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HEARING HELD BY LOCAL GOV. COM. ON DARE PROJECT

Kill Devil Hills Officials Oppose Issue For Water System Monday

RALEIGH, (Special).—The local Government Commission, through its Secretary, W. E. Easterling, ruled Monday, Aug. 11, in Raleigh that the proposed bond issue for a public water supply for the Dare Beaches Sanitary District is feasible and has the approval of the Commission. A meeting was called in Mr. Easterling's office to discuss the bond issue after a protest of the issue was filed by attorney Tom Cheers, Mayor of Kill Devil Hills. Mr. Cheers' protests were discussed fully by the group attending the meeting: P. J. M. Bayne, Chairman of the Board of the Sanitary District, and the other two members, William H. Smith, Jr., and Orville Baum, and their attorney, Martin Kellogg, Jr. Present with Mr. Cheers was R. H. Cook; Major J. L. Murphy also took part in the discussion. Technical information was furnished by W. S. McKimmon, Chief of the Sanitary Engineering Section of the N. C. State Board of Health in Raleigh, and R. D. Stout, engineers with the Southern Mapping and Engineering Company of Greensboro, as well as Dorothy Dugger, who is associated with them. Mr. McKimmon declared that the State Board of Health considers the system of getting water from shallow wells completely unsatisfactory because of the present extent of pollution and the danger of getting the entire water supply permanently polluted. The present extent of pollution is known from tests made of water supplies of establishments serving the public, and of tests run on private and semi-private wells. These tests have shown that as many as 60% of the wells tested showed indication of pollution. He explained that pollution is the term used when the examination of a water sample shows that organisms which live in the human intestine are found in quantity in the water sample. These organisms themselves do not cause disease, but their presence proves conclusively that the water has been contaminated by excreta. Under these conditions, outbreak of a water borne disease is a constant hazard.

Mr. Easterling said that the official attitude of the State Board of Health on the matter was the basis for his opinion that the bond issue is a necessity. He said that the State Board of Health had established the Sanitary District in 1949 on petition of residents in order to provide machinery for the people of the area to provide themselves with a safe, adequate water supply.

Regarding the statement of the protest that the taxes which would be levied to finance the water bond issue would be burdensome, Mr. Easterling stated that after thorough study of the material furnished him, his opinion is that the protest is not justified. On a valuation of \$11,698,370.00 for the district in 1958, the bond issue of \$1,180,000.00 is sound. The tax rate can only be estimated, but the estimate is that it will begin at 38¢ per \$100 valuation, decreasing at varying rates over the thirty-five years in which the indebtedness is being paid off. This is a reasonable tax rate, comparing favorably with that of other Sanitary Districts and municipalities which have undertaken the same activity. According to Mr. Easterling, the total debt service charge is altogether reasonable.

With regard to the provision of fire protection, which the protest declares is a duplication of facilities already available, Mr. Easterling pointed out that the Sanitary District Board is authorized to carry out this function by provisions of the General Assembly.

Mr. Easterling commented on the protest that information had not been made available to the public by saying that this meeting was an effort to give information. The informal meeting was characterized by full and frank discussion. The question of the method of tax assessment was brought up, and it was explained by Mr. Kellogg that assessment by property valuation was the only method which is acceptable to the agency, The Housing & Home Finance Agency, a federal agency that has expressed interest in buying the bonds. Mr. Easterling commented that this is the way such financing is done.

Mr. Stout gave each person attending the hearing a sheaf of maps and charts, and called attention throughout the meeting to pertinent points. His information included details year by year, 1959- See HEARING, Page Seven

LEADS OF HIS DRAMAS IN SPECIAL LOST COLONY PROGRAM, MONDAY, AUGUST 18



"A TRIBUTE TO PAUL GREEN", the only living man to have five outdoor dramas running at the same time, will be the theme of a special performance of The Lost Colony at Waterside Theatre, Manteo, N. C., Monday night, August 18. Not only will the leads of each of the five dramas, "The Lost Colony," "The Common Glory," "Wilderness Road," "The Founders," and "The Confederacy" have roles in the special intermission program but the famed author himself, in person, will be present. In the audience to see the special program, which comes on the 371st anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, will be the cast and company members of each of the five dramas.

MONDAY SHOWING OF LOST COLONY A SPECIAL EVENT

"Tribute to Paul Green" to Take Place at Intermission on Virginia Dare's 371st Birthday

By JOHN PALMER
An estimated 500 cast and company members representing the five outdoor symphonic dramas Pulitzer Prizewinner Paul Green currently has playing in Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky are expected to congregate at Waterside Theatre here on Monday, August 18, for a special performance of "The Lost Colony" and a tribute to the famed North Carolina author, dramatist and historian.

Green will be present to acknowledge the tribute, according to R. E. Jordan, general manager of "The Lost Colony."
This special Monday presentation of Green's oldest outdoor drama falls on the birthday of Virginia Dare, the first child born to English parents in the New World, and will commemorate the 371 anniversary of her birth. Regular admission prices will prevail.

"The Lost Colony," with regular performances scheduled weekly Tuesday through Sunday at 8:15 p.m., will close its eighteenth season August 31.
The story of Sir Walter Raleigh's ill-fated attempt to colonize Roanoke Island in what is now North Carolina's Outer Banks vacation area, the drama has been presented each summer since 1937, except for the war years 1942-45 when blackout regulations along the eastern seaboard prevented its showing.

Led by Oliver Link and Lois Garren, who play John Borden and Eleanor Dare in "The Lost Colony," the male and female leads from all five productions will be presented to the audience during the scheduled 14-minute tribute to Green.
June and Jim Moffat as John Rolfe and Pocahontas from "The Founders," David Weston, Jr., and See MONDAY, Page Seven

JIM C. TILLET, NATIVE OF NAGS HEAD IS DEAD

Funeral services were conducted Thursday for James C. Tillet, 83, a native of Nags Head, who died in the Portsmouth Naval hospital Tuesday afternoon. He was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Norfolk. Mr. Tillet is survived by his wife, Nancy Baum Tillet, a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Tillet Dickens of Wilmington, Del. four grandchildren, Ernest S. Dickens Jr., of Newark, Del., and Lewis T. Hall, Jr., James C. Hall and Richard D. Hall, all of Norfolk and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Tillet had been a resident of Norfolk for 54 years, residing at 3745 Nansemond Circle. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War and World Wars I and II.
Mr. Tillet is survived by several nephews and other relatives in Dare County. He resided for a short time in Kitty Hawk a few years ago, and returned to Norfolk, following his retirement from Government service.

DANIELS' DAY PROGRAM AT WANCHESE TUESDAY

One of Coastland's Biggest Family Festivals To Come Off on Schedule

The annual re-union of the Daniels family which has been held at Wanchese Methodist Church for the past several years will be held as usual on August 19th.—Tuesday of next week. The program will begin at 4 p.m. in the church, with Robert Lee Humbr, speaker for the occasion. Melvin R. Daniels is master of ceremonies. Following this program, a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds.

The Daniels Day program for many years has been one of the coastland's most important family festivals. Until his death, the late Joseph Daniels of Raleigh, and other members of his family were regular attendants, and after his death one or more of his sons have continued to be present. The occasion is usually favored with the presence of members of the family and friends from end to end of the Nation, and it brings together many relatives and old friends for a re-union after long separation.

PORTSMOUTH MAN DIES WHILE VISITING MASHOES

While on a visit to the home of his wife's parents, at Mashoes, Dare County, Joseph Marinus Anderson, 48 died Sunday at 7:30 p.m. His wife is the former Alma Liverman, and they were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Twiford. He was a native of Annapolis, Md., and had lived in Portsmouth for 11 years, residing at 215 Charles Ave. He was the son of the late Marinus and Mrs. Rose Clark Anderson.

He was a silk spotter for Virginia Cleaners in Berkeley and a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He was a veteran of World War II, having served four years with the Navy.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Miss Virginia Ann Anderson and Mary Catherine Anderson; one son, Michael Anderson, all of Portsmouth; and two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Lee Hilton of Annapolis and Mrs. Marie Olive of Pennsylvania.

The body was removed to the Twiford Funeral Home. Rosary services were conducted at St. Paul's Catholic Church Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services were conducted at St. Paul's Church Wednesday at 10 a.m. by Rev. James Francis Clifford. Burial was in the church cemetery.

EDITOR PLANS TO WRITE OF 1,800 MILE TRIP NORTH

Victor Meekins, editor, Mrs. Meekins and Miss Estelle Meekins returned to Manteo Tuesday evening from an 1,800 mile motor trip to northern states, including a short visit to the province of Ontario, Canada, returning by way of New York City. Next week he will tell our readers of some of his impressions gained on the trip, a large part of which was spent on the toll roads of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and the new turnpike in Virginia.

SHOOTING CASE FROM AVON TO BE TRIED AUGUST 19

Columbus Baum Jr. Held For Wounding Gerald Williams, Trespasser in Trailer Friday Night

Columbus Baum Jr., 33, of Avon is held for shooting Gerald Williams 25 while Williams was in Mr. Baum's trailer home at Avon on Friday night, August 8. A hearing is to be held in Dare County on August 19, Sheriff Frank Cahoon said this week.

Williams is in a hospital, being treated. Baum, who is stationed in the Navy in Virginia told Sheriff Cahoon that he had been called to Avon unexpectedly Friday evening because of the serious illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Grant O'Neal, and that he and his wife and children had left their trailer home and gone next door to his grandmother's house to spend the night. He said that late during the night he decided to go over to his trailer and make a pot of coffee, and when he went, discovered Williams nude in one of the beds, and his shoes and clothing scattered around in other rooms. Williams, he said had been drinking, and he got a gun and tried to frighten him out of his trailer, but couldn't reason with him, and when Williams started toward him, he shot to discourage him from the attack.

Williams has been in trouble before due to drinking, and now has a case pending in the October term of Superior Court for theft of an automobile.

CLUBHOUSE BURNS AT MANN'S HARBOR, LIGHTNING FIRES

Durant Island and Woods at Mashoes Also in Flames From Unusual Fires

Following a lightning blast at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, fire broke out and completely destroyed a clubhouse at Mann's Harbor. The building was owned by Outdoorsman's Club Inc. of Greensboro, W. S. Gregory and others, and was established several years ago by James H. Bratten of Mann's Harbor in front of whose home the club was located. The property was used as a fishing and hunting club and was unoccupied at the time it was struck by lightning. It was valued for taxes at \$1,078.

The Manteo fire department went to the scene as soon as notified but it was too late to save the building.
The 3,000 acre Durant Island tract north of Mashoes was being swept by fire Thursday, result of a lightning strike on Tuesday, the second of two such strikes, the first being near Mashoes on the property of West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. The first has been extinguished, but the Durant Island fire is in heavy timber. On the island is a clubhouse owned by Rocky Mount, N. C. men. Considerable damage to the timber tract is expected.

Several other forest fires have been set by lightning on the Dare mainland, during the month, Bill Ernst, West Virginia Woodlands manager, reports.

A HEAVY DOCKET OF TRAFFIC CASES IN DARE COURT

A heavy docket of traffic cases, most all of them for exceeding the 35-mile limit on the beach highway was disposed of Tuesday by Judge W. F. Baum in Dare Recorder's Court.

For being drunk and disorderly at Gabriels Inn, Geo. Jacob McClesse was fined \$25 and got a suspended sentence of 30 days.
Thos. C. Callahan, a prisoner who escaped from the Currituck County prison camp was sent up to Superior Court.

George M. Scott Jr. of Elizabeth City was fined \$5 for having a defective muffler. Walter H. Collins of Portsmouth, Va. paid \$25 for driving at 60 mph.

Speeders in the 45 mile class drawing \$10 fines and costs were: W. P. Branch, Roanoke Rapids; Kelly L. Bowser of Nags Head Casino; Clyde G. Connette, Craddock, Va.; Harry Lee Powell of Norfolk; James B. Cooper, Newport News; Ollie M. Narren, Yorktown, Va.; Davis McCoy Daniels, South Norfolk;

In the 50-mile class drawing fines of \$15 each were: Florian E. Evans, Harbinger; Edward B. Saunders, Blountsville, Tenn.; Vernon B. Chase, Kingsport, Tenn.; Kenneth N. Taylor, Como, N. C.; David E. Devere, Moogantown, N. C.; Thos. H. Morris, Barco; John D. Berberick, Richmond; John H. Edwards, Atco, N. J.

For driving too close to another car Ernest D. Mills of Norfolk paid \$5 and costs. Fines of \$18 See DOCKET, Page Six

BONNER'S WORK ACCLAIMED FOR MAKING POSSIBLE AN ATOM ICEBREAKING SHIP

National Recognition Given North Carolina Congressman For Legislation For Larger Ship; Russians Already Constructing Vessel of This Type; Ours Would Be Larger.

National acclaim is being given North Carolina Congressman, Hon. Herbert C. Bonner of the First District, for his part in legislation making it possible for America to build a large atom-power icebreaking ship. The New York Times on Sunday gave extensive publicity to his work, and said "if the United States proceeds with the construction of a heavy atomic icebreaker, it will be in large part, the result of the enthusiasm of one man . . . Herbert C. Bonner . . ."

The announcement follows close on the heels of a widely acclaimed achievement of the voyage under the North Pole of America's atomic powered submarine on the week end. Mr. Bonner was also interested in the developed of this sub, and has made undersea trips aboard it.

The Senate last week passed and sent to the White House a measure authorizing an atomic-powered ship that would be superior in its service possibilities to any ice ship now in the Navy or Coast Guard. With almost unlimited cruising range and endurance a nuclear-powered icebreaker would greatly advance this country's military, commercial and scientific operations in polar regions.

The craft would be at least 350 feet long, larger than any now in service, and it might cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000.

An odd legislative history is in the background of the proposal. Mr. Bonner, who is chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marines and Fisheries, has long felt that the Coast Guard needed a construction program. Last year when he began a personal study of the question, he came to the conclusion that this country was seriously ill-equipped to meet the challenge of expanding polar activity and responsibility.

The deeper he delved the more he became convinced that an atomic icebreaker was imperative for the United States Fleet. Last December, Soviet Russia launched the hull of a 435-foot icebreaker, the Lenin. In January Mr. Bonner held hearings on a committee bill, obtaining extensive testimony from polar experts and officials of the Department of Defense.

Mr. Bonner said the idea first came to him when he heard about the Russian ship.

"There was something very pointed in the fact that the first Soviet atomic vessel was to be an icebreaker," he said. "There was some meaning in that and I wanted to find out what it was."
"Also, I felt that the Coast Guard has been in an unfortunate position. It is under the Treasury, which thinks about money and perhaps looks on the Coast Guard as only a police force. Actually it has many important functions, but it is just about a shell, living on the crumbs of other agencies. They are going to have to rebuild, and they now have many friends and supporters in Congress."

In the beginning Mr. Bonner was in the unusual position of being more enthusiastic about the icebreaker than most of the military experts.

But the cumulative testimony began to develop a serious picture. In pressing for the legislation Mr. Bonner was joined by two Republicans from the State of Washington, Representatives Thor C. Tollefson and Thomas M. Pelly. In the Senate, Senator Warren G. Magnuson, also of Washington, introduced a similar bill.

Polar experts who testified at the House hearing said that even with the eight icebreakers now used by the Navy and the Coast Guard, ideal methods of operation were denied to the United States by inadequate or insufficient icebreaker facilities.

The most modern United States flag ship, the 311-foot Glacier, can stay in polar area for a maximum of three months, after which she must turn back and get out of the ice or face the prospect of running short of fuel and being caught.

Atomic energy would give the proposed new vessel several major advantages over the conventionally powered craft. Nearly a third of the loaded displacement of an ordinary icebreaker is taken up by the fuel, measured in thousands of tons. By saving fuel space, the power of the propulsion machinery can be increased, as can the strength of the hull.

APPEALS TO STATE BOARD IN BEHALF OF DARE TAXPAYERS

Association Fighting For Fair Valuation for Its Members

Interest continues in the effort for continued adjustment of tax valuations in Dare County recently set up at a cost of \$22,000 by men brought in from New Jersey. It is now pointed out that these values, now having been fixed by the Board of Commissioners, they will stand for the next four years, and taxes levied thereon accordingly unless they are changed on appeal to the State Board of Equalization in Raleigh.

As individual appeals would cost as much as several hundred dollars if taken to Raleigh alone, there was formed in May a voluntary group organized as the Dare County Taxpayers Association. For those of its members who wish their interests protected through appeal to Raleigh, an attorney has been employed. Action in behalf of the Association's members must be arranged for right away, or for others who now wish to join.

All individual appeals to the State Board of Assessment for Dare County taxpayers, resulting from recent appraisals of property must be filed with the Board of County Commissioners by August 16th, it was announced today by Walter D. Perry, Chairman of the Taxpayers Association. Appeals are being filed for approximately one hundred members of the association, by its attorney, and of course other taxpayers may file appeals through counsel, or individually in writing. Chairman Perry stated that written authorization was necessary from each member of the association before appeals would be filed; and that taxpayers who had not yet joined the Association's effort for equalization, might contact him before Saturday, August 16, and protect their right of appeal.

Appeals to Raleigh on the revaluation is the second step in the Association's effort to bring relief to the members; the Association already having gone on record requesting the Commissioners to require the appraisers to complete the work according to contract. Both programs, it is hoped, will bring about the equalization for all taxpayers, which was the object of the 1958 revaluation contract.

RURAL CARRIER SERVICE SOUGHT FOR ROANOKE ID.

Petitions are being circulated this week for forwarding to Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, asking him to intercede with the Postoffice Department for rural carrier service to partons of Roanoke Island living, northward, westward and southward of Manteo.

This service, long desired, and needed would be of advantage to about 1,000 patrons of the Manteo postoffice, some of whom are required to travel more than four miles for their mail from the window of the Manteo postoffice; some two miles further than residents of most other parts of county, and many of these sections have had rural carrier service for years.

BIG FERRY OUT OF ORDER AT BAD TIME

Raleigh. — The State Highway Commission announced Monday that its ferry boat, "Governor Umstead" has been sent to the Commission's Manns Harbor shipyard for replacement of a broken shaft.

First Highway Division Engineer W. N. Spruill said he hoped to have the shaft replaced and the "Umstead" back in service by Thursday morning. The break down came at an unfortunate time, what with the heavy tourist traffic underway.

The "Governor Umstead" operates between Hatteras Island and Ocracoke. A smaller ferry boat, "The Hatteras Inlet" was pressed into service while the "Umstead" is out for repairs. "The Hatteras Inlet" carries four cars while the "Umstead" is a 15-car ferry.

UNCLE DUCK FROM DUCK WRITES:
In This New Day People Feel No Shame In Being Advertised for Not Paying Taxes

Dear Mr. Editor:

The old woman was reading the paper the other day, and she said "what is the world coming to? Here I see folks being advertised for taxes who've got TV sets and two cars, and live in big houses, and some of them must have the money to pay up."

And for a fact there were folks who owed a pile of taxes who everybody knows are able to pay. When I was a boy my father thought to owe his taxes was the worst thing that could happen to a man, and he was always in distress until he got 'em paid. Nowadays folks don't seem to mind it being advertised that they are letting their neighbors pay the bills for running the county.

Well, it's a great world. When I was a boy, it was considered a terrible thing too for anyone to be supported by the taxpayers. Most people took pride in caring for their old folks, but nowadays they go to a lot of effort to get their parents on the welfare. It is heart-breaking to see the people who are being put away in homes, where they never see anyone they know, where little individual attention is given them, and where there is too often, downright neglect.

How much happier an old and sick person would be in his own home where every sight and sound

is familiar. Where now and then an old friend or neighbor would call on him?

It looks like August is going to wind up a hot summer. If we had the hot weather earlier, folks couldn't stand the heat and the hard work that would come with it because of so much tourist business.

Seems like everyone tried to put off coming to the beach until hot weather drives 'em to it. Business seems to be pretty good lately.

I see where the goose hunting season is going to be ten days shorter this year. They gave us ten extra days during the past two seasons, but they are knocking 'em off again, claiming the fowl has grown scarcer, due to so many people hunting all over the country.

Must be something that makes 'em scarce for I know they didn't come here last year, and there's been a lot of complaint everywhere I heard from.

You know most folks don't realize that good roads, automobiles, and a chance to get away has turned more hunters loose in the country in one week these years than we had in ten years when I was a boy. And they got more and better ammunition.

A good thing can't last forever, See DOCKET, Page Seven