Rogers Ball, most colorful of pre-Pirate Jamboree events, will be held in Buccaneer Ras Westcott's Pirate Den Casino on Nags Head.

Also planned, with the date to be scheduled, will be another teen-age buccaneer dance at which a Prince and Princess will be selected. The teen-age dance last year resulted in Frankie White of Manteo and Diane Tillett of Wanchese winning the honors, and they played their role during the past year, just as King Pat and Queen Virginia have done, with distinction.

Moving the coronation ceremonies to the first day of the four-day vacation launching celebration will give the new king and queen an opportunity to actually rule over their subjects during their election year. Previously the crowning of the king and queen took place at the coronation ball on the second or third night of the celebration.

A gala coronation ball honoring the new king and queen will be held on Saturday night in the Pirate Den Casino, but without the actual crowning ceremonies. Buccaneer Westcott has promised to have one of the best bands available to provide the music for the ball.

At the Coquina Beach crowning of the king and queen, Governor Luther Hodges, NPS Director Conrad Wirth and other dignitaries will be in attendance, and they will be asked to have roles in the actual crowning of the 1958 royalty.

In the meantime, plans are being seen JAMBOREE, Page Five

MRS. MARTHA STOWE, 86, DIES AT FRISCO, N. C.

Mrs. Martha Stowe, 86, wife of John M. Stowe died Wednesday morning at her home in Frisco, after an illness of three weeks. Funeral services were conducted at the Little Grove Methodist Church Thursday at 10 a.m., with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Sparrow, officiating. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, John Preston Stowe, and one sister, Mrs. Nancy Stacey of Portsmouth, Va.

BECOMES SOLE OWNER OF MANN'S HARBOR GROCERY

Wilbur Pinner of Manns Harbor this week became sole owner of the general store business operated heretofore under the name of Pinner's Grocery and he will continue to operate it, with larger stocks. He is now engaged in repainting the store, and carrying on business just the same. His brother and former partner, Bill Pinner, will remain at Manns Harbor and engage in the fishing business.

MAKE-UP SCHEDULE FOR DARE SCHOOLS IS ANNOUNCED

One-day To Be Given For Pirates Jamboree Participation; Full Sessions on Saturdays

Due to the closing of schools during the recent freeze, all schools in Dare County will be in session on some Saturdays in order to make up the lost days. Cape Hatteras School will be in session on Saturday, March 8 and March 15, Kitty Hawk, Manteo, Wanchese, Manns Harbor, and Stumpy Point will be in session on the two Saturdays: March 15 and March 22. The Roanoke School did not lose any days.

Besides being in session on Saturdays shown above, each of the schools will have only one day for the Pirates Jamboree instead of the two days originally scheduled. Cape Hatteras will have a holiday on Friday, April 25, but will be in session on Thursday, April 24. The other schools will be in session on Thursday, April 24, and Friday, April 25.

All Saturday sessions will be on a full six-hour schedule instead of half-day schedule.

The Dare County Board of Education regrets the necessity of holding school on Saturdays to make up the lost days but the early tourist season which results in employment of many of the students, and early opening dates for summer schools for teachers, made Saturday teaching more advisable than extending the school term at the end of the year. The Board of Education is requesting that all parents cooperate in seeing that their children attend school on the make-up days in order that the average daily attendance will not drop. Allotment of teachers for next year depends upon average daily attendance this year and it is to be hoped that absences will not be responsible for a decrease in teacher allotment.

SEVERAL MAY FILE FOR OFFICE SOON IN DARE COUNTY

Citizens Hopeful for Change, But Few to Accept Responsibility

Reports this week indicate that there will be several candidates for County Commissioner and may be other offices in Dare County to file before the deadline next month. While practically every one of the Commissioners have said they did not intend to run again this year, it is a rare thing that one of them ever keeps this promise, but does file and run again.

All the present Board may be expected to run again, except Lawrence Swain of Manteo who said yesterday that he positively would not be a candidate for commissioner, and further that he thought he had served long enough.

Friends of Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk report him as saying he will not run, but do not believe it will be the case, and that he will change his mind. Newcomb Middett of Waves has said several times he would not run again, but many believe he will change his mind. Woodrow Edwards of that community has said positively he expects to be a candidate.

E. P. White of Buxton has said See POLITICS, Page Five

COMMISSIONERS OF DARE GET REQUEST FOR TWO HARBORS

Petition Endorsed Seeking Dredging To Permit Ferry from Ocracoke to Cedar Island

The dredging of harbors at both Wanchese and Buxton were among items taken under consideration at Tuesday's meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners. In attendance were all five commissioners, Chairman C. C. Duvall, E. P. White, H. F. Perry, Newcomb Middett, and Lawrence Swain.

The commissioners unanimously voted approval of a petition being prepared by R. S. Wahab in support of a dredging project from Cedar Island to Ocracoke to permit a ferry service between these two points. This ferry service would permit an uninterrupted flow of north-south traffic by doing away with the present dead-end that motorists headed south encounter at Ocracoke. This would bring a considerable increase in the flow of traffic through the Dare County area.

In the matter of the harbor projects, a petition from a group of Wanchese citizens was presented asking that a short piece of county ditch, located at Mill Landing, about 250 feet long by 30 feet wide, be deepened to a depth of not less than 5 feet. It was pointed out that the federal government has made a deep water channel into the fish houses at Mill Creek, but the petition stated that the dock facilities are still not adequate for the number of boats that use Mill Landing as a harbor, most of the present space being privately owned and taken up by boats owned by the property owners. To ask for bids on the project, the following committee was appointed: Melvin R. Daniels, Macon Meekins, and Willie Daniels; this committee will report to the commissioners at the board's April meeting.

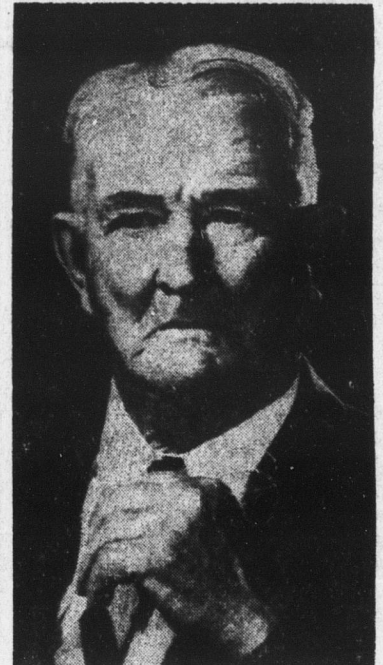
N. F. Jennett appeared before the board to ask that a harbor about 250-yards long be built at Buxton, and he offered to deed to the county the necessary land for such a project. To investigate this problem further, a committee was appointed made up of E. P. White, N. F. Jennett, and Albin Fulcher.

The commissioners voted unanimously to accept a contract for county audits for 1956-57 and 1957-58 to be made by R. O. How. See BOARD, Page Five

MONEY TO MAKE POSSIBLE QUARTER MILLION FOR ROADS IN DARE COUNTY ALLOTTED

Highway Commission Allocates \$87 Millions For State This Week; Projects Long Since Approved by Commissioners Including Surface to Duvall's Buffalo City Super-market.

DARE COUNTY JUDGE SAW AHEAD OF HIS NEIGHBORS



—Photo by Morrill

Washington Franklin Baum of Manteo has attained a long record as a judge, having served the past 27 years as judge of the Dare County Recorder's Court. During last year, he reports that his court handled 552 cases and turned over to the county close to \$20,000 in fines and costs.

It was in 1931 that he became recorder's judge. He was named by the Dare county commissioners, under the law by the legislature shortly before which created the court. He was in the mercantile business at the time, he recalls, and was asked to take the office after two previous appointees had been offered it and refused it. He agreed to give it a try, somewhat fearful at first that it might interfere with his work at the store. He admits that at times his court actions may have offended customers, but says he believes that, looking at the overall picture, he See BAUM, Page Five

A total of \$87,000,000 has been allotted for improvement and maintenance of secondary roads in North Carolina, which may or may not be a big help just before the primary to Boards of Commissioners in their campaigns for re-election. It will also make possible big expenditures to build roads to develop super-markets in out of the way places like Buffalo City. Announcement from Raleigh is that Commissioners will be given "considerable discretion" in determining whether their available funds will be used for paving or for general improvement.

The Highway Commission in Raleigh reported the \$87 million will be split up: 60 million for maintenance, 25 million for road improvement, and \$2 million for improvement of bridges. A Dare County bridge project calls for building an elevated bridge in Kitty Hawk community so boatmen can bring their vessels up into the woods. The bridge will cost \$3,060.

The money will be allocated to counties on the basis of a recent survey, according to announcement this week. The recent survey in Dare County made with approval of the Commissioners, calls for the following road improvements at an expenditure of \$220,060.

Two-tenths of a mile at Avon to cost \$6,000; two miles to Chairman Claude Duvall's store at Buffalo City, \$63,000; Bridge at Kitty Hawk, \$3,060; seven-tenths mile to Skycro landing \$21,000; one and a half miles from county street, back of Manteo, \$45,000; one and sixth tenths miles in Kitty Hawk \$60,000; eighty-five hundredths of a mile to Long Point, Kitty Hawk, \$5,500; fifty-five hundredths of a mile near Fresh Pond, Kill Devil Hills, \$16,500.

EFFORTS FAIL AFTER FULL WEEK TO FLOAT OREGON INLET FERRY

The ferry boat, Herbert C. Bonner at Oregon Inlet, is still ashore on a sand shoal to the westward of the main channel, after having remained there since Thursday of last week, when it ran off its course during a fog while being skippered by Capt. Luther Middett.

All efforts to float the boat during the past week have failed, and one of the older ferries now used as a work boat which went to aid it, is also ashore.

Assistance has been rendered by men of Oregon Inlet Coast Guard station. Cars remain on the boat, but the passengers were taken off.

Other boats are keeping service normal on a usual half hour schedule across the inlet.

Plans now are to use a small dredge owned by M. L. Burrus of Hatteras to dig a way out for the stranded boat.

TWO REMAINING SCHOOLS ON DARE MAINLAND OUT

This year marks the end of the two schools on the Dare mainland at Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point. The Board of Education this week passed an order that the pupils of the mainland could be better taken care of at Manteo, and next year they will go the way of the schools at East Lake and Mashoes.

Two large buildings will remain at Stumpy Point and Manns Harbor, and the problem will be to turn them to good advantage. The Mashoes school building was brought to Manns Harbor and turned to good use as a lunch room. The East Lake school was turned over to a group to use as a community house, but it is being allowed to come to nothing, when it might have been sold for a residence, and brought extra money back into the school fund.

HEART FUND REPORT

Woody Fearing, Dare County Heart Fund Chairman, reported Wednesday that reports of last Sunday's Heart Sunday campaign were beginning to come in, and that by noon Wednesday he had received a total of \$604.81. He said indications were that the final results would be somewhat better than last year. A complete report on the drive is to be available next week, Mr. Fearing said.

UNCLE TOM FROM TRENT WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Great landmarks was falling fast in the nation last week.

Smith Brothers cough drops went from a nickel to a dime. That was the last stronghold of the American nickel. The year gold was discovered in California these brothers put their beards together and set the price of their new cough remedy at a nickel.

Buffalo roamed the prairies, the Civil War came and went, railroads was built, Dan McGrew was shot, more and bigger wars came and went, telephones, televisions, jets, electric razors, but the Smith Brothers held fast. Last week up in upstate New

York the directors had a meeting and decided it couldn't go on forever. It was a sad day.

About the same time, in downstate New York, Sophie Tucker, known everywhere as "the last of the red hot mamas," announced her retirement. Another old landmark had fell.

Then in Washington, President Ike stated again he was holding steady for that five-cent postage stamp on mail out of town. Congressman Barratt of Illinois suggested that the first series of these new stamps ought to carry a picture of two pirates. I would suggest that the second series have a picture of Jesse James with his horse and gun.

But while things seemed to be falling apart everywhere, there was one ray of hope. Up in West Sand Lake, N. Y., the West Sand Lake Association for Protection against Horse Thieves held its 109th annual meeting. Now there's a group of fellows that's got the proper determination. If we had more like 'em, Smith Bros. cough drops would still be a nickel and Sophie Tucker would be announcing her plans for 1970.

Well, I set down when Congress convened and wrote my Congressman a letter. I told him in a nutshell, that I wanted more farm relief and less taxes. I finally got a letter back from him yesterday. It was a masterpiece in business, ifness, and however-ness. He promised a little tax reduction but mixed the promise in with a little business, and the ifness and howeverness completely outweighed the less taxness. Them fellows can write more and say less than anybody this side of eternity or on the other side of infinity.

But I think the soil bank program is safe for another two year. I see where Ike got \$2,009,600 for not farming 46 acres on his Gettysburg plantation. That's the first time Ike's ever got his hands on some good farm relief money, and it's a mighty catching disease.

Yours truly,
Uncle Tom from Trent

REPRESENTED FOREIGN NATIONS IN MANTEO PTA PROGRAM



Commemorating the long and successful history of the Parent-Teacher Association and its spread to foreign lands, a special program marked the meeting at Manteo School last week. Pupils of the school dressed in native costumes appeared on the stage to say their lines about the country they represented. Taking part in the presentation were from left to right: Dale Wescott, Mexico; Johnnie Gibbs, Eskimo; Stormy Gale Brown, Scotland; John Podolaki, Holland; Susie Basnight, Spain; Mary Elizabeth Earle, Japan; Barbara Wescott, Hawaii and Claudia Long, United States. (Aycock Brown photo)