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BOARD TO BORROW \$10,000 TO START DARE'S SCHOOLS

Bills For Getting Property in Shape and Other Expenses to Be Settled

A motion to borrow \$10,000 on which to start the schools of Dare County during the coming season beginning Sept. 2 was carried by the Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting this week.

The Board approved a plan for erecting a street light in front of the liquor store at Nags Head.

It also approved a request to be sent to the State Highway Commission that the Scarborough road, a heavily populated road in the colored section of Roanoke Island, and which is used by school buses, be hard surfaced.

On advice from Attorney Martin Kellogg, the Board ordered that notices be sent that two new ABC Board members were not legally appointed last month, these being Ralph Davis of Manteo and C. S. Culpepper of Nags Head. It is now held that the Health Board, and County Board must jointly approve the selections.

A spokesman for the ABC Board says on the basis of an Amendment to the law in 1939, only the Board of Commissioners is required to make the appointments, and that these two men were named in order.

The loan for beginning operation of the schools is the result of the county having no money on hand, because of the wild and extravagant spending that has been going on in county affairs for a long time.

FREE DELIVERY OF MAIL SOUGHT ON ROANOKE ISLE

Patrons of Manteo Postoffice Favor Establishing Rural Mail Route

A movement is on foot to ask the postoffice department to establish rural free delivery of mail on Roanoke Island, and patrons of the Manteo postoffice living north of Manteo are preparing to circulate petitions asking for this service.

When the petitions have been completed, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner will be asked to use his efforts to get the postoffice department to establish this service.

Rural delivery service is now operated out of the Kitty Hawk postoffice to Duck and Colington neighborhoods, those offices having been long discontinued because no one could be found to take the place of the retiring postmasters.

MANTEO LODGE TO BE HOST TO DIST. MASONS

District Deputy G. M. Lloyd Davenport of Columbia to Preside Aug. 11

Manteo Lodge No. 682, A. F. & A. M., will be host to the Masonic lodges of the Third Masonic District, Monday, August 11.

There will be a late afternoon session beginning at 5:00 p. m., at which all officers and others who can, are urged to attend. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m., in the educational building of the Methodist Church. The lodge will open at 8:00 p. m., the new District Deputy Grand Master, Lloyd B. Davenport of Columbia, will be present. Speakers of the evening will be J. A. Morris and R. H. Lucas both well known in Masonic circles.

This district was reorganized in May of this year and is now made up of the following lodges: Cape Hatteras 698, Buxton; Wanchese 521, Wanchese; Mattamuskeet 328, Engelhard; Providence 678, Columbia, and Manteo 682. Edward M. Wescott is Master of the host lodge. All Master Masons are cordially invited and urged to attend this meeting.

ARA E. MEEKINS 76, DIES WEDNESDAY AT RODANTHE

After several years of declining health, Ara Edison Meekins, 76, died Wednesday morning at 1:10 a. m. at the family home in Rodanthe. He was born in this community Dec. 19, 1881 and had lived here all his life. He never married. He was a brother of the late Theo. S. Meekins who was prominent in Dare County affairs for many years.

Surviving relatives are a brother, J. Frank Meekins and two sisters, Mrs. Zenith Midgett and Mrs. Lewis Midgett all of Rodanthe, and many nephews and nieces. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. P. M. Porter of Tyner at the family home, and interment will be in the family plot nearby at 2 p. m. Friday.

TEACHERS NAMED IN DARE SCHOOLS FOR COMING TERM

The full list of teachers for the schools of Dare County for the coming school term which opens Tuesday, September 2, 1958 is made public this week by Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Dare County.

For Manteo High School, W. H. Bunch, Principal, Adrian O. Ayers, Katherine E. Bowman, Maggie D. Cannady, Jerry B. Hendrick, Matilda E. Inge, P. D. Mavrommatis, Wm. W. Tarkington.

Manteo Elementary School: C. H. Butler, Principal, Mrs. Hilda W. Ballance, Wayland H. Fry, Ruby M. Gray, Grace W. Hooper, Frances A. Leggett, Ruby H. Leonard, Etta B. Midgett, Mary D. Meekins, Essie N. Westcott, Lucy T. Willis, and Bertie S. Ward.

Wanchese School: C. D. Wagstaff, principal; Cleopatra Daniels, Milah P. Meekins, Louise H. Tillett.

Kitty Hawk School: Mrs. Leona P. Rogers, Principal, Elizabeth Atkins, Hazel S. McLean, Irene B. Midgett.

Cape Hatteras School: John W. Hamilton, principal, Violet G. Austin, Inez D. Austin, Hilda B. Brown, Lawrence W. Clark, Charles P. Gray, Kathryn Midgett, C. Russell Reynolds, Bryan Jerome Salter, Enna M. Scarborough, Ennis Littlewood and Nita B. Ballance.

Roanoke School: J. A. Dempsey, principal, Eva A. Bethea, and Lillian T. Boone.

\$85,000 SPENT BY PARK SERVICE ON BUILDING DUNES

Fight Against Erosion on Outer Banks, Last Year, a Considerable Sum

During the recently ended fiscal year, a total of \$85,000 was spent in Dare County, principally on Hatteras Island, to combat the forces of erosion. This work consisted in the building of sand fences, moving sand by bulldozer, brush laying, grassing and building of ramps.

Supt. R. F. Gibbs of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore has issued a report on the second year of the project. He says:

"The object this year was to rehabilitate and stabilize the dune system in areas adjacent to National Park Service developments and to carry out improvements to the most critical portion of the work completed last year.

"To this end, the work on Bodie-Pea Island took place in areas around Coquina Beach, Oregon Inlet Camp and Picnic Grounds, Pea Island Campground and the Pea Island Parking-Overlook Area. The following was accomplished: approximately 24,000 lin. ft. of snow fence installed, 9,000 lin. ft. of snow fence replaced, 8,000 lin. ft. of brush fence installed, 12,000 cu. yds. sand moved for dune build-up, and 9 acres of grass planted.

At Hatteras Island, dune project work centered about the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Area, the dune area between Frisco and Hatteras and a critical area adjacent to the old Phipps Gun Club. A TD-18 dozer was kept at work throughout the year in pushing up a dune to protect the newly constructed campground and to cooperate with the N. C. State Highway Commission (who provided similar equipment) in raising a dune between Frisco and Hatteras villages. Northeast storms pounded the Phipps area again this year and tore out the base section of the new main barrier dune. Approximately 32,000 cu. ft. of brush was in stabilization. Grassing, approximately 7 acres, was planted in the campground and Frisco areas, and approximately 2,000 ft. of brush and 16,000 lin. ft. of snow fence erected in these same areas.

On Ocracoke Island, work was largely a continuation of the 1957 fiscal year. Approximately 80,000 lin. ft. of snow fencing was used to complete the basic two line sand fence from Ocracoke village to the ferry landing, a distance of approximately 13 miles. About 25,000 lin. ft. of the above was salvage and replacement of fencing due to storm damage and to better sand collecting barriers. The build-up of dunes and fences along the northern third of the island was excellent, overflowing the 4 foot fencing in a broad base. However, it was along this section of complete build-up of the initial fencing that storm damage was the worst. Several storms battered this section and caused a receding coast line. Large portions of the fencing at the northern extremity of the island had to be relocated. See NPS, Page Six

METHODISTS PLAN 100th ANNIVERSARY AT KITTY HAWK

Big Celebration Planned As Campaign on \$50,000 Project Progresses

What is expected to be the biggest church celebration ever held in the Dare County coastland area is shaping up for October in Kitty Hawk, when the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist church is to be observed.

The celebration and homecoming will be held at a time while the community is in the midst of the last stages of a campaign to finance a \$50,000 church educational building.

The community, some 20 years ago, completed and paid for a handsome brick church, the first one built in Dare County by a white congregation. The building project now undertaken is also a stupendous one, considering the size of the project.

The homecoming planned in October is expected to bring together for the first time, several thousand former residents of the area. Ample time is allowed to plan for the event. The Kitty Hawk area has been the birthplace or residence of many people who have distinguished themselves away from home. In fact, many citizens believe Kitty Hawk has turned out more of such persons per capita, than any other coastland community.

The fund for the new church annex has grown to \$21,000 in cash and pledges. Capt. P. A. Tillett, chairman of the building fund, and his workers have put in a lot of hard work in this cause. Hallett F. Perry is chairman of the Board of Trustees. Others active in official capacities are Capt. T. E. Midgett, Carlos Dowdy and Jesse E. Baum. On June 9th, ground was broken for this building with impressive ceremonies, attended by District Supt. C. Freeman Heath.

The building will contain seven Sunday school rooms, bath rooms, fellowship hall, etc. It will be an See CHURCH, Page Six

HYDE NEGRO MAN DROWNED MONDAY AT STUMPY POINT

The body of J. P. Mackey, 32, an Engelhard negro employed for a long time at Stumpy Point was found Monday when it came to surface, following the activity of motor boats in the vicinity of the fish house of Alton Best, the dead man's employer.

Mackey worked for Mr. Best. He had been to Roanoke Island on the week end, and when he was not noticed at work on Monday morning, this was not considered unusual. However his pants and shoes were found in the fish house where he slept. When boats came in from fishing, the body came to surface.

The man is reported as unmarried.

Coroner Jim Vannote of Manteo said it appeared that the negro had come in during Sunday night, and after taking off his pants and shoes had stepped out to the edge of the wharf and there had fallen overboard.

UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Wants to Know How Folks Lived Before Finding So Much to Spend Money For

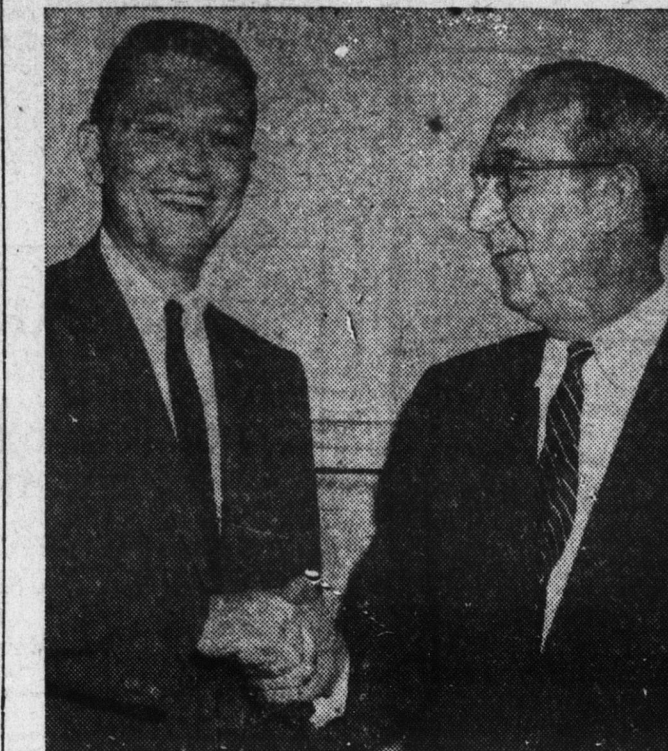
My memory takes me back this month to how we used to live in August when I was a boy. I remember at this time, when everybody had laid by their crops, we used to have the big week-long revivals winding up in a big picnic on the grounds, with the baptizing of all the converts the week of preaching had rounded up.

The revival never lasted longer than a week, for by that time the last chicken in the neighborhood had been slain and fed to the visiting preachers. It used to be quite a contest to see whose homes the preacher would go to. He was expected to eat his noon meal at a different home everyday, and sleep on a new bed every night.

When I had grown older, I gave more thought to the possibility that a preacher had to be a mighty patient man. I don't see how he didn't get fondered on chicken meat, nor how he ever got enough rest, what with changing beds so often. In those days many people put their worst mattress in the room they kept for visitors, being that these rooms weren't used much, while the man of the house kept the best bed for himself.

Most everybody had feather beds in those days, and I don't see why somebody didn't smother under the heat of those hot August nights. Sometimes we'd have a glut of

SENATOR JORDAN AND JAYCEE PRESIDENT



Bob Cox, left of Chapel Hill, President of the National Jaycees, is shown calling on Senator B. Everett Jordan in his office in Washington, D. C. Cox, a former U. N. C. football star, is the first North Carolinian to become president of the National Jaycees.

KILL DEVIL HILLS TOWN SETS UP A MODEST BUDGET

Recent Trend in Municipal Affairs Indicates Improved Interest By Officials

There is a wholesome effect in the recent action of the town of Kill Devil Hills in holding down expenses, so that the tax rate is not increased. This has been done despite the cost of an election which was not needed, and the addition of street lights to improve the community.

Some wide praise has been given the Mayor and town board for giving attention to the business of the town. The difficulties that have hampered the progress of the new town might never have occurred had there been more lively interest in the beginning in the welfare of the town. There was a failure at the outset of sufficient people of the right temperament and ability to assume the responsibilities of public office. The burden fell on the shoulders of too few of them.

Some people who once fought the municipality, now think continued improvement is going to make a far better situation. Several now say the only way for progress is through municipal management. The general appearance of the town, its police and fire service, and zoning to protect property owners against unfair en-

MANTEO TOWN TEAM PLAYS SHAWBORO THIS SUNDAY

The Manteo Town Team will play the Shawboro team this coming Sunday, August 10. Game time will be at 2 o'clock at the Manteo diamond. Everyone is urged to come out and watch the game.

Last Sunday the Manteo team scored its second victory in as many starts against the Manns Harbor team, winning 6-3.

CITIZENS SEEKING INFORMATION ON WATER SYSTEM

Public Relations Job Needed For Dare Beaches Sanitary District

Many requests have come to this newspaper for information concerning the proposal for bonds to construct a water system, and a fire fighting system on the Dare Beaches. There are many citizens who consider these projects of vital importance to the welfare and development of the beaches, and strongly support the projects.

There are also others who are interested, but believe they have not been given sufficient information on which to base a conviction which way to vote on September 6, when the election is held.

There will be two separate proposals. 1. To vote on bonds in the amount of \$1,140,000 to construct a water system. 2. To vote on bonds in the amount of \$40,000 for fire fighting equipment for the district. Proponents consider passage of both proposals of vital importance.

There is of course a group opposed to any sort of bond or tax being voted on the district for any purpose.

But by and large, the doubtful ones are those who believe a project this big calls for some public relations work, and that its merit would be revealed by full information being put in the hands of every voter. Here are some of the questions they want answered:

How much is the tax rate going to be?

What are the plans? Why not explain them to the people?

How much is the water rate going to be, and what will water cost the average person in addition to the tax to be paid?

Where has an adequate supply of water been found?

How many people will it take to run the system, and how much will they be paid?

Valuation \$11,698,370

It appears that the Commissioners of the District may do their cause a great deal of good by giving all available information to every voter. Many a good cause has been lost for lack of information, and with this information lacking, voters became doubtful. There is less than a month before the election, and it will take considerable stepping to do this job well.

A few facts concerning this project may be stated here. It was recently determined from the appraisals of the Dare County Board of Commissioners that the property valuation in the Dare Beaches Sanitary District is \$11,698,370. To make this simple, a tax rate of \$1 would yield \$116,983 per year.

For the first year or two, if the bonds are issued for 20 years, it will take about \$116,000 for interest and payments on principal.

As payments are made, interest will decrease annually. At the same time, there is prospect that valuation of property will grow whereby the rate, barring complications and emergencies, should be greatly reduced.

Next comes the question of the cost of operating the system. It will require several people for engineers, maintenance men, administration, etc., and it is estimated that revenue from water will more than take care of operating costs from the start, leaving something over to apply on principal.

Advantages Cited

Many important advantages are See WATER, Page Six

MOSQUITO CONTROL DISCUSSION BY MANTEO ROTARY

Equipment and Spray on Hand, And Some Money, But Usage Questionable

The problem of mosquito control was brought before the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night by Ralph Swain, who suggested that it might be a good project for the Club to consider working on. County Commissioner Lawrence Swain made a talk to the club, stating that mosquito control in Dare County offered several problems in that the two types of mosquitos called for separate methods of combat.

He mentioned that the county had some \$14,000 worth of equipment, 30 barrels of spray, and about \$3,000 on hand from money granted the county. He said he didn't know what is the best thing to do about it.

Supt. Bob Gibbs of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, said his staff had been doing some work on mosquito control, but had not yet gotten the desired results. He was hoping that the U. S. Public Health Service would soon do some research on the subject so that any work undertaken would not be shooting in the dark.

As usual, during the summer season, the Club had many beach visitors present who were making up attendance. Visitors Monday night included several from Pennsylvania and Virginia. John A. Holmes of Edenton, who was district governor in 1944-45-46 was one of the visitors, as well as a former member of the Club, Rev. Madison W. Maness, Methodist minister of Fairmont.

Last week the club heard one of its most interesting programs of the season, when Clifton Britton, Director of the Lost Colony drama told entertainingly of what goes on behind the scenes in producing the show each night.

ANDY GRIFFITH'S FILM IS TO HELP MANTEO SCHOOL

Actor and Movie Operator to Donate from "No Time For Sergeants"

Herbert A. Creef, proprietor of the Pioneer Theatre in Manteo, and actor Andy Griffith have opened their hearts, and will set aside the net receipts of Griffith's hit movie, "No Time For Sergeants," when it comes to Manteo sometime shortly, for the benefit of the new Manteo High School which is without sufficient funds for equipment.

Andy Griffith, who lives two miles north of Manteo, agreed with Mr. Creef this week, although it is not necessary in order to assure attendance at the show. The movie is a smash hit across the nation, and has many long runs, and local people have been clamoring for weeks that it be shown in Manteo.

Ordinarily towns of the size of Manteo do not get new films as early as this one is coming, but it has been made possible by reason of Actor Griffith's interest in the community and his residence here.

RALEIGH RECTOR TO BE GUEST MINISTER

Rev. James McDowell Dick, rector of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, N. C., will be guest minister at Waterside Theater Sunday, August 10, seventh in a series of Sabbath morning Lost Colony worship services.

A feature of the services to which the public is invited will be choral music by the Lost Colony Chorus under the direction of Gilbert Pirovano with George Perry at the organ. The Chorus this year is made up mostly of Westminster Choir College graduates.

The Rev. Mr. Dick, one of the best known Episcopal rectors in N. C. has been at The Church of the Good Shepherd since 1935. He received his theological education at Sewanee and served churches in South Carolina and Virginia before going to Raleigh 23 years ago.

Currently he is president of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, a member of the Diocesan Executive Committee and is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's Junior College and Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh. In Raleigh he is active in all civic movements and has served as president of the Rotary Club there.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Dick and their daughter when he comes to the Dare Coast this week end and they are planning to tour the Outer Banks to Hatteras on Saturday and attend a performance of The Lost Colony on Saturday evening.

TAXPAYER'S GROUP WORKING UP TAX CLAIMS ON APPEAL

New Jersey Firm Sends "Expert" Back to Dare County to See Board

Steps are being taken this week by the Dare County Taxpayers Association to carry appeals to Raleigh, for its members who charge they have been unfairly and unreasonably treated during the New Jersey Tax abatement for which the commissioners agreed to pay \$22,000 this year.

Also this week, one of the men who came to do the work for the New Jersey Appraisal firm which found such easy pickings in Dare County, is back in Manteo, to see about getting the remaining \$11,500 the Commissioners agreed to pay.

The Taxpayers Association had planned to ask the court to restrain wasting this money by paying it over to the firm which it alleges has not earned it. In fact, it is the position of the Association that something is due the county in view of the great trouble and expense the appraisal has brought on the people and the county.

The resentment over this job caused the people to throw out the entire Board of Commissioners in the election in May. Complaint was widespread about the incompetency of the appraisal and of the type of personnel turned loose in Dare County to do the job. Ignorance, insolence and stupidity, as well as carelessness about personal obligations were charges that followed in the wake of some of these "experts."

The Association this week is sending letters to several of its members concerning its plans in their behalf. Attorney W. H. McCown of Manteo represents the Association.

The Association's position is that it offers the only practical avenue toward relief for the person who has been victimized by a stupid and unfair means of hijacking and making him pay more than he ought to pay. For a lone individual to take his case on appeal to the State Board in Raleigh would cost several hundred dollars.

There never has been an instance of a more raw deal in Dare County than has been undertaken this year, whereby taxpayers are forced into unreasonable, and uncalled for expense, if he hopes to find justice; and that will come at a high price beyond the monetary value of any relief to be gained.

Walter D. Perry, Chairman of the Dare County Taxpayers of Kill Devil Hills said liberal contributions had been made by some members of the Association. New members are being sought this week so that there will not be lack of means to carry on the fight.

HAMILTON PASTOR FILLS MANTEO PULPIT SUNDAY

Guests at Baptist Church Include Benefactor of Proposed Baptist Home Project in Martin Co.

Among guests at the Manteo Baptist Church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Don Matthews of Hamilton, Martin County. Mr. Matthews, a well-to-do farmer and businessman has a splendid beach home in Kill Devil Hills, which he and his wife greatly enjoy.

His pastor, Rev. J. C. Brooks filled the Manteo pulpit at both services Sunday in the absence of Rev. W. E. Cholerton, the pastor. The Manteo congregation heard of the plans to build a \$150,000 home for aged people at Hamilton, and to which fund, Mr. Matthews has subscribed \$50,000.

The home would be principally for aged people of the Baptist faith, but would permit as many as 25 per cent of its admissions to come from other faiths. Mr. Brooks, the pastor is conducting a campaign for the project.

BLUEFISH HITTING IN DARE SURF AND INLETS

Hatteras — Bluefishing in the surf was the best here at Hatteras during the past week than it has been at any time this season. Blues weighing up to two and half pounds have been taken in great numbers by anglers using shrimp or artificial lures. Blues were also being caught in the surf north of Hatteras to Nags Head and Kitty Hawk, following a long siege of southwest winds which had kept the water of the ocean along the beaches too cold for good fishing. Water conditions were perfect during the past week and should be better as August advances.

Bluefishing in the Inlet while not as good as earlier in the season was still productive here and at Oregon Inlet. Here too, Spanish mackerel are still taking trolled lures in the inlet.