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NEW APPRAISALS EXPECTED TO LIFT ADDITIONAL \$100,000 OUT OF RESORT PROPERTY OWNERS

Heavy Burden To Be Shifted to Owners of Beach Cottages, Motels, and New Homes on Coast, As New Jersey Firm Winds Up Appraisals; Big Decline Expected in Value of Resort Property. Total Shake-Down of Taxes Expected to Be Over Quarter Million Dollars.

An approximate computation of figures growing out of the 1958 tax listing in Dare County reveals a property valuation doubling that of 1957, of a total of close to 37 million dollars. The anticipated tax levy this year will be over \$100,000 greater than last year.

The tax levy is expected to yield well over a quarter of a million dollars. Some of the county funds are running in the red; a lot of extra money is needed for schools, and several county officials are already licking their chops for considerable increases in salary and other expenses.

The bulk of this more than \$100,000 to be lifted out of the people will be taken from the pockets of those who have built new homes, who own hotels and motels, seashore cottages and unimproved resort acreage.

In Atlantic Township, the valuation has been jumped from six millions to more than \$15 million. In Nags Head township, which includes Roanoke Island, the valuations have been jumped from \$5,977,249 to \$14,112,570.

Figures for other townships were published last week. Even in the smallest township in the County, Kinnekeet, the \$510,000 in real estate was raised to over a million dollars. Least hurt will be in Chairman Claude Duvall's territory, where bulk of value is owned by one big timber company, on whose payroll he has been continuously since he gave them a big cut in taxes five years ago.

The Commissioners met last Friday and approved the work of the New Jersey firm. And then they followed with a resolution to cut their figures 70 per cent.

When the property has been cut 70 per cent in value, and the 70 to 75 cent tax rate is applied, as it is reported this week the Board intends to do, we will find in the case of Atlantic Township alone, that property owners in that area will have to cough up an additional \$45,000 for 1958 taxes.

A comparative amount will have to be paid by the taxpayers of Nags Head township, which has the second longest beach area. Here are the district real estate valuations just tabulated in Nags Head township:

	N. Jersey Values	1957 Val.
Manteo white	\$3,686,020	2,941,163
Manteo colored	251,910	144,753
Wanchese	844,180	691,333
Nags Head	9,330,460	2,200,000
Total	15,112,570	5,977,249

The total valuation last year was \$5,977,249 which included all personal property. It is now more than two and a half times greater.

Now to analyze this proposed tax rate of 70 cents. This is the basic rate, and to it will be added in all of Atlantic Township, Nags Head township, Croatan and East Lake townships a tax to retire some half a million dollars in school bonds recently issued.

A tax should have been levied on these bonds this year, but it was held off, which amounts to postponing a larger pain to a date less suitable for payment. In the meantime, the appraisers are continuing with the job this week, just selecting a few operations of businesses, which have been brought to their special attention. Values are being placed on these properties now when the year is half gone, and when none of them can know what the taxpayer had on January 1, and this is what taxpayers are submitting to.

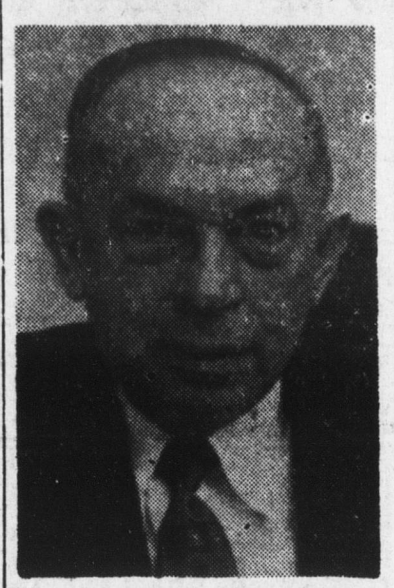
It's really giving concern to a lot of people, now with \$37 million in property on the books to play with, just how rank this board might go next year, once the elections are out of the way.

HYDE SUIT RESTRAINS CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL

A restraining order by Judge Clifton Moore in Columbia Wednesday afternoon, has stopped the appropriation of any state funds for the further construction of a consolidated school at Lake Comfort until the county has obtained the land in fee simple.

The suit was brought against the State Board of Education by Earl Topping of Sladesville. Construction of the school has been underway for several days. Date for hearing of the case will be announced shortly.

THE MAN WHO REVIVED NATIONAL SEASHORE ACT



CONGRESSMAN HERBERT C. BONNER has been an important figure in the development of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Some two or three times he revived the bill in Congress which gave it new life during the dull days which followed World War II. He was constantly on job to give aid to the cause, and travelled with Park Service officials when hearings were held in the face of strongly organized opposition from real estate interests. As usual, this week he was on hand, and as usual was accompanied by important colleagues in Congress.

Accompanying Congressman Bonner to Dare County Wednesday afternoon were three other outstanding Congressmen. The party stopped at the Carolinian Hotel and included Congressman Mike Kerwin of Ohio, Chairman of the Sub-committee on Interior Dept. appropriations, and other members of this committee; the ranking Republican member, Ben Jensen of Iowa; Rep. Ed. P. Boland of Mass.; and Rep. Thos. P. O'Neill of Mass. The party flew back to Washington, Thursday afternoon.

IT WAS A LONG, LONG TRAIL A-WINDING TO A TRAGIC END IN CANAL NEAR FAIRFIELD

Investigators Picking Up Threads Leading Toward Death of Virginia Man Reported To Carry Quarter Million Life Insurance; Was Fugitive From Federal Warrants For Complicity In Operation of 300,000 Gallon Whiskey Still in Baltimore.

By VICTOR MEEKINS

A grim tale of life and death, of alleged evasion of law, of big time operations in contracting, lumbering farming, and liquor making is unfolding this week for the entertainment of the people of Hyde County, as investigation is resumed in the death of Charles Hurst Martin, 47, late of Sydnersville, Va.

Did Mr. Martin deliberately drive his car off the road and to the bottom of the Canal on Sunday morning, April 5th, and from where his car with the body inside was recovered on Saturday morning, April 12th?

Or did Mr. Martin have enemies who wanted to get him out of the way on that fateful Sunday morning, because of his knowledge of whiskey operations in Baltimore, which embraced the operation of a 300,000 gallon whiskey still?

Or did Mr. Martin, after a short-life of big time operating, and plunging in business ventures, reluctantly conclude he had reached the end of his rope, and figure the only way out was to end it all, and allow his estate to collect the quarter million dollars in life insurance he is reported to have carried?

Investigators Come In
Whatever the answers, two keen looking insurance investigators have picked up this week where local officers had left off, and are seeking to unravel the case, and to find them. Mr. Martin was heavily insured in at least three

WARREN CONDEMNS TOLL BRIDGES AS JAMBOREE BEGINS

As Park Is Dedicated, Its Parent Declares Against Second Class Travellers

There should be no second class travellers anywhere in North Carolina; there should not be a class in the west who are privileged to ride free, while people in the east are shackled with tolls.

This was a thunderbolt delivered at the close of his speech by Hon. Lindsay Warren Thursday afternoon at the second event in the dedication of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Speaking at Coquina Beach, Bodie Island, Mr. Warren blasted those who now propose that our own state place tolls on a bridge at the western entrance to this great seashore region, (referring to Alligator River). Notice was served that all should fight against any such move to discriminate against the people of the Coastland and those who wish to come to the Seashore Park.

Mr. Warren said in his speech, that it was a happy day in his life, and one he had looked forward to with great pleasure. He recalled that when Franklin D. Roosevelt visited Roanoke Island in 1937, the President announced that he had just signed the bill to make the park possible.

Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina, Paul Mellon of the Avalon Foundation from which funds, matched by North Carolina, resulted in land acquisition for the National Seashore and former U. S. Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, N. C., who as First District Congressman of N. C., introduced the bill creating this first oceanic recreational area of the Interior Department all delivered greetings. Conrad Wirth, director of the National Park Service presided while music for the occasion was provided by Elizabeth City High School's pirate band.

In addition to speaking at this spot, south of Nags Head, there were two unique events. Mixing of waters from Old Faithful Geyser at Yellowstone, the first National Park, with the waters of Cape Hatteras, the first National Seashore will be a special ceremony in which Governor Hodges, Mr. Ernst and Rear Admiral H. C. Moore of the U. S. Coast Guard and the recreational area's Superintendent Robert F. Gibbs participated. And then, from the special dedication stage Governor Hodges officially crowned the

POWERFUL ALLY TO KEEP OUR BRIDGES TOLL FREE

HON. LINDSAY C. WARREN is a powerful advocate to see that the people of Eastern North Carolina shall not be discriminated against and shackled with tolls. Some of our own people now propose that we be put under toll bridges. Mr. Warren has just been nominated without opposition to the N. C. Senate. His long experience and ability should go a long way to achieve the completion of the bridges that are needed.

HOW MUCH KICKING AROUND WILL DARE PEOPLE STAND FOR?

(Editorial Comment)

The present tax situation in Dare County should cause many people to wonder just how much kicking around the citizens of Dare County will continue to take from their Board of Commissioners and some other officials.

In the face of an all time high cost of living the Commissioners are taking the county's badly needed money and paying some total strangers \$22,000 to come into the county, and jump the valuation of property to more than 35 million dollars, whereby many people's taxes will be more than doubled.

The commissioners deliberately staged this revaluation so its results could not be known to the people prior to the time to file for office in the primary. Now that the date has passed, a few taxpayers are being notified to appear on the 28th of April to offer objections. This is an insult to their intelligence, for no reasonable notice is given and many people will not be able to appear.

NAVY DWELLINGS AT BUXTON TO COST \$463,000

Dwellings for 27 Families to Be Erected Adjacent to Navy Installation



Low bidder at \$463,000 was Hugh G. Strickland, Inc. of Winston-Salem, when bids were opened at 2 p.m. in Norfolk Friday.

The buildings will be of frame construction, with concrete floors, asbestos siding. The location is on the north side of the Navy buildings, and the west of the road leading thereto. The site will have to be filled with a large quantity of sand.

22 CANDIDATES FILE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN DARE COUNTY

Five People Willing to Serve County in Time of Need; Six Empty Places

Six offices will go by default in the May 31 Democratic primary for lack of candidates. Unexpectedly, and without any notice having been given, the registration period closed at Noon Saturday, when most people expected it to be open until six p.m. This may have kept some out of the field.

No candidate filed from Kennekeet Township for the Board of Education. There are no contests on this Board from the Mainland District—from Atlantic Township, nor Hatteras township. In Nags Head Township, R. O. Ballance is opposed by Willis R. Pearce, and Jack Tillett.

County Judge W. F. Baum, Sheriff Frank Cahoon, Clerk of the Court C. S. Meekins, are without opposition. Melvin R. Daniels of Wanchese is opposed for Register of Deeds by Robert Lee Midgett of Manteo. Mr. Daniels was successful in getting three other likely opponents to give up the idea of running. By tearful appeals that he only wanted a little more time, that he didn't kick out, and that he hoped to build up his prospects for pension, three "good-hearted" boys all yielded to his plea, namely, John H. Long, George A. Daniels, and H. O. Bridges. And so the man who thinks himself so high and mighty, See POLITICS, Page Four

UNCLE SAM FROM SYCAMORE WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where Congressman Carroll Kearns of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill to put the Star Spangled Banner in the key of A flat so folks won't stumble over their high notes near the end.

I'm in favor of anything that'll help the Star Spangled Banner get back in good standing in this country. We got kids in school today that can sing all five verses of Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog" that ain't never heard of the Star Spangled Banner.

As usual, they referred the Kearns bill to a congressional committee. That means it's cost the taxpayers about \$10,000, whether we get it settled in A flat or F sharp. The committee will ask a handful of government clerks to make a report on the matter. The report will run to about 200 pages and cost about \$10,000, which is about par for the congressional report course.

CHESLEY MIDGETT BUYS INTEREST IN GROCERY

Chesley Midgett Jr. of Wanchese has bought an interest in the Archie Burrus grocery in Manteo where he has been employed for more than two years. The business will henceforth be known as Burrus' Self Service Food Center. The business has been operated by Archie Burrus, sole owner for the past 13 years, and was founded in 1943 by his father, the late Roscoe Burrus and the late Bob O'Neal of Manteo.

STORY OF THIS WEEK'S PARK SERVICE DEDICATION AND THE HISTORY OF THE PROJECT

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Project Has Had A Varied and Interesting History Since Its Inception; Made Possible By State and Federal Money, And Gifts From Old Dominion and Avalon Foundations.

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area which embraces some 70 miles of surf, sandy beaches and restless dunes along the picturesque Outer Banks of North Carolina, was dedicated as a unit of the National Park System on Thursday, April 24.

Waters from Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone, the Nation's first national park, was blended with waters from the Atlantic Ocean as Assistant Secretary of the Interior Roger C. Ernst formally dedicated the first national seashore.

The dedication was held at 2:30 p.m. at Coquina Beach on Bodie Island, a few miles north of Oregon Inlet. Among distinguished guests participating in the ceremony were Governor Luther H. Hodges, of North Carolina, Paul Mellon, representing the Old Dominion and the Avalon Foundations, former Comptroller General of the United States, Lindsay C. Warren and Rear Admiral H. C. Moore, U. S. Coast Guard Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

The occasion also marked the opening of the Fourth Annual Dare Coast Pirates' Jamboree and Governor Hodges crowned this year's pirate King and Queen following the dedication of the seashore. Rulers of the four-day jamboree will be Miss Mary Burrus, of Hatteras, and Linwood Tillett, of Kitty Hawk.

MISS SARAH BURRUS OF HATTERAS, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. M. L. BURRUS, A FIRST YEAR STUDENT AT CHOWAN COLLEGE HAS BEEN CHOSEN MAY QUEEN THIS YEAR.

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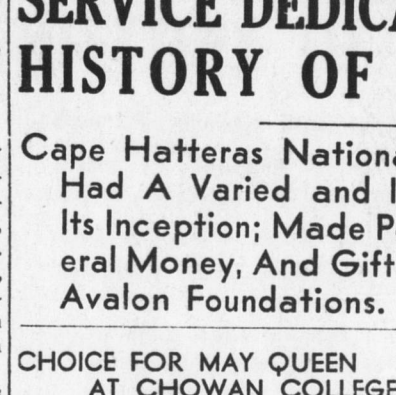
ROCKFISH RUNNING HEAVY IN CROATAN SOUND

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CHOICE FOR MAY QUEEN AT CHOWAN COLLEGE



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SEASON'S SEVENTH TUNA CAUGHT SUNDAY, HATTERAS

Trolling from Capt. Clam Stowe's cruiser Ursula in the Gulf off Hatteras on Sunday the seventh bluefin tuna of the season was landed by Washington, D. C. Angler Jack Aaronson. His fish weighed approximately 65 pounds and was the smallest of the seven taken off Hatteras.

Landing large bluefin tuna off Hatteras has attracted wide attention, not only among anglers who enjoy fishing for them and other big game species of fish, but also ichthyologists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts, the U. S. Fisheries Station in Beaufort and the Fisheries Marine Laboratory of The University of Miami. Credit for landing the big fish first goes to Capt. Edgar Styron who had raised them to bait off Hatteras in 1957.

One other item in the papers caught my fancy this week. Some automobile manufacturer from Detroit says the automobile has been a "great moral force" in this country. I can't figure that one out. Maybe it stopped horse stealing, but aside from that can't see nothing it's done for morals.

Yours truly,
Uncle Sam