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PROTEST SENT BY BOARD AGAINST INSURANCE BOOST

Blanket Increase Opposed; Information Sought on Fire Protection Advantages

The Dare County Board of Commissioners on Monday of this week sent a protest to the Insurance Department in Raleigh against a proposed blanket rate increase now sought by insurance companies to apply in coastal areas, and which would be highly discriminatory against Dare County and other like sections. The motion was made by David Stick and seconded by George Fuller.

Insurance rates now being sought would mean heavy increases in cost to the people of the outer banks areas. Extended coverage would cost double the present rate; a rate which now is double that charged in some parts of the state. The increase would carry also a decrease in liability, whereby companies would not pay any of the first \$100 in windstorm loss. The deductible is now \$50.

The Board also directed the Chairman to send a letter to the insurance department and the fire insurance rating bureau seeking information as to the type of fire protection measures which might reduce insurance rates in rural areas of Dare County. It had been noted, the letter said, that some districts in Nash County had reported saving up to 40 per cent on insurance rates by acquiring fire equipment.

The Board at this meeting appointed David Stick to collect and co-ordinate information requested by the office of Civil Defense in support of Beach erosion projects proposed in Dare County.

The Board agreed to pay expenses of Sheriff Frank Cahoon to a school of instruction for Sheriffs which is conducted at Chapel Hill in January each year by the Institute of Government.

Other Board Actions

Among other things done by the board this week was to write a letter to the Highway Department urging action on much needed repairs to the Hatteras Island road. It sent \$25 to the Christmas fund of Caswell Training school, Kingston; authorized revisions and increases in aid to the blind checks as requested by the Welfare Department, approved payment of bills amounting to \$5,059.96.

JURY DRAWN FOR JANUARY TERM OF DARE COURT

The following have been drawn for jury duty at the term of Superior Court for trial of civil cases which convenes in Manteo January 12th: Mrs. Pearl O'Neal, Mrs. Mamie Midgett, W. Van Lewark, George Creef, Joe Grunich, W. J. Crumpacker, Mrs. Sidney Jones, Maywood J. Lee, S. A. Stowe and James F. Hasty of Manteo, Leslie Wise, George Payne, Mrs. Gertrude Wise and Bernice E. Payne of Stumpy Point, L. D. Midgett, Edgar Hooper, and Belton Rollinson of Buxton, Elwood Austin, Leonard D. Gilliken and Mrs. Willie Newsome of Hatteras, Mrs. Irma Midgett and H. T. Gibbs of Manns Harbor, Erving T. Gray, of Avon, R. B. Marks Sr., Mrs. Russell Perry, J. D. Perry, Charlie W. Perry, Mrs. Edward Rogers, of Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Leatta Midgett and James L. Beasley of Colington, Robert A. Young, Kill Devil Hills, Walter B. Gray and Gaston B. Mann, Nags Head, Ernest C. Etheridge, Joe Tom Daniels, of Wanchese, Graves Midgett, Salvo, Juncos receive \$8 per day in Dare while in some counties the pay drops as low as \$3 and even \$2. Thirty six names were drawn for the January term. There will be no grand jury.

MELVIN LEE FLOWERS

Funeral services for Melvin Lee Flowers, who died Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17, were conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home by the Rev. C. L. Warren, pastor by Bethany Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Louis A. Aitken, pastor of Mount Olivet Methodist Church.

"Whispering Hope" and "Sunrise Tomorrow" were sung by Mrs. Elmo Daniels, Mrs. Dallas Tillett accompanied at the organ. The casket was covered with a pall of white carnations, red gladioli and fern.

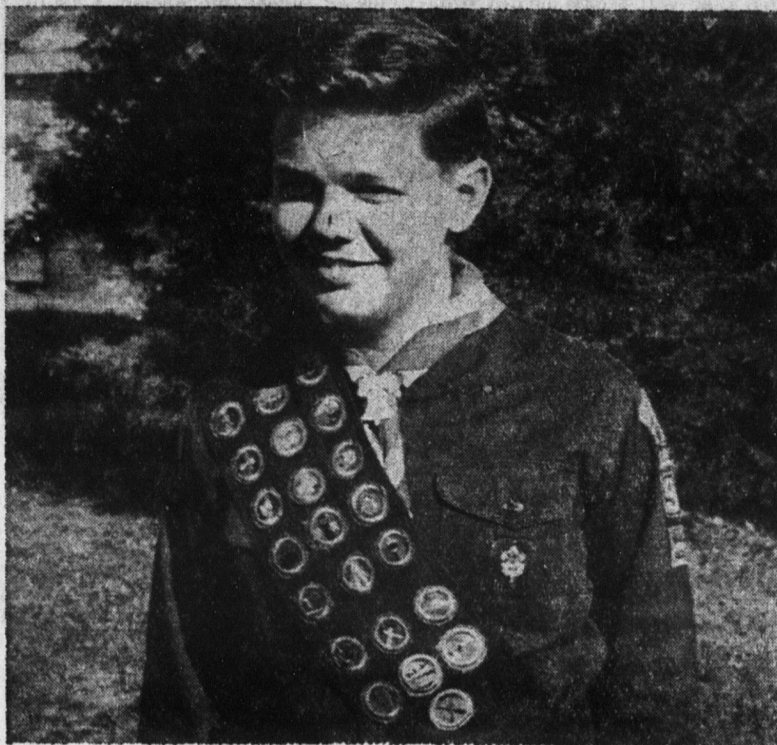
Pallbearers were Alan Old, Paul Mayo, John Podolski, Bennie O'Neal, Ronnie Payne and Malcolm Ernst.

Burial followed in the Manteo Cemetery.

TWIFORD IN HOSPITAL

POINT HARBOR — After 12 days in the Norfolk General Hospital, where he went following a heart attack, Jim Twiford, popular bridge foreman of this community is reported much improved.

FREDDIE MITCHELL WINS HIGHEST SCOUT AWARD



THIS 10-YEAR-OLD Columbia boy has won the Eagle Badge, the highest award of Boy Scouting, and the badge was pinned on him and the Eagle wings which accompany it on his mother, by Dr. A. L. Whitehurst of Plymouth, regional Scout chairman. He is the third Columbia boy to win the Eagle award during the past six years. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mitchell, the parents, took part in the ceremonies in Columbia. At this time, Merit badges were presented to Charles Basnight, Allen Basnight,

Hal Cohoon and Freddie Mitchell. Mike Cohoon and Allen Hopkins got First Class scout awards. Allen Hopkins also got the Second Class award for which he had qualified prior to an earlier court of honor. Scoutmaster Clyde Sawyer presented Tenderfoot awards to Gordon Hopkins, Billy Davenport, Haywood Swain, Harry and Lee Cohoon. Freddie Mitchell, the Eagle Scout winner is a Columbia High freshman, president of the MYF, has been patrol leader for two years and is scribe for his troop. He is also a 4-H member.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CANAL, HATTERAS AND STUMPY POINT

Congressman Asking Interested Parties to Be Prepared to Attend Meetings

Public hearings are to be held early in 1959 at Columbia, Hatteras and Stumpy Point with respect to surveys and contemplated improvements to nearby harbors and channels, according to a letter received by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner. Mr. Bonner is therefore anxious to immediately obtain the names of all interested parties or groups who wish to appear at these meetings so that they may be notified of time and place.

It is suggested that Mr. Bonner be written immediately at his office in Washington, N. C., or if after January 1, at the House Office Building in Washington, D. C. In the letters to Mr. Bonner, from Col. H. C. Rowland of the Wilmington District Engineer Corps office, the following information is given:

"Pursuant to Resolutions adopted by the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives on 29 July 1955, 31 July 1957, and 16 July 1957, this office has been directed to review previous reports on Rollinson Channel (including Hatteras Harbor) and on a channel from Hatteras to Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina. We are beginning the preparation of a survey report under the referenced authority, and in connection therewith I plan to hold a public hearing to be held in Hatteras, North Carolina, late in January or early in February 1959.

Stumpy Point Bay

"Pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives on 31 July 1957, this office has been directed to review previous reports on Stumpy Point Bay, North Carolina. The purpose of the review is to determine whether it is advisable to modify the existing navigation project at this time, particularly with reference to providing a breakwater. This review pertains to navigation and not to protection against hurricane-generated floods which will be considered in the hurricane studies now underway. We are beginning the preparation of the survey report under the referenced authority, and in connection therewith we plan to hold a public hearing to be held in Stumpy Point, North Carolina, late in January or early in February, 1959.

"Pursuant to Resolutions adopted by the Committee on Public Works, United States Senate, on 20 April 1948 and by the Committee on Public Works, United States House of Representatives, on 13 April 1948, 27 June 1956, and 31 July 1957, this office has been directed to review previous reports on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Albemarle Sound to Pungo River, North Carolina, to determine the advisability of measures to provide adequate drainage and to protect farm lands affected by the Waterway between Albemarle Sound and Pungo River. A public hearing to ascertain the views and desires of local people was held in Columbia, North Carolina, on 8 March, 1949.

However, work was suspended on the report in 1950 because of fund limitations. We are now resuming work on the report and it is planned to hold another public hearing in Columbia, North Carolina, in February 1959 to obtain the present views and desires of interested individuals and agencies.

"It will be appreciated if you will comment on the place suggested for the public hearing, suggest a date for the hearing if you have a preference, and let me know if you intend to participate in the hearing. Information is also requested as to key people whom you would like to have me consult in making arrangements for the hearing and on people whom you wish to receive notices of the public hearing.

"H. C. ROWLAND, JR.
"Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
"District Engineer."

MCCOWN MADE COUNTY ATTORNEY THIS WEEK

Wallace H. McCown of Manteo was this week retained as County Attorney by the Dare County Board of Commissioners for the period ending Dec. 1, 1960. Heretofore this office has been combined with that of Prosecuting Attorney in the Recorder's Court, which office is held also by Martin Kellogg, Jr. of Manteo, and who was reappointed for another two-year term as prosecutor. Mr. McCown, who with his wife, practices law in Manteo, like his predecessor, Mr. Kellogg, has been an active community worker, a leader in the Methodist church, the Rotary Club, the Tourist Bureau, etc. He resides near Nags Head.

MANTEO MAN COMPLETES BASIC C. G. TRAINING



DOUGLAS I. ROBINSON, seaman apprentice, USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Robinson has completed 13 weeks of basic training at the U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, N. J. He entered the Coast Guard last September.

Seaman apprentice Robinson will report to the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana, for further assignment.

Before entering the Coast Guard, seaman apprentice Robinson was graduated from Carlisle Military School at Bamberg, South Carolina. He is a grandson of the late Lafayette Douglas, who died last year and who was for his lifetime a community leader in Salvo. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Robinson, who own the family home at Salvo, and who lived in Manteo several years where their son attended high school, recently moved to a farm near Andalusia, Ala., and are now living at the boyhood home of Mr. Robinson. Young Douglas is one of the most highly regarded youngsters of Dare County.

PRELUDE TO FOREVER HATTERAS ISLAND NOVEL

Pat Strawbridge Carson's New Book Published in New York; A Love Story of the Coastland

"Prelude to Forever" is the name of a novel recently published by Greenview Book Publishers, 489 Fifth Avenue, New York City; the price \$3.50. It was written by Pat Strawbridge Carson, a North Carolinian, now married and living in Massachusetts. Her book is reported as having been two years in the writing, although she had been planning it for a long time.

The book is a piece of easy reading but to one native to the area it doesn't have the ring. The similarity of names, places and conditions are not similar enough. One would have had to live a long time in the locality to capture the atmosphere and the moods the book deserves to portray. Consequently it will read more interestingly to one who does not know this great and fascinating country.

Prelude to Forever attempts to tell of the people of a coastal fishing village and the six New Yorkers who came to vacation at their hotel. It is a story of the impact of an immemorial way of life on the restless modern newcomers. Subtly the characters reveal themselves; each develops, is influenced by the others as the days pass. When a hurricane knives into the tight little community, villager and outsider fight side by side against its made violence.

When it is over, the characters find themselves profoundly changed; the great storm has shattered the past and resolves their individual destinies. It might easily be called a fine piece of writing, handicapped only by its lack of authentic atmosphere.

FRANK WHITE, JR., WINS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING PRIZE

Frank White, Jr., decorating the home of his parents in Manteo, was winner of the first prize offered by Virginia Electric and Power Company in an outdoor Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Manteo Woman's Club. Mr. White received an outdoor Bar-B-Que light and two floralites. Second prize, 2 floralites, went to Mrs. L. S. Parker; and third prize, one Bar-B-Que light, was won by Mrs. M. L. Daniels, Jr.

Decision was made according to points, allowing 30 points for artistic merit, 20 points for originality, 30 points for lighting technique, and 20 points for ingenuity.

The first prize winner is eligible to enter the national contest sponsored by General Electric.

WE MARCH BOLDLY INTO A NEW YEAR, EXPECTING IT TO BE COASTLAND'S BEST

Many Signs Point to Great Development in 1959, All of Which Will Add Many Additional Responsibilities and Some Burdens; There is No Such Thing as Breaking Even; No Standing Still—We Go One Way or the Other.

All of us have a deeply-rooted faith in our region. Out of it springs hope. Our hope will materialize if we are sufficiently unselfish to work for what we need and ought to have for the betterment of our region. It is not merely a question of what we want for ourselves. If we seek the best for the benefit of all, we won't have to worry about getting everything any of us need.

We are marching boldly into a new year. It is a year of much promise, for behind it is the foundation that has been slowly in the building for many years. Acceleration of the building of this foundation has been more rapid during the years now closing and those immediately preceding. We are now ready to go further fast.

The inscription, "What is past is prologue," truly means for the Walter Raleigh Coastland when translated in easy English: "We ain't seen nothing yet." It's going to be terrific—what will happen here in the next ten years. Our problem is in arranging now to be prepared for it. We don't want it to run over us and leave us crippled and without profit.

To bring about the many benefits that are to come our way, we have to do a lot of work ourselves, yet when he have achieved them we will be faced with new responsibilities and some burdens. The growing renown that favors this region from continued advertising by the National Park Service, the press, radio, etc. has brought increasing thousands of visitors during the past several years, who upon their return home have spread the glory of our region, and maybe in some instances, have reported cases of neglect, fancied or real, which are not to our profit.

In the year 1959 we are going to begin plans for a big future, based on the foundation that has been built for us during the few years passed. Some of the things for which the ground work must be done are the creation of an all-seashore highway, better roads through the South Albemarle and essential bridges for the linking up of all communities of the area to put them on a parity with all other communities of our commonwealth.

During the year to greater hotels, and other resort facilities, such as convention hall, golf course, yacht basins, air strips, etc. We have got to think big, to prepare for big things. We must be willing to assume big tasks and give freely of our time, so much of which will go without immediate reward.

The future may be as big as we wish to make it. It has no limits. It should embrace endeavors for better medical facilities, better library service, improvements to schools. We have no time to lose; we must prepare for the demands that progress is going to impose on us. It is too late to wait until the day and the demand comes. The wise sailor shortens his canvas before the shift of wind strikes. The hen clucks to her chicks before the rain falls.

We might consider this. It might be as bad to be run over and wrecked by prosperity as it is to be drowned in a depression. We must have a back log against adversity as well as a governor on the wheels of progress. Believe us, it is going to be a great year with greater ones ahead. We must prepare for it by organizing, uniting, choosing wise leadership; defending our rights, demanding what's just; and donating what is due, whether it be our time, our labor or our money.

BAPTIST STUDENT NIGHT

"Student Night at Christmas" will be observed at the Manteo Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 28, at 7:30. Several college students from the church will have charge of the service, including the special music and the speaking.

A Watchnight Service of fellowship and prayer will be held at the Baptist church from 10:45 p.m. to midnight of December 31. The service will be followed with the serving of refreshments. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these special events.

GREAT HUNTING PREDICTED FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

Old Hunters Say Plenty of Birds, Wiser Than Ever and Keeping Low During Good Days

The wildfowl hunting season has been a disappointment, many old guides report, but not because of a scarcity of birds. In fact, the general opinion is that there is a great concentration of geese, ducks and brant on the reservations of Mattamuskeet and Pea Island than in some years, but apparently the birds are wiser and more wary than ever and fly comparatively less, even on the blustery cold days traditionally associated with greater activity aloft.

A series of days of mild weather throughout the first of the season kept away many sportsmen who knew the futility of spending time and money on the shooting grounds in "blue bird" weather. These hunters, out of long experience, just won't come. A further handicap this season was the sudden change two weeks ago which brought unusual cold, and heavy snow upstate and in other states whereby travel by car to this area was considered too difficult and risky.

With so many sportsmen having been prevented from getting their usual hunting vacation before now, hunting guides at Ocracoke Island, Rodanthe, Hatteras, Currituck, and the Hyde County mainland are now faced with a heavy influx of business in the remaining 14 hunting days of the season. Indications, based on inquiries and reservations for the remainder of the season which ends January 15th is for big business. And guides, who have been short-changed at the worst time of year, prior to Christmas, will still welcome this business they would have been so happy to have accommodated had it been stretched out comfortably over the past six weeks.

BONNER IRKED BY LAG IN U. S. SHIP PROGRAM

Chairman Herbert C. Bonner (D-NC) of the House Merchant Marine Committee complained Monday other countries are using U. S. experience in atomic merchant ship building but President Eisenhower's administration has not developed a follow-up program.

Bonner made public a letter in which he told Secretary of Commerce Strauss he understands plans for advancing the application of atomic energy to merchant shipping are in the formulation stage in both the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Commerce.

But, Bonner went on, "there seems to be nothing firm in the way of administration policy to put these plans into execution."

Meanwhile, he said, "not only Russia but a number of other nations are proceeding vigorously toward the development and construction of nuclear merchant vessels of their own."

"Under our open policy of sharing nuclear know how, these other countries are able to proceed with all the knowledge we have gained on our first ship."

The keel of the first atom-powered U. S. merchant vessel, the Savannah, was laid last May 22. But Bonner said legislation for the ship was introduced four years ago and the Savannah will not make her maiden voyage for at least another year.

He asked Strauss to make recommendations to the committee.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Robert Cholerton of Manteo and Marshall Tillett, Jr., of Manteo, arrived at their homes Sunday from Fort Riley, Kansas, where they have been stationed since enlisting in the U. S. Army in June. Mr. Cholerton is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Cholerton in Manteo and Mr. Tillett is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Tillett, in Nags Head. After a 10-day leave, the boys will leave for a new assignment in Germany.