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COSTING NEARLY QUARTER MILLION TO RUN SCHOOLS IN DARE COUNTY THIS YEAR

County Now Contributing Less Than One Fourth This Sum; Per Capita Pupil Cost is \$185 For School Term; County Taxes Pay \$37,000 and Court Fines Yield \$13,000 or More; Teachers Get \$139,000.

The anticipated expense of operating Dare County's school system for the 1957-1958 fiscal year totals \$234,427.93, or \$185.91 per pupil, according to figures made available last week by Mrs. Mary L. Evans, county superintendent. Based on this estimate, the cost to the state of the operation of Dare's schools will be \$177,420.33, leaving the county responsible for \$57,007.60, slightly less than one-fourth the total cost. The above figures do not include any part of the current building programs underway at Manteo and Kitty Hawk, costs of these projects having been fully publicized previously.

According to the present budget, the county's expected revenue for school purposes has been placed at \$58,312.33, or \$1,304.73 in excess of the county's \$57,007.60 share of the expense.

The breakdown of expected revenue reveals that of the county's \$58,312.33, only \$33,000 (\$26.17 per pupil) is to be derived directly from ad valorem taxes, the balance to come from other sources, including court fines, federal aid funds and unencumbered funds from the previous fiscal year. To the \$33,000 in tax funds will be added an estimated \$13,000 in court fines making a total of \$46,000, all earmarked for current expense except \$6,559.60 for capital outlay. The school board brought forward from the 1956-1957 fiscal year a total of \$8,520.37 in unencumbered current expense funds, of which \$4,820 are federal aid funds. The budget also includes from the year before a balance of \$12,800 out of a total

WHALESHEAD CLUB AT COROLLA NOW OFFERED FOR SALE

Nothing Less Than \$600,000 Asked For Property of Late Ray T. Adams

Washington, D. C.—Collectors for the estate of the late Ray T. Adams, prominent Washington businessman, have invited sealed bids for sale of the Adams control in the fabulous Whaleshead Hunting and Fishing Club of Corolla, N. C., it was learned Monday.

Acting as collectors and nominated executors of the estate, trust department officials of the National Bank of Washington have sent out letters asking bids on 9,944 shares of common and 5,056 shares of preferred of Whaleshead Club, Inc., which owns the 2,000 acres and improvements about 30 miles south of Virginia Beach, Va., and 30 miles north of Nags Head.

Bids will be accepted up to noon on April 11 and at that time all bids will be opened.

Any bids submitted should be in excess of \$600,000 in view of the value of the property and extensive improvements, the letter said. These include a three-story clubhouse and hunting lodge of 22 rooms, apartments, cottages, boat-house and garage. Around 525,000 trees of many varieties have been planted on the tract since Mr. Adams acquired it in 1939.

Mr. Adams turned the property on the remote outer banks of North Carolina into a hunters' and fishermen's center. Written up in national magazines, the club is being patronized by such personalities as Jack Dempsey and Gov. Hodges of North Carolina. An airstrip was added recently and plans have been drafted for a new road to it.

Mr. Adams was president of R. T. Adams, Inc., which specializes in meats for hotels. He was a member of the advisory board of NBW and of the Washington Board of Trade and was active in many other organizations.

MANTEO ARTISTS EXHIBIT PAINTINGS AT FESTIVAL

Among area artists exhibiting their works last week at the Fine Arts Festival in Elizabeth City were Don Leary (who exhibits as M. Charles), Mrs. James C. Bardin and Mrs. O. J. Jones of Manteo; and Mrs. W. A. Williams, Jr., of Nags Head. Mrs. Bardin and Mrs. Jones each brought home two ribbons, each having won a red ribbon and a white one.

BLUEFIN TUNAFISH CAUGHT WITH ROD AND REEL MONDAY

Maryland Sportsmen Fishing With Edgar Styron Make Big Catch off Hatteras

By AYCOCK BROWN
Trolling with feather lures off Hatteras on Monday, Jack Snyder of Baltimore and Jim O'Donnell of Chevy Chase, Md., hooked and boated three big bluefin tuna and one small mako shark, the first big game fish to be taken off the North Carolina coast in 1958, or, as matter of fact the first reported caught north of Florida this year.

They were the fishing guests of Capt. Edgar Styron of the Blue Marlin Docks here, aboard his cruiser Twins II. Since last year in March when Capt. Styron returned from the Gulf Stream on March 24 with several school tuna weighing from eight to 15 pounds, and reports of raising to bait and sighting some giant bluefin tuna, the Hatteras fishing guide and skipper had been planning to prove his reports were accurate.

"When the story went out about our party seeing the big bluefins off there at the edge of the Gulf Stream there were many who seemed to believe it was just a story we had made up," said Capt. Styron. "Since then I had been planning to go back out there again this year at my own expense to prove that I was right."

To help him prove his story, Capt. Styron invited O'Donnell and Snyder, close friends who had fished with him in the past here to come down and go fishing on St. Patrick's Day. Both O'Donnell and Snyder are well known big game fishermen.

For their trolling rigs they used three rigs, Ocean City 6/0, 12/0 and 14/0 reels, one Ted Williams and two Montague rods, 39 Thread line and feather lures. After clearing the inlet with the Twins II going about 10 knots, the lures were put overboard. The first strike and first tuna was taken in less than 30 minutes, about six miles offshore and still in sight of land. The other two, along with the small mako that weighed about 40 pounds were caught at the edge of the Gulf Stream just south of Diamond Lightship. At the latter place four more tuna were hooked and lost. Capt. Styron stated that these were much larger fish.

The three tuna boated weighing from 96 to 93½ pounds were what O'Donnell described as being in the "100-pound class." . . . Stormy weather prevented the party from going offshore again on Tuesday as planned. Jim O'Donnell III and Barbara and Barney Snyder, children of the anglers were also on the exploratory fishing junket Monday but caught no fish.

16 YEAR OLD BOY BEATEN; BOY'S PAPA THEN FINDS AND THRASHES BEATER

Investigation by officers was underway Thursday afternoon in a case wherein Jerry Daniels and Norman Ward of Manteo inflicted a brutal beating on Jerry Houston 16, at the Meekins Esso Station, and wherein Marvin Houston, father of Jerry Houston, looked up Jerry Daniels and gave him a sound thrashing in return.

The Houston boy and Harry Niser, 18, were coming toward Manteo when a car driven by Norman Ward and belonging to Jerry Daniels overtook them and began sideswiping them, inflicting more damage to the Daniels car than to Houston's. Daniels and Ward are reported to have been drinking, and Daniels brought up complaints that Houston had been going to see a girl in whom he was interested, at Wanchese.

When Houston stopped at the Esso station, Daniels attacked him, and Ward joined in the fight, beating Houston with his shoe. Police were not located, as is usual in such cases, but when Houston senior heard about what had happened he sought out Daniels, found him near the Flamingo Cafe at Nags Head and gave him a thrashing. Jerry Houston's injuries required treatment by Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr.

TWO OUTER BANKERS COMPLETE BASIC TRAINING



MEDFORD L. AUSTIN



DONNIE L. FARROW

These two boys recently completed 13 weeks basic training at the Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, N. J. Both of them attended Cape Hatteras School, and both of them report to First District, Boston, for further assignment. Both are seamen apprentices. Austin is the son of Mrs. Louis S. Austin of Hatteras, and Farrow is the son of Mrs. Mary Farrow, Buxton. They entered the Coast Guard Reserves program last November.

FIRE TAKES AWAY RODANTHE'S BIG HOME THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lose J. A. Midgett Home and All Belongings

Most every community has a bigger house than the others to dominate its skyline. For 45 years the biggest house at Rodanthe, seen from across the water or up and down the beaches has been the home of the late Capt. John Allen Midgett. It is no more. It was swept away quickly late Thursday afternoon in a wind-driven blaze of unknown origin which also destroyed the adjacent former postoffice building.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert, who owned the house had been called to the old Chicamacomico Coast Guard station to answer a phone call from a relative in Norfolk. It was at this station where Mrs. Herbert's father, Capt. Johnny spent a large part of his distinguished career, and where he served at the time of his untimely death. This station is occupied as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Verde Watson.

Mrs. Watson looked out and saw a huge blaze in the Herbert home. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert rushed across to it. Frantically Mrs. Herbert tried to go upstairs to save some treasured items. Mr. Herbert with great effort and personal risk got her out of the house in time to save her. The house, all their belongings were a total loss. They saved only what clothes they were

UNCLE TOM FROM TRENT WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I've had a little touch of the flu and ain't been able to git further than hollering distance from home all week.

About all I know is what I've saw on television, heard on the radio, read in the papers, and picked up eavesdropping on the party line. And of course I've been getting my daily allotment of mail from the various state and federal agencies.

But I didn't git up to the country store Saturday night and until you git the low-down from the boys up there, you actually don't know nothing official.

I see where some preacher in Pittsburg told his flock that he'd been in touch with hell fer some time now. Unless he's been off in a space ship fer the last few years, he ain't got nothing to brag about. All of us keeps in touch with that locality these days. All he's got to do is look around him a little.

So this preacher wants to talk about hell? I wonder if he ever stopped to think how slow a jet plane is along side how fast our inflated dollar is traveling these days. I bought my old lady a electric iron for \$5 in 1935 and last week it cost me \$7.50 just to git it repaired. Any feller that has any trouble communicating with hell these days is a sad case. He's lost. They say the saddest thing in this world, Mister Editor, is a country dog that is lost in town and looking fer his master. I'd say the next saddest thing is somebody who has got to go out of his way to get in touch with hell in 1958.

Another item in the paper that struck me as funny was a story about a street employee in London that got caught stealing

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL FOR NEXT WEEK

Rev. C. W. Bazemore, Associate Editor Bible Recorder To Be Visiting Minister

Pastor W. E. Cholerton and his congregation at Manteo Baptist Church have been in preparation for the week of revival services scheduled for March 24-30. The visiting minister will be Rev. C. W. Bazemore of Raleigh, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder, Baptist state journal of North Carolina.

He was for some years pastor in Virginia, and later pastor of Corinth and Woodville churches, and also of Mt. Sinai Church, all in Chowan association. He served for several years as missionary of the Roanoke association, and since 1950 has been in his present work with the BIBLICAL RECORDER. Mr. Bazemore's work with the Baptist state paper has taken him into associations and churches of every county of the State from Murphy to Manteo, and into several hundred of the Baptist churches.

Before his call to the ministry, he was high school principal, and was newspaper manager and editor in this State for several years.

Pastor Cholerton and his people at the Manteo church join in extending a cordial invitation to the public to attend these special evangelistic services, which will close Sunday, March 30. (There will be special music at the services, and a warm welcome to all.)

BASKETBALL GAME RAISES \$188.10 FOR TYPING TABLES

A capacity crowd filled the Manteo gymnasium last Friday night when the Manteo seniors went to battle on the basketball court with faculty members and others. The costumes and stunts used during the evening were of hilarious nature and brought howls of laughter from the onlookers. A total of \$188.10 was cleared from the evening's entertainment, this to be applied to the purchase price of typing tables for the commercial department. Those in charge of putting on the game are grateful for the co-operation of everyone who took part, including the faculty members, school officials, cheer leaders and all others who helped.

ELECTION SEEN AS GOOD FOR TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Board Members Believe There Would Never Have Been Harmony Without It

Saturday's municipal election in Kill Devil Hills is viewed with satisfaction by a number of people who have expressed themselves freely, including town Aldermen Eddie Melson and R. E. Parker Jr. "We have no complaint," they say. "We are satisfied we had an honest election in spite of a few previous incidents, and now that the majority of the people have made their decision, we must forget the battle and unite to work for the good of the town."

Messrs Melson and Parker believe there would never have been any peace in the community, had the town officials stood off the demands of a large group of people to hold another election on this issue, since so many of them felt the first one had not been entirely on the level.

"It was never a question of whether the town commissioners had a preference in the issue," Mr. Melson says. "The Town Board considered its duty to hold an election. This has been done, the people have voted, and now it's up to the people on both sides who want a better town to unite and work for it."

Mr. Melson calls attention to some alleged discrepancies in some of the reports passed along prior to the election. He and Mr. Parker both say it has never been the intention of the Town Board to pay travel and legal expenses incurred by any member of the Board in efforts to do away with the charter. This, like many rumors on both sides, they say, gained circulation during the heat of the campaign. "The Town Board used every effort to insure a fair election, and we endeavored to get the best legal advice available, to guide the town all the way."

MANY OBSTACLES STILL CONFRONTING KILL DEVIL HILLS

Supporters of Charter Win by 12 Votes; Antis Still in Control

While the town charter of Kill Devil Hills was ratified Saturday by a majority of 12 votes, there is a long road to go before smooth sailing is in sight. There were 119 votes cast, 65 of them for the town. Of the qualified voters, 97.6 per cent went to the polls.

With sentiment so nearly evenly divided, Kill Devil Hills' future is going to depend a lot on the patience, tact and good nature of those on both sides. There will be little for the winners to crow about. It was a close election. It will be up to both sides to try to remedy such evils as may have given rise to the bitter dissatisfaction which arose.

Mayor Robert Young did a great deal of work in the campaign to retain the town charter. He went into the job more or less uninformed about the town, yet the material he prepared in support of the town showed that he had given a lot of time to the necessary research, and this experience should make him a more able occupant of the Mayor's office. His work is more significant when it is recalled that three members of the town board were against his position. They strove to abolish the municipality, and they are still the town's officers. If Kill Devil Hills succeeds as a town, it is now going to take a lot of patience and cooperation. Nobody need brag about anything. The election however indicates that a few more people have come to realize that the town charter can

NORFOLK MASONIC GROUP TO APPEAR SATURDAY AT WANCHESE LODGE HALL

On this, their third appearance in Dare County, the Aecia Club of Norfolk, Norfolk, Masonic Lodge No. 13 will present a play Saturday night, March 22 at Wanchese Lodge, No. 521, A.F. & A.M. Mel Harrison is president of the group. Admission will be free to all members of the Masonic fraternity and visiting members are particularly invited.

H. O. Bridges, Master of Wanchese Lodge is planning to serve the Norfolk visitors an oyster supper, prior to the beginning of the play. The play will begin at 7 p.m., and a large attendance is expected.

The title of this play is "Judge Not," and is a repeat performance, having been presented throughout northeastern North Carolina and Virginia and is very popular. It has previously been presented at Wanchese.

CITIZENS IN DARE BEGIN TO SHOW CONCERN ABOUT COUNTY AFFAIRS; CANDIDATES APPEAR

People Waking Up to High Taxes and Cost of Government Built Up By Extravagance of County Board; People Clamor For Capable Candidates Who Will Consider Welfare of People Above Self.

A KENNEKEET TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE



WOODROW EDWARDS of Waves, on the northern part of Kennekeet Township has stated that due to the appeals of many citizens of his area, he will seek the nomination for County Commissioner in the forthcoming Democratic primary. Mr. Edwards, a native of Bertie County retired in October 1957 after 20 years in Government service. He retired as officer in charge of Oregon Inlet Life Saving Station after about five years at this post. He joined the Army in 1933, spent two years in Panama and a year at Fort Slocum, N. Y. He came to Buxton for two years with the Civilian Conservation Corp, and while on Hatteras Island, met his wife, the former Mellie Midgett of Waves. During his Coast Guard career, he served on various vessels, including the Diamond Shoals lightship. He saw service at the Elizabeth City Air Station, customs and immigration duty at Norfolk; inspection duty at Colonial Beach, Va., enforced harbor and navigation regulations; was with the Captain of the port in Norfolk where he worked on Escort and Convoy duty at sea. He has been active in community affairs, served as president of the local civic club, and is a member of Cape Hatteras Masonic Lodge. The Edwards family have recently built a large, modern home at Waves. Since his retirement, he is engaging in the fish business and tourist accommodation enterprise at Rodanthe-Waves.

MRS. GUY H. LENNON DIES WEDNESDAY AFTER SIX MONTHS ILLNESS

After an illness of six months, Mrs. Gladys Westcott Lennon died Wednesday night at 10:10 in Duke Hospital, Durham, where she had been several weeks for treatment. She was the wife of Guy H. Lennon of Manteo and the daughter of the late O. J. and Alethia Ward Westcott. She is survived by four sisters and three brothers: Mrs. W. R. Hale of Sea Level, Mrs. Henry Johnson of Raleigh, Mrs. Lena Pearsall and Miss Ione Westcott of Manteo; William G. Westcott of Manteo; Carlisle J., and George R. Westcott of Norfolk.

She had been a lifelong member and faithful worker in the Manteo Baptist Church; a woman devoted to community betterment in many phases, and she was active in the Manteo Home Demonstration and Garden Clubs. She was ever a woman of great personal charm and beauty; was an efficient home maker, and her love for shrubbery and beauty brought out her gifts for artistry; her endeavors everywhere were marked by good taste and improvement. Her interest and effort in behalf of the community were exerted tirelessly and were helpful and inspiring influences to those neighbors who were associated with her. She was one who remembered the sick and attended with comfort and encouragement. She was ever helpful to her neighbors.

No woman lived more uprightly and helpfully in spirit and example and none were more highly regarded and appreciated in this locality, where, (except for brief residences elsewhere during her husband's service in the Navy), she has been a life-long resident. She was loved without exception. See MRS. LENNON, Page Five

With another month to go before the filing deadline for county officers, it now begins to look as if Dare County will not lack for a choice of candidates to fill several offices, particularly on the Board of County Commissioners wherein lie the chief complaints, and whose actions have aroused the concern of the people as has seldom happened in the history of the county.

While burdened with an awfully large tax load, the people have, during the past few years, witnessed their wishes disregarded and their money wasted. The two chief complaints are one, the jail deal which is going to cost the people \$100,000 with another jail still to be built at Buxton; and two, the action of the Board in paying \$22,000 to some New Jersey men to come into Dare County and re-value the property, which process is now going on although the contract called for completion by March 1.

The jail deal, which people consider a particularly raw one, was a scheme whereby the Commissioners could spend some \$50,000 cash the county had on hand plus some more, and the plan included a jail at Manteo, and a jail at Buxton. What grips the people so much is that the county Board wasted \$3,000 to hold an election to ascertain the wishes of the people. The people voted it down three to one, and had the county board had any self-respect and respect for their office and the people this should have settled the matter, most people say. But egged on by others in the courthouse, they went ahead and built the jail at Manteo, got a bum job for the money, raised taxes to pay the difference over the \$50,000.

The jail at Buxton has not been built, but it too, having been voted down heavily by the people of the area, is to be built, and nobody knows what that will cost. Taxes See POLITICS, Page Five

CANDIDATES ENTER FIELD FOR DARE COMMISSIONER

There will be candidates in the field for County Commissioner in Dare County beside incumbent members this year. Lawrence Swain of Manteo says he is not going to run; E. P. White of Buxton has abdicated in favor of his son-in-law, George Fuller. Mr. Fuller says he is definitely a candidate.

Other members of the Board, Chairman Claude Duvall, Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk, and Newcomb Midgett of Waves are expected to file. In fact some of them are exceedingly anxious to stay on the board.

Mr. Duvall is expected to be opposed by Horace Hooper of Stumpy Point. Mr. Midgett is opposed by Woodrow Edwards of Waves. Prospective opponents of Mr. Perry have been listed as Oscar Sanderlin, Tom Briggs, Bill Foreman and Orville Baum. None of these has said publicly he will run.

Judge W. F. Baum, Recorder; C. S. Meekins, Clerk of Court; and R. Bruce Etheridge, Representative are candidates for re-election, and these are not expected to have opposition. Register of Deeds Melvin Daniels and Coroner Jim Vannote are expected to be candidates, and may be without opposition.

Present members of the Board of Education are all expected to file for re-nomination. They are Ellis Gray, Chairman of Avon; W. L. Scarborough of Buxton; Mrs. Susie Briggs of Kill Devil Hills; Leland Wise of Stumpy Point and R. O. Ballance of Manteo.

AVON MAN CHARGED IN KITTY HAWK COLLISION

William Julian Austin of Avon was charged with reckless driving as a result of an accident Wednesday afternoon at 3:20 p.m. on Highway 158 in front of Wink's Grocery at Kitty Hawk. The accident occurred when a 1957 Ford pickup truck being driven south by Austin crossed the center line of the highway and struck an oncoming 1957 Chevrolet being driven by Wallace A. MacBain of Somers Point, N. J. No one was injured, but Patrolman Arthur F. Fields reported extensive damage to the left-hand front of each vehicle.