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DARE SWEEPS OUT COMMISSIONERS BY LARGE MAJORITY

Citizens Dissatisfied With Re-valuation Job, and Other Conditions

Dare County on Saturday gave large majorities to a new Board of Commissioners, with other minor contests lost sight of save for the Board of Education in which Robert O. Ballance the incumbent of Manteo led W. R. Pearce, highest of two other candidates by 72 votes.

Raymond White, who made no campaign lost the coroner contest to J. M. Vannote, the incumbent by a vote of 536 to 1,201.

Melvin R. Daniels, for 33 years Register of Deeds, won against Robert Midgett, a new entry in the political field, by a majority of 358. In all, nearly 1,800 votes were cast in the primary.

Interest centered chiefly on the commissioner contest, in which Board Chairman C. C. Duvall of East Lake, got lowest vote on the ticket, 403 to Horace Hooper's 1,351; who led the ticket.

Victor Meekins of Manteo, who made no campaign in 1950, and lost to Lawrence Swain by 76 votes, recaptured the office from Swain by a majority of 620.

Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk, the incumbent, lost to David Stick by a vote of 699 to 1,036.

Woodrow Edwards of Waves, beat the incumbent Newcomb Midgett by a vote of 1,274 to 416.

Two new candidates from Hatteras township, ran close, George Fuller of Buxton leading Preston Bassett of Frisco, the vote being 864 to 803.

Candidates for the Board of Education received: Ballance 816, Pearce 844 and Jack C. Tillett, all of Manteo, 217.

Responsible to large extent for the upset was dissatisfaction with the present county management, which had jumped the annual budget requirements more than \$110,000 in the past years, the action of the commissioners in acting contrary to a vote of the people, and in a recent tax appraisal job done by a New Jersey firm at large expense, and which was considered unfair and inequitable. For several weeks, the Coastland Times of Manteo, directed the attention of the citizens to these and other grave conditions in county affairs, resulting from continued policies of the Board which are tending to bear down the market on real estate, drive away investors and reduce employment in the building trades on the beaches.

FUNERAL OF GUY LENNON CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY

The funeral of Guy H. Lennon, Roanoke Island businessman who died Thursday of last week, was conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Twiford Funeral Chapel at Manteo by Rev. L. A. Aitken and Rev. W. E. Cholerton.

"The Lord is My Shepherd," and "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" were sung by the quartet: Mrs. Bertie Ward, Mrs. Beatrice Brickhouse, Lawrence Swain and John H. Long, Mrs. Rennie Williamson, organist.

The casket was covered with red and white carnations, and the floral offerings were many.

Palbearers were Sam Midgett, Edward and Roy Wescott, Keith Fearing, Robert Ballance and Charlie O'Neal.

Masonic rites were conducted at the graveside.

Out of town visitors attending the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lennon, Mrs. J. W. Britt, Mrs. Harry Teagle, Mrs. W. G. Summers, Mrs. Frank Sheek, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wescott and Mr. and Mrs. George Rowley Wescott, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hallowell of Trapp, Md., and Mrs. Henry Johnson of Raleigh.

CONVICT SURRENDERS IN HYDE TO DARE DEPUTY

Thos. C. Callahan, 31, escaped convict, who stole a car in Manteo, fled to East Lake where he abandoned the car on Monday of last week, after living in the woods until Friday about noon, surrendered on the highway near Engelhard to Deputy Sheriff Clarence Hassell of Manteo Harbor who was out looking for him. He had bought some clothes in Engelhard, and was walking westward, when found.

Callahan was an inmate of the Maple prison camp, and escaped from Roanoke Island. During this escape, a wild shot from one of the guards, went through the rear glass of the car of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Midgett as they were driving near Manteo.

FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF DARE DIES IN RALEIGH



ROY L. DAVIS, 69, who represented Dare County in the General Assembly from 1935 through 1941, died in a Raleigh hospital Saturday night after a short illness. He had lived in Raleigh for several years, and had been administrative assistant to the State ABC Board, having been a member of the legislature which created the ABC control act for Dare County. A week before his death, he had visited his brother, Herbert L. Davis, the Wanchese postmaster, and several old friends.

Mr. Davis was born at Wanchese, son of the late Sam and Rena Burgess Davis. He was an alumnus of the University of N. C., and served more than 20 years in the Navy, retiring with rank of Captain, and made his home on Roanoke Island, until his removal to Raleigh about 20 years ago.

Funeral and interment was in Raleigh Monday morning. He is survived by two sons, Roy L. Jr. and John T. Davis of Manteo, by a small daughter, Mary Kathy, and his wife, the former Nell Page of Raleigh.

ANOTHER TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS JUNE '23

Civil Cases Only to Be Heard; Jurors Drawn For Term Tuesday

Dare County is to have a second term of Superior Court within a month, beginning June 23, and Judge Chester Morris of Coinjock is expected to hold this court. This may not be welcome news to some jurors drawn for service at this time, when during the language of late June they must endure the tedium of dry and dusty civil litigation only.

Included on this calendar are many civil actions brought as long as 30 years ago, some by lawyers now dead for many years as well as some principals in the cases. It is hoped they can be cleared from the docket by taxpayers who have paid needless sums for many years to hold courts which never could get around to hearing the cases. The same situation in respect to jurors, which has plagued the courts so long continues, this week and in the new list it is readily seen there are some persons who may not be expected to serve, and many will find their way out of it, being called as they are in their busiest season, and the time best of all when they may earn money after a long winter. In this list will be found boat captains, mail clerks, bus drivers, and near relatives.

The list by communities, follows: Manns Harbor: Harvey C. Sutton, Mrs. Elizabeth Ambrose, Chester Tillett and Delbert R. Twiford. Buxton: Mrs. Lonie Tolson, Snowden Quidley, and Mrs. Irene Midgett.

Manteo: A. B. Scoggins, Robt. S. Smith, Norfleet Cutrell, Phil Austin, and J. A. Krider.

Kitty Hawk: Aubrey C. Harris, William T. Beacham, Wm. C. Rogers, and H. C. Lawrence.

Wanchese: Willis L. Daniels, S. B. Tillett, and Meriam C. Daniels.

Avon: George H. Meekins. Stumpy Point: Bruce L. Gray, and R. Dewey Wise.

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NEW BODIE ISLAND ROAD

Invitations for bids for construction of a park entrance road from Whalebone Junction to Visitor Center, Bodie Island of about 5 miles are out, according to acting Supt. Gustaf P. Hultman, of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Interested bidders may obtain plans and specifications from his office at Bodie Island.

Bids will be opened at the office of the Superintendent, Bodie Island, near Manteo, N. C. on June 16.

TAXPAYERS GROUP REQUESTS BOARD TO HEAR APPEAL

Commissioners Asked To Listen to Argument June 8th or Earlier

The Dare County Taxpayers' Association this week made a formal request through its Chairman to the Board of Commissioners of Dare County for hearing of arguments in favor of reviewing, correcting, or discarding the \$22,000 appraisal job in the county.

Chairman Walter D. Perry said this week the organization is attempting to get a fair and just appraisal on all property anywhere in Dare County where the members indicate there are discrepancies.

United action is considered essential to protecting the rights of the voiceless non-resident property owners, as well as the resident of limited means who is unable to fight his case alone.

A call for a meeting of the members of the Association at Kill Devil Hills town hall will be issued at an early date.

Letters this week are being sent to various property owners advising them of the purposes and progress of the Association.

NATIVE OCRACOE SON IS RANGER-HISTORIAN



LARRY WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Williams of Ocracoke, has been appointed Ranger Historian and will work with Ranger Hazen Brooks who is in charge of the Park Service activities at Ocracoke, beginning June 10th. He is a 1948 graduate of Ocracoke High School; he returned for post graduate work in Latin

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Uncle Dock from Duck Says: His Prophecies Terrify His Old Woman; Cast Adrift and Found Politics Plus

Dear Mr. Editor:

I don't want to keep writing you on the same subject, cause now what we want to get our minds on is how to make some money after a long, hard winter, and it does look like this winter really ain't been gone, and how we ever going to get enough business while it lasts?

But I can't help but tell you about my old lady, she's got scared to sleep with me; she says I am either a spook or a prophet, and that first thing you know I'll grow my hair long and go out to preaching like Joseph Smith, or Brigham Young. But my, she said that before she thought; for the day when I could be one of them fellers is long passed by.

You will recall I told you just how the election was going to go, and by golly it did go that way. It seems to me there is a bad part about any election, if we let up to our sympathies, for we are bound to feel sorry that some good men now and then get beat, but it's just like anything else. The company a fellow happens to move around in sometimes pulls him down to where his best friend can't save him, no matter how hard he tries.

Now I know that disagreements are bound to happen in any kind of a contest. When I was younger just about every ball game had a fight to sort of liven things up. The best of folks have rows over schools, and once in awhile, if I recall correctly, there have been fights in the church that darn near split it wide open.

But after all, these things, while they make us unhappy for a time, and cause us to feel sorry for some folks, may serve a good purpose. For I have often seen a church row followed by an inspired congregation who built a new church and hired a better preacher. Even when this country goes to war, it winds up by giving the

AN OLD TRAPPER WHO IS A TRAPPER OF EVIL DOERS



MARVIN CHESTER MITCHELL is mentioned this week because he clocked off 62 years on Monday June 2, and is being complimented by his friends on his apparent youth and vigor and the great comeback he made from a stroke some six years ago. Few men have manifested more courage and determination in struggling out of an illness and back to use of limbs, than Chief Mitchell.

Chief Mitchell is an active police officer of the town of Manteo by courtesy of the Dare County ABC Board which employs him as their law enforcement officer to break up whiskey stills in Dare County, harass bootleggers and encourage the citizenry to patronize their county owned stores. He's had the job a long time. High on his list of heroes are Mayor Martin Kellogg of Manteo, C. S. Meekins, County Court clerk, and a few ladies whose names we will not mention. He is never completely happy except when he is investigating a crime.

Chief Mitchell has been around a bit. He came from Camden County, whose expatriates are famed for getting in politics or attached to something political wherever they may be found away from home. Did you ever notice this fact about them? Chief Mitchell began life at Old Trap, he farmed, and he went to sea. He even farmed in South Carolina, where blessed with a wonderful wife, he achieved much success, but got caught foul in the depression in 1930. He came to Manteo 18 years ago to run the mail route to Stumpy Point. He has been a law enforcement officer in Dare County for 12 years or more. He chalks up on his record the solution of a number of baffling local crimes. Lawbreakers, give him a wide berth, for he is fair, fearless and frightening.

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country they lick a whole lot more than they do for our own people, and we pay taxes to do it.

Now I wouldn't go that far, but I do think that all the winners in this primary should be kind to and love the losers, as they would want them to do had the shoe been on the other foot. I think that anybody who wins, should be a good sport too, in fact the burden ought to be on him to be a better one than the loser.

Now when a man get older he sees these things more clearly than when he is young, and I believe what I would be as courteous and kind, and maybe more so than before to the loser. There may be ways later on whereby a good turn could be done. Somebody has to lose, and we mustn't hold it against him 'cause he loses.

Mr. Editor, since I last wrote you, my boat got adrift one day before the primary when I ran out of gas, and I drifted across to Hog Quarter. Now if you really wanted to see some politics, you should have been over to Currituck last week. While I walked up the road with my gas can looking for a filling station, three men got into fights with each other trying to give me a ride, two offered to lend me \$50; one asked me to go home with him to spend the night, and nine asked me if I had just moved to the county, and was I a registered Democrat.

Well, I never saw such a time in my life, and I was treated so

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U. S. 64 BEING COATED

Motorists will encounter one-way traffic on US 64, from Columbia to Sandy Point, for several days, thus making a five-minute delay from the ferry to Columbia. State forces are resurfacing portions of the highway with Sand Asphalt Wearing Surface, and one-way traffic is being maintained.

NEW BUDGET FOR DARE SCHOOLS IS NOW \$131,314.07

Board of Education Files Request This Week for Funds for Next Year's Work

Requirements for Dare County schools in the coming year reach the total sum of \$131,314.07 according to the budget sent to the Board of Commissioners this week. Included in this sum however is the capital investment sum of \$45,000 to equip the high school now under construction at Manteo.

It is the largest budget ever prepared for the schools of the county, being more than three times greater than the appropriation for the current year, but it includes many items of improvement, and something for supplementing teachers' salaries looking toward an improvement in instructional service.

The sum allotted last year was \$46,000.

In the budget submitted are numerous items for improvement of all other schools in the county. At the Buxton school it is proposed to spend \$5,867 for drinking water and showers; \$1,680 for a storage room; \$668 for outside water spigots; \$440 for lockers for the 12th grade; \$3,000 for painting the interior of the building, plus \$700 for the paint, and a few other items totaling \$10,550 for this school.

It is planned to spend \$2,435 on the negro school at Manteo; and also buy \$600 worth of new land for the grounds at this school. For the Manteo school repairs and improvements, the sum of \$15,684 is set up. For the Wanchese school, \$1,000.

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HIS HOME FOLKS RALLIED AND SAVED HIS ELECTION



HON. MELVIN R. DANIELS, Register of Deeds of Dare County, came next December, will round out 34 years in this office, and on Saturday he had the honor of carrying his home precinct, and through the appreciation of many friends, was awarded an additional four-year term. There never was danger of him losing completely, faced as he was by a newcomer in politics, and he won by a vote of 1,071 to 703.

In the great landslide that rolled up against the Board of Commissioners, many lost sight of Mr. Daniels, but he was remembered by sufficient voters to save the day for him. What at one time some people thought possible to turn into an easy victory for any candidate of consequence in public life, was later overshadowed by the great sympathy in human nature which looks over many things in a basic desire to be of aid. Through this spirit his homefolks forgot the things they had long held against him. They cast aside their resentment toward his reputation as a wielder of influence over the county Board.

In all fairness to this well-known citizen and public servant it must be said that he has always been a loyal friend as he saw it, to his home community; but for his repeated intervention, aid and influence, that progressive and growing neighborhood would undoubtedly be without some improvements and benefits it enjoys today. It may be fairly said of him, that in his position in the courthouse he has used it liberally toward the betterment of Wanchese. He has lost no opportunity to place himself on record as its friend. He has been a vigorous advocate of good harbors, better roads, and forever fervent in his zeal for maintaining a good school—at Wanchese.

There are many who are aware too, that there should be inscribed on the credit side in his behalf, a saving of a considerable sum of taxes this year. At a basic rate of 70 cents recently promised for this year by the Commissioners, the community in the aggregate

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NEW MAYOR, ALDERMEN AT KILL DEVIL HILLS



THOS. CHEARS Jr., last week was appointed Mayor of Kill Devil Hills to fill out the unexpired term of Robert A. Young. At the same time two new aldermen, Mrs. Emily Mustian, former Mayor, and Elwood Parker, a former member of the Dare County Board of Education were appointed. R. D. Cooke, the well known motel operator, remains on the board. In a meeting Monday night, Mrs. Jean Beacham was appointed town clerk and tax collector, to take office July 1, replacing Miss Sidney Mann, who had married and resigned. The Board this week discussed the town budget, improvement of the Fire Department and other matters which will be concluded at the next regular meeting in July.

Mr. Cheers, the new Mayor, has been living at Kill Devil Hills for the past four years, and practices law in Manteo. He is a native of Edenton, and a veteran of World War II where he served with the Navy in charge of a destroyer-escort.

BONNER PROJECTS GET SUPPORT BY SENATOR JORDAN

Hyde and Dare County Concerned in Waterway Improvement Program

Senator B. Everett Jordan said this week that he is urging support in the Senate for a half million dollars worth of waterway projects in eastern N. C., many of them having been originated by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner's office and concern Hyde and Dare Counties in this present program. Listed in the several projects extending the length of the N. C. coastal area are completion of Rollinson Channel project at Hatteras, to a suitable depth to cost \$10,000; \$10,000 toward breakwater project at Stumpy Point bay; and \$15,000 to complete a study of farmland flooding between Pungo and Alligator rivers in Hyde County.

While these are comparatively small projects, they are considered extremely important in their own areas. With reference to these and other projects down the coast, Mr. Jordan said to the Senate Appropriations Committee, "the funds needed to carry on work on them during the current fiscal year as minimum requirements to keep badly needed water developments in North Carolina moving ahead."

RECORDER'S COURT GRIND OF THE WEEK IN DARE

The weekly report of Dare County Recorder's Court held on Tuesday before Judge Washington Baum disclosed the following:

George W. King, for creating a disturbance at Gabriel's Inn near Manteo, \$25 and costs. B. B. Wolfe of Stumpy Point, driving drunk and carrying a concealed weapon, \$125 and costs.

D. L. Langley of Norfolk, Va., no operator's license and driving at 70 m.p.h. \$65 fine and costs. H. H. Harrell of Durham, P. L. Gray, Manteo and J. W. Copeland of Norfolk, driving on wrong side of road, each fined \$5 and costs.

Earl Crocker of Stumpy Point, drunk on highway, and driving on wrong side of road, fines of \$30 and costs.

TEACHER ALLOTMENT IN DARE COUNTY IN 1958-59

The number of teachers allotted by the State Board for Dare County for the school year 1958-59 is released this week as follows:

Cape Hatteras School, eight elementary and four high school. Kitty Hawk, four elementary. Manteo, 12 elementary, a gain of two, and eight high school, a gain of one. Kitty Hawk, four elementary. Roanoke, colored, two elementary and one high school.

POSTPONE LETTING GARBAGE CONTR'CT ON BEACH TO 17th

Forty Per Cent Less Asked to Run Welfare Office; Increases Asked for Library

A controversial problem came before the Dare Commissioners this week in the proposal to let a contract for disposal of garbage on the beaches of Kitty Hawk, Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills. A delegation came before the Board in behalf of Bill Mann, the present contractor, who has submitted a bid of \$15,000 on an annual basis, as against a bid by Orlando Burrus of Manteo at a price of \$30,000 for three years. The group wanted the bids let on only a one year basis.

The Board threw out both bids, and asked for other bids on a one-year basis, to be opened on June 17th.

The commissioners are beginning to receive budget estimates for the fiscal year. Mrs. Rennie Williamson appeared before the Board requesting increases in salaries for the library personnel, and thanked the board for its cooperation during the year.

A refreshing note came in the budget request from the Welfare Department. Where heretofore the cost of administration has been staggering, this year only \$10,000 is asked to run the office, against some \$19,000 that had been set up for the year ending this month.

The board continues to receive requests from citizens for damages to their property caused by ditches in the drainage projects created by the county mosquito control program. Mitchell Gray of Avon appeared before the board, stating that salt water had come in and flooded his land, and killed his fig trees. Since the ditch is on another person's land, the Board thought they could do little about it, but started an investigation to determine what relief is in order for Mr. Gray.

The budget request from the Welfare Department showed some increases and some decreases in the various funds for relief purposes. The detailed county wide budget, which is usually worked up by C. S. Meekins, the county accountant has not been completed.

Appearing with the committee, in respect to the garbage disposal were the following: From Nags Head: George Crocker, Pat Bayne, George Sides, Bill Daughtry; from Kitty Hawk: O. L. Baum, W. H. Smith, Wink Davis, and E. J. Harrington. From K. D. Hills: Rob't. Young, and Thos. Cheers.

The board instructed attorney Martin Kellogg to prepare a new garbage contract by June 17th.

A contribution to the Albemarle Health Clinic was approved in the amount of \$100.

FINAL TRYOUTS SATURDAY FOR LOST COLONY

Many Coastland People Interested in Taking Parts In This Year's Show

Final tryouts for coastland citizens seeking roles in The Lost Colony will be held in Manteo, Saturday morning, June 5 at 10 o'clock. R. E. Jordan, general manager of the show says.

"Any man, woman or child who has signed up previously for a part in The Lost Colony is urged to attend," Mr. Jordan says.

Director Clifton Britton and choreographer Walter Stroud have already made preliminary selections among local applicants for roles in the cast but the following are still to be employed: two colonist women, two colonist men, one courtier, two ladies in waiting, one flower girl, two pages, two heralds, three male Indian dancers, and three female Indian dancers, it was stated.

Jordan said that those who have signed up previously for parts in the show include the following: Clarence Liverman, Raymond White, Michael Walker, John Earl Jr., Emmett Winslow, Joseph Boyce, Michael Leary, Robert Walker, Gus Etheridge, Jr., Gary Dowdy, Preston Clark, Rodney Mann, Larry Holmes, Marshall Smith, Bobby Jump, Charlie Clark, Don McPherson, Tommy Jordan, St. Clair Tillett, Joe White, Roscoe Beavers, Darrell Tolson, John Garrison, Billy Beavers, Lewis Midgett, Mark Basnight, Dickie Hassell, Early Smith, Shirley White, Mary Charles White, Grace Adams, Linda Jordan, Loretta Brinn, Cecelia Fields, Betty Dee Ward, Lovie Lee Ward, Lorna Fields, Thelma Jean Williams, Beth Fields, Helen Baum, Wanda Powell, Mabel Jean Basnight, Nell Aycock, Sarah Wynn

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