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ABOUT ONE FOURTH OF DARE'S VOTERS TURN OUT TUESDAY

No Contests In General Election Lulls People Into Apathy Voting Day

The election in Dare's 16 precincts was a light one Tuesday. The tiny village of Mashoes registered the highest per centage of voters going to the polls, with about eight votes cast, as against nine in the primary. Generally however, only about one fourth of the registered voters went out to cast ballots for the reason that there were no contests and general apathy prevailed.

All the Democratic candidates carried about the full strength in their party with old favorites like Lindsay Warren for State Senate, and Herbert Bonner for Congressman registering most votes. On the county ticket in Dare, C. S. Meekins, Clerk of Court, polled most votes, being a man that never has opposition in the primary, nor stirs up animosities. Sheriff Frank Cahoon followed closely, and others like Judge Baum, Rep. Bruce Etheridge, went over big in this group.

For county commissioner, the ticket ran along pretty close, and despite the strong fight in the primary waged by Victor Meekins, who spearheaded the battle in the primary which carried a new board of county commissioners to victory, barely a dozen voters remained sore enough to not mark one for him Tuesday. These may be traced to a few disgruntled candidates or their friends. Failing to keep the old Board in office, a few manipulators who dread Meekins are trying their best to see that he is not chairman of the See ELECTION, Page Eight

DR. H. W. JORDAN WITH FISHING PARTY AT HATTERAS HAVE LUCK

Dr. Henry W. Jordan of Cedar Falls, who with Governor W. Kerr Scott completed the Hatteras Island Highway when Dr. Jordan was Chairman of the State Highway Commission, spent several days at Hatteras last week with a party of friends from the Winston-Salem area, and had an opportunity to view first hand, the tremendous development that has been made possible on Hatteras Island because of an all weather road, and the improved ferry service that has been added.

Dr. Jordan's friends included numerous men in the financial life of the state who saw first hand also, some of the opportunities that await capital investment to make possible further tremendous development in the area. Dr. Jordan was one of the successful fishermen, as he landed a 93 lb. white marlin, assisted by Jonathan Woody of Waynesville.

J. Houston Barnes of Greensboro, also in this party, landed a 300-lb. blue marlin, fishing with Capt. Edgar Styron.

Other men in this party were as follows: Henry Harris, Treasurer, Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem; A. K. Davis, chairman of the Board; Leon Lentz, vice-president; Jack Trotman, assistant vice-president; George Hemingway, branch manager; Wayne Corpening, Clyde Gordon.

Dr. Jordan appeared in excellent health and spirit, and found many citizens who remembered his friendliness and desire to be helpful to the island while he was chairman of the Highway Commission.

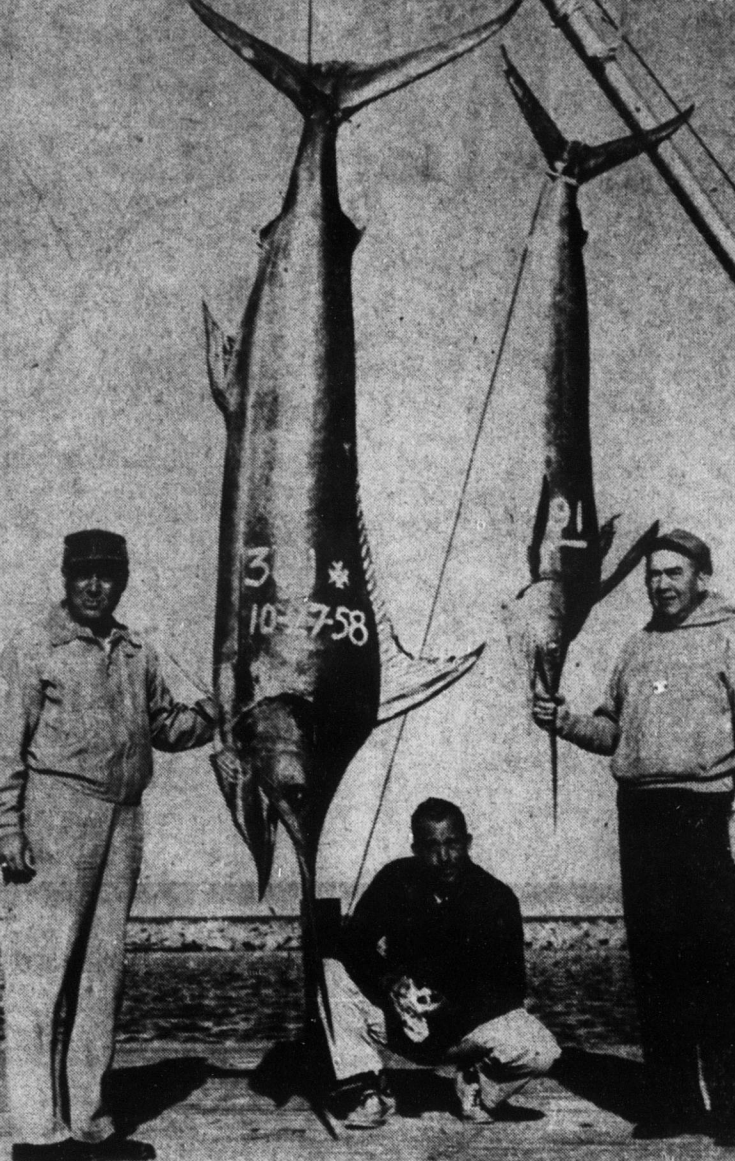
WALTER H. BEACHAM OF KITTY HAWK DEAD

Walter H. Beacham, retired Coast Guard man, a well known citizen of Kitty Hawk, died suddenly Thursday afternoon in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, after a day's illness. He was one of the most highly regarded men of his community. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertie Beacham, three sons, Calvin, Alvin and Glenn P.; a brother, Clyde Beacham, two sisters, Mrs. Joe Perry and Mrs. Ethel Gard. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Beacham, and a life-long resident of Kitty Hawk, a member of the Fort Raleigh Post American Legion, and the Primitive Baptist Church of Kitty Hawk. He was also a member of the Dare County Board of Elections.

FLY TO HONOLULU

Mrs. Louise Meekins and Mrs. Dorothy Drinkwater Cox of Manteo left Tuesday for a trip to Honolulu. Driving to Norfolk, they flew from there to Hawaii. Mrs. Meekins is visiting her son, Ernest E. Meekins, Jr., and his family; and Mrs. Cox is visiting her son, Billy Cox, and his family. Mrs. Meekins will be gone for a month. The length of Mrs. Cox's stay was undetermined at the time of departure.

FORMER HIGHWAY CHAIRMAN FIGURES IN BIG CATCH



Dr. Henry W. Jordan on the right, former Chairman of the State Highway Commission, shared the catch of the 90 pound white marlin last week end with Jonathan Woody of Waynesville. In this party of ten fishermen also was J. Houston Barnes of Greensboro, shown on the left, who caught the biggest fish, the 300-lb. blue marlin shown with him on the left. This party fished with Capt. Edgar Styron, shown in center beneath the fish.

There's Nothing Like the Glory of "NOVEMBER ON THE BANKS"

By Capt. Marvin W. Howard, Ocracoke, N. C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of the wide popular appeal of this article by Capt. Howard hereafter published in this newspaper, it is being reprinted.

November is here, come again to visit on us the cold, blue, raw days, where if one is not careful one may catch cold from extra efforts—because it's cool, yet not realizing it is still warm enough to perspire freely and thus a cold. These cold, blue, raw and cloudy days bring falling of the leaves from all the trees along the banks except the evergreen. As one watches the shadows along the winding trails or the sandy roads so familiar to the Banks, one is able to see bushes of acorns lying on the ground, the many golden-yellow serrated seed of the sea-ot like-wise lie in the leas of the sand hills, and the purple flower of the wild-pea has almost vanished while the pods are bursting, letting their seed fall to the use of wild-life. As one feels the bite of the blustery, windy day, particularly if a hunter, the urge to take gun in hand, call Rover or Bando or Nipper and go-a-hunting is strong. It would not suffice alone to hunt birds, but rather to take in the wonders of Autumn's beauty among the woodlands, the salt grasses and the sand hills. All of this if properly viewed presents a beauty unexcelled anywhere.

NEWCOMB MIDGETT, 77, DARE COMMISSIONER DIES IN NORFOLK

Frank Hamilton Newcomb Midgett, 77, lifelong resident of Waves, Dare County, died at 1 p.m. Monday in the Norfolk Marine Hospital after an illness of three months. He was a member of the Board of Commissioners of Dare County at the time of his death, his term expiring this month.

Mr. Midgett was the son of the late Israel and Nancy Ballance Midgett of Rodanthe, and the husband of Mrs. Christiana Midgett. Two sisters also survive him, Miss Belle Midgett of Manteo, and Mrs. Warren Midgett of New Jersey.

He was stricken three months ago and had been helpless and unconscious ever since. The body was taken to the Twiford Funeral home, and removed to the family residence, where the funeral was conducted at 11 p.m. Wednesday by Rev. J. T. Goodman, pastor of the nearby Fairhaven Methodist Church. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Mr. Midgett was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 698 at Buxton. He was a man who stood in high regard of all who knew him, friendly, neighborly, with a desire to be fair, industrious, always a worker, he was honest and accommodating. He had served many years in the Coast Guard, and was honorably retired since 1943. Some of his service was in shore stations in New Jersey.

Rev. Durwood T. Goodwin, pastor of Fairhaven Methodist church conducted the funeral before a home packed with mourning friends. The church choir sang: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "Does Jesus Care." Full bearers were Dewey Midgett, Julian Grav, Alexander Meekins, Georg Meekins, Asa Gray Jr., and Alston Midgett.

Our freedom to hunt, to play, to be able to enjoy these wonders, are ours only because of our Democratic Government or Republic, whether you judge it by pony you ride, the old jeep you go fishing in, the speed boat you own, the limousine in the garage, or the freedom to worship at the church of your choice, the school, the food on your table or the freedom to speak in public without fear. You are fortunate by the fact that you are living under a system of government based on the dignity and freedom of the individual, that derives its powers from the bottom up rather than the top down. The four freedoms which were so respectively brought to the public by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. These freedoms we enjoy in the good U. S. A. and now especially along the Outer Banks where thus far the land has never been posted to any great extent, therefore the See NOVEMBER, Page Four

POPULATION FIGURES HATTERAS AND OCRACOKE ISLANDS AND PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY 1870 TO 1920

It may be interesting to note figures from the U. S. Census Bureau showing the variations in population at ten-year intervals over an 80-year period on the islands of the Lower Banks of N. C. During the past 30 years there has been a rapid decrease in population when the state's depleted commercial fishing industry became no longer sufficient to support all those formerly engaged in it, and hundreds moved away and established permanent homes to get gainful employment. More recently the decline of Coast Guard activity has driven many others from the small communities, leaving only the old and disabled, who are now fast disappearing. Today, the only immediate hope of the Outer Banks is to develop sufficient tourist income to sustain it and restore it to its former economic independence.

	Hatteras Township	Kennekeet Township	Ocracoke Township	Portsmouth Township
1870	673	599	368	341
1880	821	631	400	221
1890	906	793	466	204
1900	987	842	548	150
1910	1,041	644	565	182
1920	1,115	712	587	143
1930	1,132	663	547	104
1940	1,201	806	525	42
1950	1,046	576	509	14

Hatteras Township includes the villages of Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras in Dare Co.
Kennekeet Township includes the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon in Dare Co.
Portsmouth Township in Carteret County includes the small village on the North end of Core Banks.
Ocracoke Township embraces the island of Ocracoke in Hyde County.

SO. ALBEMARLE HEARS CHALLENGES TO MOVE FORWARD

Sentiment Shaping Up to Develop Small Industries; Improve Numerous Small Crops

Preparations had been made to feed 300 delegates to the Southern Albemarle Convention Thursday, November 6, when the association entered upon its 24th year. This year Hyde had host county because Hyde had the presidency, during the year ending—Leon Ballance of Nebraska, Tyrrell's turn for the presidency followed.

The association Thursday afternoon chose W. J. White from Tyrrell County for President; and the following county Vice Presidents: Dare M. L. Daniels, Jr.; Hyde, Earl Topping; Beaufort, Dr. W. T. Ralph; Martin, Ben D. Courtney; Tyrrell, H. P. Swain; Washington, W. M. Darden; for Secretary, Mrs. Borden McCleese of Tyrrell and M. A. Matthews of Engelhard was re-elected Treasurer.

The Program Thursday
The program of the annual convention of the Southern Albemarle Association at Engelhard, Thursday, Nov. 6, follows: General meeting at high school 11 a.m. Invocation by Rev. Lamar Wheeler, Baptist pastor; followed by group singing; address of Welcome by W. W. Watson, Association Vice-President for Hyde County; responses by the five other county Vice-Presidents; presentation of visitors or special guests; the introduction of speaker by Leon Ballance, an address by Wayne Corpening, agricultural agent, Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem. A fish dinner followed this meeting, served by Ben Midgett at the Club Poparena. A business session following the meeting for the election of officers.

The association has now started off on another note, long overlooked—See SAA, Page Eight

HOME EC. WORKSHOP ON FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

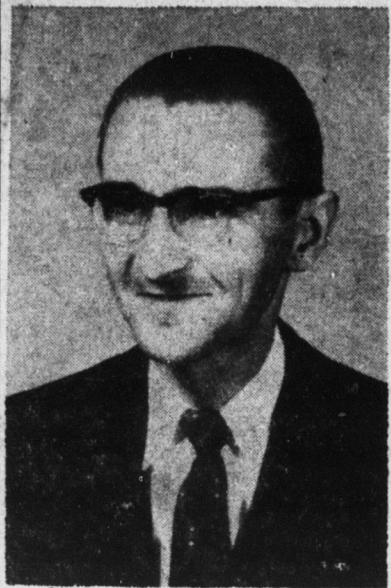


MRS. PAULINE GORDON

Announcing two workshops on "Dried Flower Arrangements" to be held in Dare County on November 11 and 12. These workshops will be conducted by Miss Pauline Gordon, Housing and House Furnishings Specialist, of State College.

November 11 — This workshop on Dried Flower Arrangements will be held at the Manteo Community Building. Time 10 a.m.
November 12 — The workshop will be held at Buxton at the home of Mrs. Joyce Gray. Time 9:30 a.m. Those attending the workshop at Buxton are asked to bring a lunch.

TEACHER FROM COLUMBIA MAKING GOOD IN FLORIDA



ERNEST CHESSON Jr., now in his 4th year as a science teacher in the high school at Groveland, Fla. and going on 35 years old is still a bachelor, and devoting his full attention to the profession of teaching. Mr. Chesson is the son of E. E. Chesson, an owner of one of Columbia's best known stores. After a year at State, he attended ECC at Greenville three years, and where he graduated. After teaching three years at Angier in Harnett, he taught in his home town three years, when he got itching heels, wanted to broaden his experience and despite the offer of the principalship in Columbia, went to Florida. He has been enjoying his stay there, but loves to return to Columbia at every opportunity.

OUT OF CASH, A SHORT HORSE SOON CURRIED

Treasury Empty, Dare Commissioners Didn't Tarry Long at November Meeting This Week

Beyond accepting such reports as were turned in by county officials, including the release of several penalties for failure to list their taxes as recommended by Tax Supervisor Tillet, the only thing done by the Dare County Commissioners at their regular meeting held Monday of this week, was to refuse to accept the resignation of Mrs. Mabel E. Jones from the Board of Trustees of the Dare County community building. Mrs. Jones, thought she should now be relieved. She has given faithful service for some eight years.

Not having any money in the treasury sufficient to pay off the county's bills, the board couldn't do much paying out. From a balance of \$18,000 on hand some months ago, the balance had shrunk, to \$904.89, about the monthly cost of running either the Sheriff's office or the Welfare Office.

The \$150 spent to hold this meeting, counting the \$70 paid the Clerk to the Board for the month See COUNTY, Page Four

Uncle Dock From Duck Writes: Changes Must Be Made, Old Crowd Must Be Disregarded if Improvement is Expected

Dear Mr. Editor:

I see and hear that there is some sweeping changes being made in Congress and it looks as if the public is getting tired of the present administration. It also appears that the voters have ratified the action of the primary, and we will have some new county commissioners next month.

I have been hearing for sometime that the old crowd which got beat so bad in the primary don't consider themselves beat at all, and have been going ahead for several months, trying to pick out the new chairman of the county Board. Doesn't seem to matter, who, just so he comes over to their side and lives as far away from the courthouse as possible.

If they can just keep him away from the courthouse, they can keep on running things like they been doing, and you know what kind of a fix they've got us in. This new board is going to make a complete failure, if they listen to that old crowd, and if they leave them in charge, there ain't a bit of good in getting a new board.

It's hard to believe that anybody can be so simple as to listen to that old gang, who instead of tending to the duties they are there for, they hire somebody to do their work, and spend their time out politicking in the hall and behind the door. They really are mighty comical, to hear folks talking about them. The county would be better off if they went home and had their check mailed to them. Put a muzzle on 'em, and those of the hired help as won't work, let's go and get some profitable help.

My advice is set up a plan to get the county back on its feet,

PUERTO RICO CHALLENGES DARE COAST AND CLAIMS BLUE MARLIN LEADERSHIP

West Indian Yacht Club Commodore Flings Bold Challenge to North Carolina, Send Contenders, and to Receive Some to Prove That This Caribbean Island Has Better Blue Marlin Fishing.

CONSIDERS BRIDGE FIRST ESSENTIAL FOR HATTERAS ID.

Woodrow Edwards of Rodanthe Says He is Going to Plug For Oregon Inlet

"The thing I expect to emphasize in the next two years is support for bridging Oregon Inlet, because I think it is the greatest thing that could be done to bring about a big development of Hatteras Island, and increase income for everybody," says Woodrow Edwards, who is to be a member of the new Dare County Board in December, having been elected from the north end of the island.

"Next, we should emphasize aid and development of our small boat marinas and better harbors," he says. "We have got to have good harbors in the various communities of the island for the benefit of those who make their livelihood from fishing and boating, and we need marinas to encourage our share of the profitable yacht business which is growing so fast in this country."

These are things that we have a right to expect support from through state and Federal agencies, and Mr. Edwards believes if the County board puts its influence and effort behind these projects, much good can be accomplished, even though it may take years, but the effort will be worth while.

"All good projects take a long time to bring about," Mr. Edwards says. "Some of them have taken ten years, but they were realized because somebody refused to give up working and fighting."

"I have faith enough in the Oregon Inlet Bridge project to believe that with the united efforts of even five men only, we will see it built in the next three or four years," Edwards says.

Mr. Edwards thinks it is the moral responsibility, and a civic duty for members of the County Commissioners to put in a lot of work and effort for all good public causes, above and beyond their routine official duties, and that the Board members by virtue of their position can wield more influence than any other group. Since there is now no countywide Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Edwards believes the County Board should assume the leadership to work for all county wide projects.

Having landed something better than 12 tons of blue marlin meat off the Dare County coast this year, with some others being caught at Morehead City, North Carolina has been claiming to be marlin capital of the country, so much so that an international tournament is being planned in 1959 at Hatteras.

Now comes from Puerto Rico a question to that claim, with Esteban A. Bird, official of a fishing club at San Juan, offering on behalf of his island in the Caribbean, a dispute to that claim. Further he has challenged North Carolina to a contest, whereby sportsmen from both Puerto Rico and North Carolina would fish in the waters of their opponents.

In his letter last week to Aycock Brown, Senior Bird makes these comments:

"There seems to be some question as to whether your state may have achieved the supreme distinction of having even more blue marlin than Puerto Rico . . .

"I must tell you that it is very difficult for a Puerto Rico fisherman to believe that any place has more Marlin than the blue waters around our lovely island.

"Unfortunately, we do not keep records of our seasonal catches. All I can tell you is that — We caught 22 blues in the four days of our Fifth International Game Fish Tournament last month. In the San Juan area alone, more than 600 blue marlins have been caught in the last ten years.

"We held the world's record for the largest blue marlin ever caught on rod and reel—756 pounds on a 80-pound test line by Allen Sherman in April, 1956. We have twice boated nine blues in one day.

"Angel Abarca caught three blues in one day here. Two of them weighed 350 pounds and one, 150. I myself have caught two in a single day, one a 452 pounder.

"If in spite of all this, the splendid people and the very capable fishermen of North Carolina still think North Carolina may have better blue Marlin fishing than Puerto Rico, I would like to suggest — See MARLIN, Page Four

AVIATION PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 17 PLANNED

Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association Members Meet to Plan For 55th Anniversary of First Flights

Members of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society in Elizabeth City Wednesday discussed plans for the annual celebration commemorating the Wright Brothers first flight on December 17, the 55th anniversary of the birth of aviation. David Stick of Dare and Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, vice-president of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society presided at the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the name of the organization which annually sponsors the celebration should remain the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society. It had been proposed and approved in a hasty motion at the meeting of the society last year to change the name of the organization to First Flight Society.

"We should keep a name that identifies the historic first flights of December 17, 1903, with the locality in which they occurred," was the consensus of those present, this week.

This year plans are to be developed for a membership drive. It was agreed when the membership organization was founded five years ago that such a drive would be conducted every five years.

Ralph Whitener, promotion manager of the Air Force Association which has taken a leading role in the celebrations of the past, asked to be relieved of his duties. He stated however that he would continue to serve on a committee whose objective is to procure an exact replica of the famous "Wright Flyer".

Miles Clark, who asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Society stated recently that Elizabeth City High School Band which has had an important role in the celebration each year would be available again this year.

Present at the meeting were: Marr, Stick, C. S. Meekins, treasurer, Horace Dough, superintendent of Wright Brothers Monument, A. W. Drinkwater and Aycock Brown of Manteo and Elton Aydtlett of Elizabeth City.