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FOREST RANGERS FROM SEA TO MOUNTAINS ASSEMBLED AT NEW HOLLAND LAST WEEK

Training School of State and Federal Forestry Work Conducted in Hyde County Attended by 125 Rangers in Two Sessions Daily; Hyde, Tyrrell, Dare and Washington Counties Under District Ranger Berry.

District Ranger Archie Berry of the forestry service in Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties had his hands full last week in assisting in the conduct of a forestry school which lasted a full week at New Holland in Hyde County, with two sessions daily, and its success was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Berry of Fairfield.

The Ranger's Training School was held at Mattamuskeet Lodge, and it was the first time that all rangers from the mountains to the sea had been assembled together for such meetings. There were 125 rangers in the assembly.

Ralph Winkworth, Regional Forester for Region One, presided over the State-wide meeting. Fred Claridge of the State forestry service of Raleigh was the instructor.

Various owners of large timber tracts sent representatives to attend this school. Companies represented included West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. with offices in Manteo, Riegel Paper Co. of Acme, N. C., etc.

The long-standing need for such schools, and more of them, might have been amply demonstrated, had the group driven a few miles across the line into Dare County and have seen the millions of blackened trunks of sturdy young pines left after the disastrous fire of last year, which was the largest forest fire in coastland history. Here more than 50,000 acres of growing timber was denuded of a thriving crop that in a few short years might have brought millions of new dollars into the area, and would have given employment to many people and new business for many merchants.

A ride through this area is worth-while today in the lesson it will teach concerning the value of protection and conservation of our forest resources.

Fourth Annual School

The school held at New Holland last week was the fourth annual school of its kind, and the training a continuation of the one held at Singletary Lake last year. The first session was held September 28th. The sessions ended Saturday, October 4th. The fire plan adopted by the Southeastern States Forest Fire Compact Commission was adopted. The use of pumper equipment was featured and training in fire behavior as it affects safety of personnel. A day was devoted to field problems. Each man got detailed instruction in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick O'Neal were hosts to the large group at Mattamuskeet Lodge with part of the group being quartered at the Leslie O'Neal lodge nearby.

PLANS MOVE ON FOR BIG KITTY HAWK CENTENNIAL

Homecoming and Laying of Cornerstone For Church Annex Scheduled on October 25

Plans seem to be going well according to reports, for the two-day homecoming centennial celebration of the Kitty Hawk Methodist church set for October 25 and 26th. A committee has set up plans on a big scale, whereby a large group may be housed and fed. During this event, the cornerstone laying for the new \$50,000 church annex will be held.

Mrs. Jack Twiford is director of the celebration committee. Other committee chairmen are Mrs. Kathryn Perry, Carlos Dowdy, Mrs. Edith Best, P. A. Tillett, Mrs. Hettie Baum, R. M. Best, John Evans and Mrs. Oscar Sanderlin. Mrs. Jesse Baum is music chairman.

The committee is expecting many old residents, members of the church, a number of distinguished visitors, all contributors to the cause, all former ministers and their families, members of neighboring Methodist churches and many others to attend.

BREAKS LEG IN GAME

Billy Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aycock Brown of Manteo, suffered a broken leg Friday night in the football game between Manteo and Weeksville schools. He was taken to Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, where the break was found to be in a small bone below the knee. Billy, in a cast, was permitted to come home this week and will re-enter school in a few days.

MANTEO HAMPERED BY UNCOLLECTED FUNDS DUE TOWN

Auditor's Report Shows Government Getting Along Well With County's Aid

Some interest has been shown in recent changes in the personnel of the governing body of the town of Manteo, with respect to a successor for town alderman, created by the advancement of G. T. Westcott to Mayor. Mr. Westcott was promised at the last meeting, following the resignation of the veteran Mayor, Martin Kellogg, Jr.

The town of Manteo in recent years has operated on a better financial basis than in the old days when business was done haphazardly, carelessly and sometimes dishonestly. Now regular audits are made by a CPA, and that reasonably soon after the end of the fiscal year.

The audit for the year ending June 30th, 1958 reveals that the town had a decrease in assets of \$1,599.01 under the preceding year. While it had a slight decrease in cash in the bank, it has a large decrease in accounts payable. The following statement appears in the audit:

	Assets	1958	1957
Cash in Bank	18,223.39	22,693.91	
Accounts Receivable	17,430.23	23,537.52	
Property	205,953.40	196,974.60	
Total	241,607.02	243,206.03	
Liabilities, Reserves, Surplus			
Accounts payable	1,337.74	11,371.06	
Reserves	20,338.02	26,389.67	
Bonded indebtedness	22,000.00	23,000.00	
Surplus	197,931.26	181,946.30	
Total	241,607.02	243,206.03	

The audit shows that the town is reducing its bonded indebtedness by the sum of \$1,000 a year, and now owes \$22,000. A big lift for Manteo comes from Roanoke Island and Dare County. Island and county last year gave the town some \$6,300, beside paying its Chief of Police from ABC funds.

The Roanoke Island fire tax paid \$2,300; county funds paid for See FUNDS Page Four

MANTEO LIONS WORKING ON BIRTHDAY CALENDAR; WHITE CANE REPORT MADE

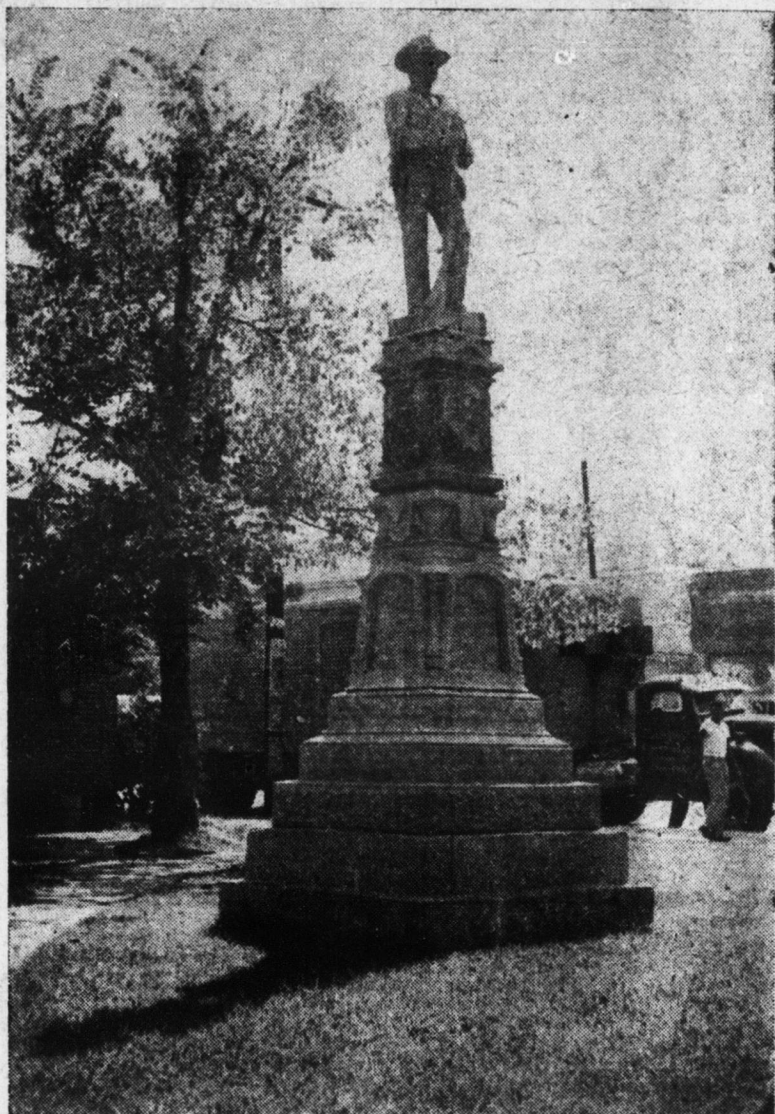
Among projects underway in the Manteo Lions Club is the popular annual Community Birthday Calendar. A canvass is being made of all the homes on Roanoke Island for sales of calendars, birthday and anniversary listings. The calendar drive has been a great success in past years, with promise of even better results this year. Areas have been set aside for Lions to canvass, but anyone who should happen to be overlooked may contact Lion Melvin Jackson prior to October 22.

In other business, the club at its meeting Tuesday night announced results of the White Cane drive recently conducted with the help of Manteo High School students. One hundred and seven dollars was raised which will be forwarded to the State Commission. The club had as its guests Tuesday night members and leaders of Sea Explorer Ship 165. Awards were issued as follows: Billy Taylor of Manteo Harbor and Raymond White of Manteo received the Sea Explorer Apprentice rank. The apprentice rank is the first rank of four in the sea explorer program. Also awarded were merit badges which the boys had earned, as follows: Billy Taylor—swimming, gardening, citizenship in the home; Bobby Dough, Manteo—swimming; Melvin Twiddy, Manteo Harbor—swimming. Rev. Robert Turner of Saint Andrews By the Sea Episcopal Church presented the awards.

Sea Explorer Ship 165 is sponsored by the Manteo Lions Club and is open to all boys 14 years old and older.

The ship's charter was to have been presented to the unit by District Governor Phil Sawyer, Jr., on behalf of the National Council of Boy Scouts. Due to a change of plans at the last moment, Lion Sawyer was unable to be present. The charter will be presented at an early date.

TYRRELL'S TRIBUTE TO ITS CONFEDERATE DEAD



IN THE YEAR 1900 devoted women of Tyrrell County spurred on somewhat by professional veterans and perhaps by salesmen of monuments, set about doing something toward commemorating noble deeds of its sons in the terrible war which had ended 35 years previously.

Among these women was the late Mahala Melson Meekins of Gum Neck, who was the mother of the late U. S. Judge I. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City.

Before her marriage to Jeremiah Charles Meekins, Tyrrell County farmer and business man, she had lost two husbands, one Pledger and one Davenport, before she mothered a large family. One of her grandchildren is Attorney J. C. Meekins of Columbia, who as a small boy, went around the county with his grandmother, in a horse and buggy, soliciting contributions to erect the memorial to the Confederate soldiers. This memorial, now on the courthouse lawn has been twice moved. Quarters, dimes, and even nickles made it possible.

Back in 1901 when the dedication took place, Mr. Meekins recalls that the speaking was from a platform, across the street, and one Col. Wm. F. Beasley, a former Tyrrellian was a speaker, and another noted citizen, Rev. Wm. Caravan of the Primitive Baptist faith did the praying. During the prayer, the speaker's stand collapsed, but the preacher, unperturbed, continued with his prayer, and there was no interruption of the program.

It was a great day in Columbia, some 56 years ago, and the crowds came by excursion boats from Elizabeth City and other towns across the water. Of the counties of Currituck, Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell, Tyrrell is the only one to have completed a public memorial to its confederate dead.

RODANTHE COUPLE HOME AFTER 7,600 MILE TRIP

Rodanthe.—In order to attend a family gathering at Long Beach, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. W. Verde Watson of this community have completed a 7,600 mile journey. They left here on August 16th and attended in California, the 90th birthday of Mr. Watson's father, and the 60th wedding anniversary of his parents. They got home Sept. 26.

The Watsons returned via Cheyenne, Wyo., where they visited their son Bruce, and on their way out, visited their son Kent in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where he worked during the summer, and again visited him on their return, at N. C. State College. They also visited Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Park in Utah. Several National monuments in Arizona, one in Ohio and various state parks. In California they visited Disneyland and on return spent part of a day on a Mississippi River Parkway. They traveled in a foreign station wagon equipped like a trailer for camping and stayed most nights in trailer courts or State Parks.

TAKE OFF FOR TRINIDAD

Mrs. Marvin Forbes and Miss Lou Tillett of Wanchese, departed by airplane Monday for Trinidad where Mrs. Forbes will join her husband who is stationed there with the armed forces. Miss Tillett is expecting to take up civil service work.

TOWNS GET STATE FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Allocations for 1958 Received Last Week Total Over Six Millions

Raleigh.—Checks totaling \$6,477,457.37 were mailed by the State Highway Commission last week to the 407 eligible municipalities participating in the allocation of Powell Bill funds.

The Powell Bill, passed by the General Assembly in 1951, authorizes the setting aside of 1/2 cent from the regular 6¢ tax on each gallon of gasoline, in an effort to aid municipalities in the maintenance of non-system streets. All Powell Bill funds are allocated in cash to active incorporated municipalities which are eligible and qualified for improvements on their non-highway system streets.

Allocation of the Powell Bill funds is made proportionately to the eligible municipalities, half on the basis of population and half on the basis of relative non-system mileage.

Allocations for some of the eastern North Carolina towns are as follows:

Town	Population	Allocation
Aurora	525	\$ 3,169.90
Bath	381	1,472.19
Bayboro	453	2,048.32
Belhaven	2,528	11,486.67
Columbia	1,161	4,120.95
Eliz. City	12,685	42,867.19
Edenton	4,468	16,378.03
Hertford	2,096	6,971.93
Kill Devil Hills	735	8,407.52
Manteo	635	2,773.41
Pamlico	275	913.21
Plymouth	4,486	16,787.74
Roper	793	3,894.25
Washington	9,698	36,523.35
Washn. Park	421	2,873.78

During 1951—the first year of its existence—a total of \$4,543,096.20 was allocated to the 386 eligible municipalities. This figure has increased over the years to \$6,477,457.37 for 407 participating municipalities in 1958.

The six millions dollar figure, allocated this year from Powell Bill funds, brings total allocations over the past eight years to \$45,013,664.66.

According to the figures released this month, the 407 participating municipalities had 6,887.57 miles of non-highway system streets. Their total population, according to the 1950 census, was 1,524,960.

Payments range this year from a low of \$393.05 for Falkland in Pitt County to a high of \$347,322.59 for Greensboro.

TWO SURF TOURNEYS ON DARE COAST THIS MONTH

NAGS HEAD — Under the direction of Willard Shaner, Margate City, N. J. and James Scarborough, president of the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, the seventh annual inter-team and open individual surf fishing tournament will be launched here next week end. The tournament is expected to attract 40 or more teams from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and other states.

Competition will officially begin on Friday morning, October 17 with five-man teams competing during the first two days followed by one day of open competition on Sunday.

A high spot of the tournament will be the gala banquet in The Carolinian Hotel headquarters of the event, on Saturday evening. At that time trophies and prizes valued at hundreds of dollars will be awarded winning teams and individuals on the teams.

Second Tournament A second tournament will be presented on Hatteras Island during a three day period beginning October 23. This will be sponsored by Cape Hatteras Anglers Club headed by Edgar Hooper.

Hooper has announced that at least 15 clubs would enter teams in the Hatteras Island event. This is the first tournament sponsored by the Cape Hatteras club.

DARE RECORDERS COURT

The following cases appeared before Judge W. F. Baum in Dare Recorder's Court this week: Thos. C. Dickens, Nags Head, public drunkenness \$25 and costs. Elizabeth Spencer Owens of Manteo, for assault with a knife on two others, Raymond Charity and Pearl Charity, resulting in painful injuries, \$10 and costs. Lillian G. Cohoon, speeding, \$12 and costs. Darrell Merrill, 18, Hatteras, drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest, \$35 and costs. Garland A. Underdown, Wanchese, driving on the wrong side, \$5 and costs. Robert O. Quitley, Manteo, improper muffler, \$5 and costs.

AUDITOR'S REPORT SHOWS DARE'S UNCOLLECTED TAXES NOW ABOVE \$100,000 MARK

Dismal Report For Year Ending June 30th, Reveals Deficit Still High With County Funds Overspent Nearly \$48,000; Auditor Warns Against Loose Methods and Insists on Curtailing Non-Essential Spending to Get Things Straightened Out.

GOES FOR COURSE IN NAVAL MUSIC SCHOOL



PVT. JIMMY L. BRADDOCK, of Buxton, has finished his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Braddock, who are the pastors of the Buxton Assembly of God Church.

Pvt. Braddock has been assigned to Special Services, and will be attached to the Naval School of Music in Washington, D. C. for the next sixteen weeks. He graduated from the Cape Hatteras High School in June.

WILLIAM LEWIS TILLET, 74, WAS LIFELONG RESIDENT KITTY HAWK COMMUNITY

On Tuesday afternoon, William Lewis Tillett, went to his final rest in the beautiful and peaceful Austin Cemetery, in Kitty Hawk, the community where he was born and had been a lifelong resident. Mr. Tillett, at 74, died in a Veteran's hospital last Saturday after an illness of three years. He was 14 months in the hospital. He was a highly regarded citizen of his community, a good neighbor with a wide circle of friends. He was a member of one of the oldest and largest families of the area, and was born at Kitty Hawk, Nov. 28, 1883, the son of the late Benjamin F. and Almira Hayman Tillett, and the husband of Mrs. Helen Stetson Tillett. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. M. Best, Mrs. John W. Evans of Kitty Hawk and Mrs. Ira V. Partridge of Kill Devil Hills; by one son, F. Linwood Tillett of Kitty Hawk; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Love Perry and Mrs. Jennie Beasley of Kitty Hawk and Mrs. Almira O'Neal of Manteo; eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

He served in the Coast Guard for 27 years, principally in the nearby coastal area, and retired in 1945 as Boatswain's Mate 1st class. Mr. Tillett was a member of Fort Raleigh Post No. 26, American Legion of Manteo. The body was taken to the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo. Services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church by the Rev. Stanley S. Snead, pastor. The body lay in state one hour before the funeral.

"A Closer Walk with Thee," was sung by the church choir; "Ivory Palaces," sung by Mrs. Minnie Belle Twiford; Mrs. Jesse Baum, organist. Red and white carnations formed the pall. There was an immense floral offering. Pallbearers were Colon Perry, James O'Neal, Cal Perry, Ervin Clark, Jennings Beasley, and Alvah O'Neal.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB

The Manteo Woman's Club will meet Tuesday night, October 14, at 8 o'clock at the Community Building. The program chairman, Mrs. Arthur Fields, will give a talk on "Club Awards." As an added feature a movie "The Mayflower Story" will be shown. This film is taken from the actual voyage of the Mayflower II, setting out from Plymouth, England in 1957 on her voyage to Plymouth, Mass. All members are urged to be present.

The last dismal chapters of the disgraceful Duvall-Daniels dynasty in Dare County's government are being written, and this week on the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor that the job was 97% completed, it was ordered to pay Associated Surveys, a New Jersey outfit, a balance of \$2,545.10 remaining due for the \$22,000 tax appraisal job which took property owners of Dare County for a costly ride this year.

At the same meeting Tuesday, the Board of Commissioners got an audit report made in three months time, after a lot of prodding, for the year ending June 30, 1958. This report showed Dare County with over 100 thousand dollars in uncollected taxes, and a total deficit in Dare County funds of nearly \$48,000, an increase over the period ending a year previously.

The auditor made some sharp comments about the methods of handling funds in various departments, indicating the great need for establishment of a modern accounting system.

The report showed that funds in excess of its pro rata share of tax collections had been transferred to the Manteo School district; that county funds had been used to pay in an excess of the amount due for hospitalization of county employes and same had not been collected from the employes; that funds collected separately for the Roanoke Island Fire District, the Dare Beaches Sanitary District, the Kitty Hawk School District, and the Manteo School District had not properly been handled separately or paid in pro rata as collected. This situation affected the Tourist bureau which is due 50 per cent of the county's ABC Funds.

The auditor's comment on this situation is as follows: "It will be noted that some of these funds had excesses of revenue over expenditures, while others had excesses of expenditures over revenue, we again call attention to the fact that in view of the overall deficit, it is absolutely imperative that expenditures for non-essential purposes be curtailed."

This clearly marks the path for the next board to follow, and it looks like a lot of weeding and hoeing will have to be done.

Tuesday, the Board of Commissioners, with all members but one present, passed the situation off lightly enough. Their comment on the transcript of minutes, reads as follows:

"... Recommendations accompanying such reports were noted and discussed with Mr. Howard, (the auditor). It was pointed out by Mr. Howard that progress had been made to adjust the inequities heretofore found in the various funds of the county, and that such inequities may be speedily resolved in the near future with proper attention to their causes."

The near future means that someone else will have to take steps to make the corrections, and new employes must be found to do the job, as these same conditions have been commented on by auditors now and then during the past ten years.

The present Board has one more regular meeting before winding up its term.

Let's see how much progress it has been making in wiping out the "inequities," or rather "iniquities," complained of.

During the past two years uncollected taxes have jumped from \$86,211.89 to \$100,642.35, according to this same auditor, while the county has been spending nearly twice as much for tax collecting and law enforcement.

During the past two years, the deficit, that is overspending, has only dropped from \$54,000 to \$47,718.40, which includes \$25,794.63 of General funds. This doesn't show much improvement in view of the tremendous jump made in the tax levy each year. For several years, the present Board of Commissioners have been increasing the budget at the rate of about \$25,000 a year.

The \$100,642.35 in uncollected taxes represents only the accumulation of uncollected sums over a nine-year period, or since 1949. Taxes still owing for prior years appear to have been forgotten. A further audit including prior years will show a much larger sum un-

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