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TIME TO PUT THE LITTLE COURTHOUSE OUT OF BUSINESS

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COMMISSIONER'S JOB PAYS HANDSOMELY TO THOSE WHO DON'T CARE HOW IT COMES

Telling How Chairman Duvall Used The Office to Hi-Jack the Timber Company Out of Thousands at Heavy Cost to the People; Also How He Tried to Shake Down Monthly Graft From Fire Warden Applicant at Manns Harbor.

Many people often wonder why JOCKEY RIDGE TRADITION some people move Heaven and FOR GOOD FOOD CONTINUES earth trying to hold on to the of-

fice, while telling their friends they cannot afford it, and will not run again. Baloney! There are instances where the office of county commissioner can be made one of the highest paid in the county, as well as most costly to the taxpayers. Take the case of Commissioner Chairman Claude C. Duvall, who has the sharpest mind of any member of the board, and has been running rings around them all the time.

In five years he has been profited in a single instance by more than \$13.000 through a simple case of high jacking, but which cost the taxpayers at least \$40,000 which had to be met by increased taxes. It is likely that the sum could be much larger. The \$13,000 received by Mr. Duvall has come from the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. who put him on their pension list at fifty dollars per week, when he was fighting to MRS. MARGIE SUTHARD put their taxes up. The sum of Nags Head is not going to allow \$40,000 is the tax money they have saved, since putting Mr.

Duvall on the pension list. Early in 1953, sitting back alone fame for good food to die. Mrs. in his store in Buffalo City, where Suthard was associated with Mr. the state is now planning to build him a \$63,000 road, Mr. Duvall company out of something worth while. He had been chagrined because the company came into the area and ignored him. In fact a was one man they never expected show and south of Gray's Gift to employ. For many years Mr. Hotel. Duvall had lived out of those timberlands back of Buffalo City. A tremendous lot of business came to his store from the moonshine

stills in these woods during prohibition days, and he was engaged with others in a saw-mill business five until eight o'clock Saturday basis of the higher values. which for many years prior to evening, May 17, in the Manteo This means a stiff increase in World War II, had flourished from school lunch room. The affair is taxes for many homeowners in And when I heard 'em talking it the stumpage cut from these sponsored by the sophomore class Manteo, whose people are now pay- was goin' like this: woods.

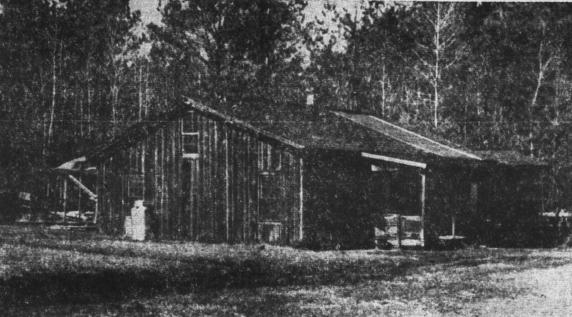
Maloof became owner of these mothers. Plates to take out will the county taxes. the war years, properties. Mr. Maloof somehow be provided for those who request; If more people in Manteo were See INCREASE, Page Eight got the impression that it was them. not to his interest to allow Mr. Duvall to continue to cut the tim-IS THIS EITHER COMPETENT OR INTELLIGENT? ber, and he summarily ordered it stopped. This closed down the mill. See DUVALL, Page Five TAXPAYERS IN DARE PROTESTING RAISES



Suthard was associated with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bayne in the opera-tion of the old restaurant which figured out how to hi-jack the the highway wiped out last year, after nine years of success. She is a native of the Washington, D. C. area, and is a woman of rare personality and ability. Her new shop, and near the Carolinian serve the people of Manteo.

TURKEY DINNER SATURDAY

of Manteo High School and they ing their town tax which is an ad-will be assisted by the grade ditional sum almost as great as



THE TIME has surely come to take back the business of the people from the little courthouse at Buffalo City where Commissioner Chairman C. C. Duvall sits and cooks up schemes for his benefit, and for keeping under his thumb the Board of Commissioners, whose full control he shares with Melvin Daniels, who lives to dictate from the branch office in the courthouse at Manteo. Since Mr. Duvall took Dare County affairs back into Buffalo City, he has done right well' by himself. He has shaken down the Wset Virginia company for at least \$10,000 at heavy cost to the people; he has tried to get people to pay him graft for getting jobs for them which he can't influence at all. He has allowed Melvin Daniels and Lawrence Swain to take over and waste the county's money in the most reckless manner in its history. He has even joined them in spitting on the people by ignoring their wishes at the polls. He has plunged the county in the darndest wrangle in history, wasting \$22,000 for a tax assessment of highly questionable value, and of which it is said: "It cost \$22,000; will cost another \$22,000 to get it straightened out, and the people will not live down its memory in 22 years." The author of this bright saying is unknown, but it is attributed to tax Supervisor Pennell Tillett, on whom has been thrown the obnoxious, task of straightening out the most useless and damphool job in history. But Chairman Duvall, who pays the county only \$24 a year in taxes, can sit back in his Buffalo city store, (value \$200) and

shake his sides about what saps he has made out of the boys in the courthouse who, no matter how he treats the people, break their necks when he cracks the whip, and are now telling everyone to vote for the tradition of the Jocky Ridge him. And he is smart. For this man who has only a \$200 store back in the woods, is going to have restaurant at Nags Head and its the State of North Carolina take \$63,000 of Dare County's road money, and hard-surface the road to his door.

> MANTEO PEOPLE TO GET SHARP TAX INCREASE

Few people realize just how bad this new tax appraisal is going to

Dear Mister Editor: ed in a dream I had last week, For people in Manteo are going

The valuations adopted by the some of the courthouse crowd held figures, and I believe Pennell is Harbor church June 16-21. Classes a meeting, and was making plans pretty disgusted himself. I've had will be conducted daily for persons A turkey dinner with all the the same sums in the town of Man- just how to fool the people again suspicion all along that Pennell of all ages. trimmings will be served from teo, and taxes will be levied on the and carry the lection and get back ain't been swallowing this ap in office. All agreed that this was praisal deal." just too good a thing to give up.

got to keep out of here."

"Oh that damn paper," was a

CITIZENS URGE DARE BOARD TO COME TO SENSES AND SCRAP NEW JERSEY JOB

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Many citizens this week have

missioners to come to their sense, and scrap the New Jersey tax ap-

praisal job in an effort to restore

harmony among the people and

confidence in the county Govern-

ment. Some of Chairman Duvall's

most faithful friends called on him

Sunday to beg him to consider the

\$22,000 spent on the appraisal as

an error in judgement, and not throw more money after bad, for it

is estimated a similar sum will be

spent before the mess is straight-

At a cost to the taxpayers of several hundred dollars a day, for

the board members sitting in ses-

sion five days this week, including the cost of legal counsel, apprais-

ers sitting beside them, and un-

called for travel expense to pro-

testing taxpayers, the Board has

been hearing an angry stream of people pouring into the courthouse,

all of them expressing bitter re-

sentment against the system, or

rather lack of system, that has

been used, and some of these peo-

ple have been something less than

erty. They say it would be far bet-

They resent being forced to lose

ened out.

polite.

Better to Forget The \$22,000 Wasted Than to Spend Another \$22,000 In The Face of Strife and III Will of Taxpayers Forced to Lose Time and Money To Fight for Just and Reasonable Valuations, They Say.

HREE DAYS OF TEACHING. PREACHING AT EAST LAKE appealed to the Dare County Com-

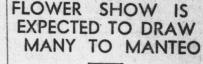


REV. EARL R. MEEKINS, a native of nearby Stumpy Point is coming close home for three days

vival at the East Lake Methodist time, and to go to expense to come

able advertising being given it by

Commissioners to understand this, See CITIZENS. Page Five



UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK SAYS-Dreams How The Courthouse Crowd Figures To Fool the Voters in The Coming Primary

"Also Big mouth is going to Kitty I thought you might be interest- Hawk to tell 'em the true facts.'

"Hey, wait a minute," said numwhich kinda seemed so real, that ber three. 'Every'body knows betto suffer additional pains from it. it could almost be true. I dreamed ter than that. We can't dispute the

> LAST DAY TO "What are we going to do about Victor? He's the main guy we

ber Three. He won't do a thing

like that, and that is why people

See DOCK, Page Five

LET'S GET THIS

RECORD STRAIGHT

It is reported reliably that cer-

tain County Commissioners who

are so anxious to keep in office.

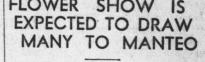
"Tell 'em anything. People like to believe a whispering campaign

to hold a preaching-teaching re-

Church, May 20, 21, and 22, ac- to Manteo to object to unreasoncording to Rev. George M. Kelley, able valuations put on their proppastor of the charge. Mr. Meekins ter to restore the old valuations is now serving a pastorate in and forget the \$22,000 thrown Vance County. He formerly away, for untold damage is done

preached at Columbia and Hat- the county through the unfavorteras. Rev. Mr. Kelley also announced irate taxpayers and citizens. One daily vacation Bible Schools at business man on the beach says East Lake church June 2-7; Stum- the progress of the beach has been

py Point church 9-15 and Manns set back ten years. Harbor church June 16-21. Classes But it is difficult to get the



THREATEN A STRIKE

Strong Movement on To Refuse to Pay Taxes Until Mess Is **Completely Corrected**

A well defined movement is underway with plans for meetings and petitions to be circulated on Hatteras Island, organizing a general strike by taxpayers in protest against the ridiculous system of valuing property, recently done by the Commissioners at a cost of \$22.000.

Citizens of Hatteras township report this week that many citizens say they won't pay any more taxes until the mess is cleaned up. One man said: "Let 'em advertise the property, anyway; nobody is with me."

It's a pretty serious thing when people. a movement of this kind gains uncontrollable momentum; it can reach the stage where no appeals, no officials and nothing else can stop it.

County officials with commonsense wouldn't have let the situation heppen, and once it has happened, these now in office cannot be expected to know how to correct the conditions.

Hatteras Island people, being of vigor and courage, while easy going, accommodating and helpful, are very determined people in the face of what they consider in-justice, and may be found a very unyielding group in this movement, which is spreading throughout the county.

WANCHESE P.T.A. BAKE SALE

The P. T. A. of the Wanchese School will have a Bake Sale at the school on Saturday, May 17th beginning at 10:00. This is to be the last function of the year and all interested persons are urged

THIS HOUSE ON COLINGTON is owned by James Beasley. It was

considered by the New Jersey outfit which is to get \$22,000 for valuing the property of Dare County as worth \$800. The County Commissioners consider it worth only \$560. The old shack is 12 by 24 feet. It was for many years a kitchen owned by the late Jim Crank, and he gave it away to move off the property. As may be seen from the picture, it is almost worthless and Mr. Beasley had been unable to get even \$10 for going to buy it, and I am damned it. One might throw a cat through the roof. There are many other sure nobody is going to move in similar instances of the intelligence, or lack of intelligence used in the valuation of property in Dare County at so heavy a cost to the

HOPE By Grace Nowell Crowell

- So long as there are homes to which men turn at the close of the day;
- So long as there are homes where children are: where women stay;
- If love and loyalty and faith be found across those sills,
- A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills.
- So long as there are homes where fires burn, and there is bread;
- So long as there are homes where lamps are lit, and prayers are said;
- Although a people falter through the dark, and nations grope,
- With God Himself back of these little homes, we have sure hope.

continuous refrain.

"Why not do something about Maybe we can get Melvin to tell the paper," one guy says. "We are everybody he stole from the doing it" says another. "We tell

everybody its all lies, and we tell "Hey, wait a minute," said a lot of lies about the editor. We Number Three, "I think we better can't make 'em believe it, for he get somebody else to do that job." "What about down the Banks?" prints the figures right from our asked Number two. record."

"Well by gosh, tell the voters something," said big mouth. "Show 'em how much we done fer 'em."

"We do tell 'em, but they complain what we've done mostly is raise taxes and wasted the money. One good thing might be to get believe him."

Lawrence Swain to promise to get rid of mosquitos. He's pretty good at promising for he's telling 'em across the sound now how much money he is going to get 'em from the Small Business outfit." "Better stick to mosquitos," said

a third fellow. "Everybody is against mosquitos."

"Yes, if mosquitoes hadn't come so early this year, we'd all had it made; think how he worked that gag last time and then didn't send the rig out to spray no more. Don't think they will believe it twice." Up spoke the first guy: 'Don't let Claude stop telling folks they'll lose their old age pension, if the old crowd gets beat," he said.

Number two spoke up and said: 'I don't believe that's going to work as good as it used to. Most people have got wised up to the fact that the Commissioners have nothing to do with the old age pension. It comes by law, and is decided by the Welfare Departput on nor take off."

Number three said: "Don't forget we need some money. There are a lot of big people who ought to chip in for what we can do for them. Claude ought to raise some money. We can hire a lot of cars, and if we have some left over. we can save it for next time." "Are you sure about all these

folks working for the county?"

number two asked. Nothing surer," said Number Three. "We got 'em where we want 'em. "We'll tell 'em the other crowd'll fire 'em if they get in, and that we'll fire 'em if they get in, and that we'll fire 'em if they work for the other crowd. We got 'em scared to death." "What about Kitty Hawk," ask-ed big mouth. "That looks like a tough spot to fool; they're pretty "Gh, we'll tell Pennell to go up there and tell the people the stuff in the mapers is is much of lies won't he disappointed sharp cut in the amount of State Raleigh on May 15. A resolution of respect was ordered sent to L. D. Tarkington, who is ill. He is a former precinct chairman. A motion nominated W. A. help. And taxes will be raised in-to going to be cheated, just be-rule that one never should believe anything a liar says; then he in the mapers is is much of lies New York is allotted to death." "Under consideration as long as the solution of respect was ordered sent to L. D. Tarkington, who is ill. He is a former precinct chairman. A motion nominated W. A. help. And taxes will be raised in-they have be don't need any help. And taxes will be raised in-they have be don't need any help. And taxes still be raised in-they have be don't need any help. And taxes still be raised in-they have be don't need any help. And taxes still be raised in-they have be don't need any help. And taxes still be raised in-they have be don't need any they have be don't need any they are to the wise: Follow the south the "courthouse." Monthey are to the wise: Follow the south the mapers is is much of lies won't be disappointed Supervisor Barnell A They. Supervisor Barnell A They they are to be suppointed to be suppointed they are to be wont, and Mashoes to suppoint the disappointed they are to be suppointed they are they are to be suppoint the disappoint they are to be su

SATURDAY

In order for one's vote to mean anything in the County this year, t will be necessary to register on Saturday of this week, at the usual polling place, where the county is paying a Registrar to sit all day, in each of the polling places in

REGISTER

the county. Saturday is the last "Let's try to get Frank Cahoon registration day. to take care of that. A lot of This is a Democratic primary, people like him and believe him." "Hey, wait a minute" said Num-

in that there are no Repulican candidates, and only those persons registered as Democrats may paricipate.

Many young service men, home on leave at this time, will have op- 50 flower arrangements. portunity to register. Don't forget Saturday is the last day to register and it is important to see that one is properly registered.



and some of their stooges, are telling the people who receive social Nine of 16 Precincts Represented; Pres ent Officers Continued Another Two Years

Nine of the 16 precincts of Just how stupid and dishonest people can get is a mystery, but Dare County were represented at any intelligent person knows this the Democratic County convention 's as complete a lie as can be Saturday in Manteo, and the prescooked up. No county official has ent officers were re-elected: M. L. the power to cut off anyone who is Daniels, Chairman; Mrs. Herbert receiving this assistance, and any Perry of Kitty Hawk, Vice- Chairofficial who claims he got it for man, and Robert H. Midgett of anyone in the first place, is a liar. Manteo, secretary.

It is not commonsense either, Remarks were made by various that any elected official would be candidates for office, including so stupid and foolish as to deny George Fuller of Buxton, Woodrow

ment. A county commissioner can't any persons that which is due them Edwards of Waves, Horace Hoopand, which is needed, and such of- er of Stumpy Point for County ficial should be castrated along Commissioner; Melvin Daniels and with the other kind of liar. Robert Lee Midgett of Manteo for But there is one thing that may Register of Deeds.

happen. Due to the dumb persis-tence of the present county offi-ty convention, held here in recent continuance of voting places in cials, in declaring Daré County years, the last convention having with a false and fictitious proper-ty valuation of 38 million dollars, A resolution agreed that any valuation to the next nearest a jump of 20 million dollars in a Democrat in good standing might year, Dare County may expect a attend the State Convention in and maybe Colington precincts are under consideration as long as the resolution of under consideration as long as the

From 3 until 9 p.m. on Saturday, May the 17th, and from 3 until 6 on Sunday, May the 18th, in the Community Building in Manteo, the Roanoke Island Garden Club will hold open house with its spring flower show. When David Stick, the well

known author and resident of Dare County, cuts the ribbon at the entrance doorway at three o'clock Saturday afternoon "Springtime on Parade" will be officially open.

Previous to this ceremony, the visiting flower show judges, Mrs. R. L. Munn and Mrs. W. C. Griffin will have judged the more than

The Art Exhibit, sponsored by the Manteo Woman's Club, consists of works from 15 local artists. This exhibit forms a colorful and appropriate background for the flower arrangements.

While all the members of the Garden Club are hostesses for this occasion, the special hostesses for Saturday from 3 to 5 are Mrs. Pete Daniels, Mrs. Royden Tlilett and Mrs. O. J. Jones; from 5 to 7, Mrs. Fred Basnight and Mrs. John B. Peterson; from 7 to 9 Mrs. A. Q. Bell and Mrs. Leo Midgett. On Sunday from 3 to 6 the hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Gibbs and Mrs. Lyna Harbour.

Light refreshments will be served by Mrs. John Wescott and Mrs. Virginia Patrick.

The public is most cordially invited to come and see "Springtime on Parade".

FOUR VOTING PRECINCTS IN DARE MAY BE ABOLISHED

The limited interest of voters voting place. Mashoes, Trent, Duck,

security payments and old age assistance they will lose their payments if certain men are elected.