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BIGGEST CRIMINAL DOCKET SCHEDULED FOR SUPERIOR COURT IN DARE MONDAY

Thirty Seven Cases, Including Many Felony Charges Will Take Up Whole Term; Another Term to Be Held Next Month To Take Up Civil Calendar; Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw to Preside.

Some 37 criminal cases are on the calendar to be tried at the term of Superior Court which begins in Manteo Monday, with Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw presiding. The cases include numerous felony charges; robbery, assault, etc., and one of bastardy on the books for several years.

The large docket is expected to consume all the time of next week's court term, but another term is to be held in June, and for this term the Jury has not yet been drawn. A reason for the piling up of the cases is that never enough qualified jurors are present when court opens. For many years, there has been no purging of the jury lists, and the names drawn include a large percentage of people not qualified for duty, and must of necessity be excused after they come to court, with the taxpayers losing. Considerable time is thereby lost while other jurors are being located. Not much progress is expected at next week's term, if a lot of time has to be lost while the sheriff rounds up jurors, and it looks like the courtroom, and the streets will be swept clean of every person hanging around.

The neglect of the Commissioners in providing a full list of qualified jurors, has been costly to the taxpayers, of course, delays running up into special terms of court costing several thousand dollars each. It is a practice highly favored by people who are seeking justice in reverse, for they can sometimes be sure of getting a mistrial or other delay, or maybe a "not guilty" verdict by merely posting a friend or two on the front row, in plain sight and ready for call.

NEWCOMB MIDGETT SAYS WAS MISLED ON TAX APPRAISAL

Kinnekeet Commissioner Says He Thought Revaluation Would Be Done by Dare Men

Commissioner Newcomb Midgett of Waves, said this week there had been some misunderstanding of his position in regard to the action of the County Commissioners in employing the new New Jersey men, who call themselves Appraisal Associates, to value the property in Dare County.

Commissioner Midgett says if he had known what the outcome was going to be, he would have fought to the bitter end against the paying of these men \$22,000, for the job which has caused so much trouble and promises much additional expense for the county. He insists that the whole proposition had been arranged and practically gone through with before it came to his attention, and that he did not have sufficient time in which to upset the action taken after it had gone so far.

He also says he was given to understand that the actual work would be done by Dare County men who know the value of Dare County property, and that the work had been going on for several months in the upper part of the county, before the strangers got down into his area, and even then, they did not make themselves known, nor did he know who they were until he heard it from other people.

He wants all his friends to know that he is not in favor of the job, he considers the amount spent for what the county got in return is unfair and unjust to the See MIDGETT, Page Twelve

PARKERSON, A FAVORITE BEACH HOTEL IS OPENING

Among the most famed beach hotels in Dare County is Parkerson's, which opens this week end. It is still operated by Mrs. Elizabeth Q. Parkerson, and the old time welcome is there. Parkerson's gained quick fame and popularity when it was first opened nearly 25 years ago, and soon became headquarters for Oregon Inlet game fishermen when the industry began booming. Fishermen always liked its friendly informality, its excellent food, and its comfort. The late L. S. Parkerson's great personality went far in building up Nags Head's reputation for hospitality, and the same old spirit prevails today at Parkerson's.

KITTY HAWK GIRLS WIN HONORS IN MANTEO SCHOOL



MISS CAROL PERRY, left, and MISS SANDRA KELLER, right, who have won top honors in the 1958 graduating class of Manteo High School. Miss Keller, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keller of Kitty Hawk, is valetictorian, and has for the last two years been president of her class. Miss Perry, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgall Perry of Kitty Hawk, is the salutatorian.

OCEAN HIGHWAY MEETING THIS WEEK IN DARE

Two Day Session at Carolinian, Begins Friday, May 23

NAGS HEAD, N. C.—With representatives of several state highway departments on the program, and with members from seven states attending, the 24th Annual Meeting of the Ocean Hiway Association will be held here May 23 and 24. Headquarters will be The Carolinian Hotel. Sessions start at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. At 6:00 p.m., an informal cocktail party for members and guests is scheduled. Business sessions will be held Saturday 10 to 12:30 a.m. and 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., with election of officers following.

Ladies and special guests will tour the Wright Memorial, Fort Raleigh, the Outer Banks, and outstanding points of interest in the Hatteras National Seashore Park. On Saturday are a cocktail party at 6:00 p.m., annual banquet and installation of officers. On the banquet program in addition to other prominent speakers is Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, noted humorist and after dinner speaker. Dancing and special entertainment will follow the banquet, to conclude the official program.

President of the association is H. Lloyd Macklen of Myrtle Beach. Ernest Ward of Edenton, first vice-president.

COMMISSIONERS IN DARE COUNTY FACE ACTION IN COURTS

County Commissioners Threatened With Legal Steps to Change Harmful Tactics

That the Dare County Commissioners will early be defendants in a court action to restrict them in going ahead with the recent revaluation of property which they have tried to put over on the property owners of Dare County is indicated by a report that has gotten into circulation this week.

The absurdity of the scheme that the Board has been trying to foist upon the people has given rise to more than one legal opinion that some liability may exist, and that somebody ought to be made to pay for the tremendous amount of expense and trouble that has been forced upon many property owners in efforts to protect their rights.

There are some people, who believe that in some instances there is cause for action for charging fraud in the ridiculous, unreasonable and burdensome attempt that has been made by the Board, and even their last minute effort to make it appear they are going to adjust the whole thing on a new basis is looked upon as a mere face-saving move designed by their advisers to save them some votes. Some people have expressed their opinion that this is more like death-bed repentance.

COULD THIS BE AN ACCIDENT?

The whole five Dare County Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board do not share in the heavy tax increase that the Board is trying to put over on a large number of the people of Dare County, as will be seen by comparison of the figures this year with those of 1957.

Property of some commissioners has been slightly reduced, while others remain valued at a figure that will not cost them anything additional under the 70 cent tax rate they have indicated will be applied.

Chairman Claude Duvall's store has been increased from \$200 to \$400, a frankly that's all his worth, but when the \$63,000 road gets built to it, this value won't be too high.

Melvin Daniels' property at Wanchese was increased from \$3,775 in 1957 to \$4,030 this year. The new rate of .70 against the old rate of \$1.05 shows he will save \$11.42.

Lawrence Swain's home was reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,460 so his tax will be less, even though the lot is valued \$562 more.

Hallett Perry's home at Kitty Hawk got the sharpest increase, being jumped from \$3,400 to \$5,100 which some say is out of line, even with its neighbors. However, totaling up real estate of \$5,488 this year against \$4,885 last year, and only the rates, a saving of \$12.88 is discovered.

E. P. White of Buxton sustained some sharp gains on valuable real estate, of which he has a great deal, but of his two homes, one was lowered from \$1,875 to \$1,708 and the other was raised 16 cents, or from \$1,625 to \$1,638. Apply the rates and see for yourself his gain.

Commissioner Newcomb Midgett of Waves will save only \$3.84 under the new dispensation, but the rest of the Board See ACCIDENT, Page Twelve

TAXPAYERS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

Disturbed Citizens Will Meet To Devise Plans For Protection Against Official Raids

A meeting is scheduled Monday night of next week, May 26, in the Kill Devil Hills town hall by many interested citizens and taxpayers of Dare County, and which is expected to be attended by attorneys for the purpose of discussing any plan to bring order out of the chaotic conditions developed by the recent costly appraisal of property in Dare County.

The public is invited to attend, in that the meeting is open to all property owners of the county, but due to the limited accommodations of the town hall it is requested that those who are mere curiosity seekers, and are not property owners, yield space to those who are most directly concerned with the business in hand.

In an advertisement in this paper this week, mention of the meeting is made, and the committee in charge are requesting all persons who are interested in working for the objects of the committee, send notice at once if they are willing to be of assistance, and to state particularly if they can attend the meeting.

Further details may be obtained by addressing the Taxpayers Protective Committee, Postoffice Box 428, Kill Devil Hills, N. C.

HOME COMING FOR BAPTISTS MAY 25 MANTEO CHURCH

Former Pastors To Attend Special Services, Rev. Cholerton Announces

A day worth while is planned for the homecoming of the Manteo Baptist Church on May 25th, according to Rev. W. E. Cholerton, the pastor. All members and friends of the church will gather in force for the occasion. The 11 o'clock service will be the occasion, not only of the annual homecoming of the church, but also of the dedication of the church and educational buildings, now entirely paid for, and of the newly-purchased church property. Present for the big celebration will be three former pastors, Rev. Daniel A. Tedder, Rev. H. B. Hines and Rev. Henry V. Napier, all of whom will have prominent parts in the service; and also a number of friends from distant places. Both of the choirs of the church will assist in the music. The special homecoming offering will be used towards payment for the new property.

The service, somewhat longer than usual, will be followed by a basket lunch on the church grounds, a time of leisurely fellowship and renewal of old acquaintances. There will be no evening meetings. Everybody will be most cordially welcome. The public is invited to bring a basket lunch along to share around the table. Tea will be provided.

UNCLE SAM FROM SYCAMORE WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

It says here that ever onct in a while the city of New York has to git money from the state of New York to operate on. That's mighty consoling news. If a big city can't make both ends meet, there ain't no point in a feller like me even trying to git 'em together.

I reckon them New Yorkers is using the same philosophy I use, just taking things easy and not letting my "arrens" interfere with my sleep, although I shore hope this idea don't git popular over in them foreign countries where we got so much "aid" staked out.

Come to think about it, New York city ain't in a class by herself. The United States spends several billions more ever year than she takes in, which puts me and Uncle Sam in the same class when it comes to balancing the budget. Them Republicans in Washington quote Abe Lincoln and holler that they is going to balance the budget, and the Democrats quote Thomas Jefferson and holler they've about got the budget balanced.

Both of 'em talk a good budget but neither of 'em has balanced the dern thing since I was knee-high to a pine stump.

I ain't balanced my budget in 20 years, ain't lived within my means onct in 10 year, and it's a great satisfaction to know that New York, Washington and me all handle this situation about

HOW BIG A HOLE IN COUNTY GENERAL FUND IS DARE CO. BOARD TRYING TO FILL UP

Bold Attempt to Shift Still Larger Tax Burden to Property Owners in Coastal Area Raises Serious Questions of Citizens In Face of Ten Year Refusal of Commissioners to Respect Law Demanding Prompt Audit of Books.

TO SPEAK FRIDAY NIGHT AT WANCHESE YDC RALLY



HON. WALTER W. COHOON, District solicitor, ever a popular and forceful speaker will make an address at the Wanchese schoolhouse, Friday night of this week, May 23 at 8 p.m., according to Jack Tillett who will present the speaker. Mr. Tillett is president of the Young Democratic Club which sponsors the meeting. All candidates for office in Dare County are urged to attend this meeting.

LENDERS SHUTTING DOWN ON LOANS TO LOCAL BORROWERS

May Be Harder to Get Money on Property That May Not Be Salable

Latest ill effects of the recent tax re-valuation job in Dare County indicate that people who try to borrow money from banks, or other lending agencies or individuals may experience more difficulty than usual.

People with money to lend are inclined to look with disfavor on the present situation and some of them have expressed the view that property which is taxed unduly high may not be so good a loan risk, and strings will be drawn a little tighter, and size of loans decreased.

One reason is readily seen, for borrowers usually make sure that the security accepted for a loan be property that has a value for ready sale should it be necessary to collect by foreclosure. Collection by foreclosure will not be too easy when the property is overloaded with unreasonable taxes, and bidders will not be numerous in pursuit of additional burdens.

UNCLE SAM FROM SYCAMORE WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Of course, they is going to be some bankers write in and say that the paper ought not to print such things, as it might be a bad influence. You just tell 'em, Mister Editor, that the opinions expressed here don't necessarily represent those of the paper. I think that's the way them big papers handle it when they git in a hole. As a matter of fact, the opinions expressed here don't even represent those of my old lady. Just New York, the United States, and me is lined up together in this thing.

I see by the papers this morning where the boys at an Alabama high school is wearing their shirttails hanging out in protest over the girls wearing them sack dresses. Considering the nature and extent of the crime, I think them boys is making a very mild protest. But Ed says them sack dresses is a improvement in modesty. He says it ain't nothwe See UNCLE SAM, Page Twelve

BIG FINES GO ON CREDIT BASIS IN DARE COURT

In Dare Recorders Court this week, two persons charged with a second offense of driving drunk were fined \$200 each, and credit as extended in one of them, J. M. Payne, Jr. of Wanchese, and the other, Eddie Barnes of Virginia Beach went to jail. T. A. Harrell and C. G. Wood of Norfolk were fined \$25 each for driving drunk.

How big a hole in the county general fund exists today? Two years ago, when the last audit was made, and which by the way, was not published as law requires, showed the county running red in the general fund by \$54,000.

People are demanding an audit, and a complete audit at that. A year or two ago they went before the grand jury demanding an audit. They were tired of continuous raises in taxes, waste of money, and small return for what was spent. The Grand Jury, which comes from the venire selected by the County Commissioners did ask a few questions; they were told audits were being made promptly. They took the word of the officials, and reported accordingly.

But the audits were not made promptly, and the last audit reports only to show the county's condition as of two years ago. And at that time it showed the General county funds in the hole \$54,000.

The people of Dare County want to know what caused that hole. They want to know what the money went for, if it was ever there in the first place. People are not accusing anyone of stealing when they want to know where their money goes. They merely want to know what it was spent for, and if the expenditure is worth while.

But there are some officials who think they own the offices they hold. They take the attitude that a demand for an accounting is a personal insult. Some of them have had their way so long that they resent being checked up in their methods.

On March 28th, we published an open letter challenging the county Board to present a statement from an auditor showing that the deficit in the General fund was not then nearer the sum of \$100,000 than \$50,000. We challenged them to tell the people why they have for over eight years, disregarded the law which requires them to make public regular audits of the county funds. We do not see why an honest man, unless he is an ignorant and incompetent man, will refuse to regard the law in this respect.

We also challenged the Board to tell the people why they continue to illegally spend public money for projects not sanctioned by law. They gave no reply. We have also tried a long time to get them to tell the public why they spent upwards of \$100,000 of the people's money on a jail project which the citizens had already voted down two to one. It was not until last week, that any information in this respect came out of their office. They finally admit they spent \$82,806. They did not, of course, report the waste of \$3,000 spent in holding an election, which they disregarded completely. They did not list anything as having been spent for legal fees, nor for other incidentals which may have been funnelled through other governmental departments.

It has been said they didn't think anyone in Dare County was competent to value the property in the county. So they went to New Jersey to get it done, at a cost of \$22,000. We challenged them to give the reasons for those See BIG HOLE, Page Twelve

DARE BOYS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM ECC

Wade Nixon Commissioned Second Lieutenant in U. S. Air Force

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones of Manteo and Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels of Wanchese, spent last Sunday in Greenville attending the commencement exercises. Ray Jones, Jr., who completed his B. S. course last August, received his diploma. He and his wife and son are living in Sanford, where he teaches in the Junior High School.

Also attending from Manteo were Mr. and Mrs. Rosser Nixon, whose son, Howard Wade Nixon, received his B. S. degree and received his commission as second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force. Lt. Nixon was one of 14 members of the graduating class to receive such a commission.

Another Dare County boy receiving his B. S. degree was Lennon Woodward Hooper of Stumpy Point.