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MORE MACHINERY WORKING ON PROJECT AT ENGELHARD TO DOUBLE HYDE'S ACREAGE

Pumping Equipment Installed This Week, and More Machinery in Next 60 Days Will Represent Quarter Million Dollar Investment, Manager Says. Expect to Get 10,000 Acres in Cultivation During the Year.

Within 60 days there will be a quarter million dollars worth of mechanical monsters tearing through the woods north of Engelhard, where the Pamlico Development Co. is determined to double the acreage of farm land in Hyde County by clearing its recently purchased 73,000 acre tract. Jos P. Smith, company manager, said this week 65,000 acres of the land is excellent for agriculture and he expects a total of 10,000 acres to be ready this year for cultivation.

In service last week went three pumping units, each with a capacity of 15,000 gallons per minute. Two of these are located on U. S. 264 about three miles north of Engelhard and one farther to the west. A dragline is busy digging out the roadside ditch which serves as an outfall canal, and this week the water table in the land has been lowered by six inches or more in preparation for three additional large land clearing machines which will arrive this month. The company has had two such machines in operation for several months. These five are Caterpillar type machines, with what is called a K-G blade. Value of the equipment is placed at \$390,000. Each machine can clear up to 12 acres of land a day.

Mr. Smith has planted a portion of his newly cleared land in oats. He is negotiating for the construction of new fabricated homes for the use of some 15 to 20 families expected to move into the area, contingent upon a deal with a group of Florida agriculturists.

The 73,493-acre tract of land, on which development on a large scale is now so far underway, was bought last August for two and a half million dollars. The Pamlico Development Co. consists of Wm. A. Powe, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Mr. Smith. A loan of one and a half million dollars was negotiated on the property.

Mr. Smith, who is resident manager of the project, left this week for Fort Worth, Tex. where he is See FARMING, Page Four

VALENTINE SEASON FOX HUNT WILL BE HELD AT NAGS HEAD

NAGS HEAD—America's most widely publicized informal fox hunt will take place again at Nags Head, the 10th annual Valentine Season Fox Hunt. John Ray Watkins of Oxford, N. C., will again be master of the hunt, and here to follow up to 100 or more hounds from several North Carolina fox hunting areas will be scores of hunters and spectators.

The Valentine Season Hunt was established by operators of The Carolinian Hotel in 1949 for the purpose of presenting an unusual off-season attraction during February when tourist travel is normally at a low ebb.

In addition to the hunt, informal because those participating do not wear the pink nor ride horses, will be nightly social events including dances, hospitality sessions, hunter horn blowing contests and hunt breakfasts. Instead of horses the hunters follow the hounds in stock cars.

Hunts are usually held in the Bodie Island section and also at Colington Island. Hunt headquarters will be The Carolinian which opens next week after being closed for renovations. The Valentine Season event this year begins on February 12 and continues through February 14.

\$205.40 FOR MARCH OF DIMES

The Manteo Oddfellows and Rebekahs on last Sunday, February 1, netted a sum of \$205.40 for the 1959 March of Dimes by collecting "toll" on the Roanoke Sound bridge. Members of the two organizations manned the bridge all day and report generous contributions from those crossing the bridge.

GAS PRICE FALLS AT A NAGS HEAD STATION

According to announcement this week by Owens Garage, Nags Head, gasoline prices have taken a sharp downward turn. Lawrence Owens, operator, says regular gasoline will sell at 26.9; premium 32.9. This price is in line with the discount prices which have prevailed at most stations in Currituck County for several years.

BOARD TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST STREET BLOCKERS

Plans to Halt Unauthorized Persons Taking Over Streets in Subdivisions

The continued taking over of public streets for private use, but which had been dedicated to the public in various subdivisions of Dare County, has become a big thorn in the flesh to numerous people who protest against such trampling on of their rights. This week it was brought to the attention of the County Board of Commissioners, and they instructed that immediate action be taken by the County Attorney, whereby marking of all such streets will be undertaken, and the trespassers driven off and made to pay for any damages they may have caused.

The preceding Board of Commissioners had taken notices of six instances of such attempts made by greedy people and in July 1957 started action to open some six streets that had been blocked by selfish people.

These streets were set aside by various subdividers of property, for the use and enjoyment of the buyers of lots in projects throughout Dare County. There have been no complaints other than on the Dare Beaches where the situation is pretty well aggravated and in many instances aggression on the ocean side has denied owners of west side lots the use of the streets to the ocean, which is one of the principal considerations in buying other than oceanside lots.

The most aggravating offenders are persons who own corner lots, and take it on themselves to move into the adjacent street area which doesn't belong to them, but usually not being improved, they believe they can get away with it. They erect buildings on them; use them for private parking, or pile them with trash and rubbish.

Court action will be taken, the Dare Board stated. It became necessary to go to court some years ago to save a public road which had been pre-empted by a greedy landowner.

HATTERAS ISLAND MEETING TUESDAY TO CONSIDER CLINIC

Citizens Called on February 10th at 7:30 To Discuss Bond Issue For Hospital

The whole of Hatteras Island is expected to be well-represented at 7:30, Tuesday evening Feb. 10th at the Buxton school building to discuss the probability of erecting a modern clinic to replace the Cape Hatteras Health center now in use at Cape Hatteras, which was donated by the Federal Government and is partially supported by county funds.

John L. Austin of Frisco, chairman for some time of the Trustees of this health center, in Manteo Thursday said he hoped all people would come out and try to get a complete understanding of the situation. Reports from health authorities at Raleigh do not recommend using the old building much longer.

Mr. Austin, who said he had to be away for medical treatment, expressed the hope for a large attendance Tuesday night. He said R. A. Job of Hatteras, the Board's secretary had been acting as temporary chairman, since he, (Mr. Austin) had to give up the work.

Members of the Board of Trustees also include W. Gibson, Donald Oden, James Rollinson, Boyd Gray, G. H. Meekins, Perry Farrow, Nick Gray, Julian Gray, A. H. Gray, and Julian Austin.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO VISIT DARE COAST SITES

Kitty Hawk—Dare will be visited by members of the North Carolina Society of County and Local Historians on April 19, it was announced here today by David Stick who has been assisting in making arrangements for the tour.

Stick is cooperating with Dr. W. P. Jacobs, state tour chairman of Chapel Hill and Jesse F. Pugh, vice-president of the society who lives in Old Trap. The Society enlisted the aid of Mr. Stick because of his knowledge of historic sites on this coast, all mentioned in books he has authored.

The Dare Coast tour continuing for one day will include historic sites north of Oregon Inlet, with suggested visits to Kitty Hawk village; Kill Devil Hill, Fort Raleigh, Roanoke Island, the Elizabethan Gardens nearby, with its antique statuary; the site of Reginald Fessenden's wireless experiments on Roanoke Island and also the site of the Civil War Battle of Roanoke Island.

THE REV. EARL MEEKINS TO CONDUCT REVIVAL



Mt. Olivet Methodist Church will hold Revival Services during the week of February 15 through 20, with The Rev. Earl Meekins, former Dare County native as visiting minister. Mr. Meekins is at present serving the Friendship Methodist Church, Burlington. The revival will be opened on Sunday night, February 15, at 8 p.m. by Mt. Olivet pastor, the Rev. L. A. Aitken. Mr. Meekins will arrive from Burlington on Monday and remain as preacher for the rest of the week. The services will begin each night at 8 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

THOUSAND DOLLARS BID FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY TUESDAY

Manns Harbor Property Up; Stumpy Point School to Be Offered Monday

For a ten thousand dollar building and some four acres of land on Highway 64 and 264 in the village of Manns Harbor, a single bid was offered in the amount of \$1,000 Monday when the schoolhouse was put up for sale. The bid was made by H. G. Craddock who represented some citizens in the community who wish the building turned over to them by the Board of Education for "community use."

This bid will remain open for ten days in event someone wishes to buy the building at a higher figure. Then it will be up to the Board of Education to decide whether they wish to give the property away for any such ridiculous sum, or to endeavor to get more money out of the property, for the benefit of the children for whom the school was built.

On February 9th, the School at Stumpy Point will likewise be offered for sale. There are citizens in this community also, who hope the Board of Education will give this building to the community. See SCHOOLS, Page Four

UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Most Precious Memory Anyone Can Cherish Is Great Sacrifices Made for Them by Parents

Dear Mr. Editor: I got to thinking about the extravagance of this age and the multitude of expensive things that every family thinks it can't get along without these days, and about the high cost of living, and I don't see how in the world a lot of folks do get along at all.

You know in a small place, most everybody has a pretty good estimate of how much his neighbors make, and the most amazing thing is how some who have apparently no income, seem to have as much as anybody else, sometimes more.

About the only conclusion I can reach is that they are better managers than the general run of folks. As we all know, a lot of people put on a good front, although things may be pretty tough with them where their neighbors can't see. They skimp and save, and make great sacrifices for their children. They go without things they'd dearly love to have. Their pride drives them to deprive themselves in order that their children may dress well, go to college, have big weddings, and be spared the disappointments that sometimes produce an embittered and unhappy person whose whole life may be a drawback to his community.

I sometimes think that parents overdo this business of making sacrifices for their children, so many of whom apparently have no sense of appreciation for what is done for them. And on the other hand, I sometimes think it is the noblest thing I know of: To see a person who recognizes that real love is simply sacrifice in its highest analysis.

Mr. Editor, I can look back on people who wore rags, who didn't always have all they wanted to eat, and who gave up all pleas-

EMERGENCY REPAIR JOB PLANNED SOON AT OREGON INLET

Engineers Report Plans For \$50,000 Dredging Job to Ease Ferry and Fish Boat Problem

Bids on an emergency repair job soon to be undertaken at Oregon Inlet are being considered this week by U. S. Army Engineers, Col. H. C. Rowland, the District Engineer told Dare County citizens when he met with the Board of County Commissioners in Manteo Tuesday.

The job will cost about \$50,000 to be paid for from emergency funds, and is an endeavor to overcome the shoal conditions which disrupted the fishing industry, and have handicapped ferry service, depressed the economy of the entire area. The channel filled up during Hurricane Helene.

Col. Rowland brought with him to Manteo several engineers. These included N. C. Magunson, Chief planning and repairs; D. A. Gardner, Chief Operations Division from his office, and with him was Col. Harry Brown of Raleigh, Governor Hodges' advisor on Civil Defense.

The engineers went over charts and plans covering the emergency job, with several visitors present. They also gave Hatteras Island visitors a run down on plans for the meeting at Hatteras community building on March 12 for a hearing on nearby harbor needs.

Attending this meeting from Hatteras Island were Ernul Foster, William Gibson, M. L. Burrus, Wheeler Ballance, Lee Robinson, and others.

Col. Rowland and his party were entertained with an oyster supper at Oregon Inlet fishing center Tuesday evening by the Dare County Waterways Association with A. H. Ward, Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Wallace Gray, L. L. Swain and others.

DARE SCHOOLS GET \$6,178.24 IN FUNDS LONG PAST DUE

Beach Property Taxes and Increased ABC Allotments Ease Up Situation

This week the schools of Dare County got repayment of the sum of \$6,178.24 of school money past due since June 30th of last year and being the balance of the 1957 budget. At the same time the Board allotted the schools another \$6,000 from funds on hand.

Reports from County Accountant C. S. Meekins, and Sheriff Frank Cahoon indicated that more than 50 per cent of the 1958 taxes had been collected. The most of this money came from non-resident taxpayers of the county, and principally on property in Atlantic Township, and other nearby beach areas. See FUNDS, Page Four

SEVEN BIDDERS ON MUSEUM PROJECT KILL DEVIL HILLS

Seven bids were opened Wednesday at the Wright Brothers National Monument for construction of a museum building at Kill Devil Hills by the National Park Service. No bids have as yet been approved. The following is the list of bidders: Wilson H. Wright, Hampton, Va., \$218,935; Hunt Construction Co., of Norfolk, \$257,203; Kellogg-Cuthrell of Manteo, \$271,200; Luke Const. Co., of Norfolk \$277,700; J. T. Hardison & Son Inc., Washington, N. C. \$285,850; Thornton Contracting Co., Richmond \$328,387; C & C Construction Co., Fort Wayne, Ind., \$351,571.

In this wide range of bids, the highest bidder was \$132,326 above the lowest bidder. The plans on this job call for a large structure of concrete, wood, steel and glass. This building would house an exhibit room big enough to accommodate a replica of the first airplane; a museum and lobby, compass station, administration office, and machinery room.

HIGHWAY OFFICIALS PROMISE DARE PEOPLE FAIR NOTICE ON FUTURE ROAD PROJECTS

Improvement to Hatteras Island Road Expected This Year; Meeting Held This Week With County Board of Commissioners, and Attended by Many Citizens From Hatteras Island Interested in Roads and Waterways

TOWNSHIP MEMBER OF DARE TOURIST BUREAU



Keith Fearing, Jr. of Manteo, who was appointed this week by the Dare Commissioners to serve as director of the Dare County Tourist Bureau from Nags Head Township, succeeding Gordon Kellogg who has become Bureau president. At the same time the Board appointed Horace Hooper of Stumpy Point its representative member on the Bureau, following its new policy of spreading out representation in various county activities. These positions pay no salaries, but require a considerable contribution of time in the public service.

70TH ANNIVERSARY METHODIST CHURCH IN MANTEO FEB. 15

Many Former Pastors Invited; Sermon to Be By Rev. Wise, A Member Who Became A Minister

On Sunday February 15th, the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church of Manteo, will celebrate its 70th Anniversary, with a Special Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Invitations have been extended to former Pastors of the church for participation in the Special Service. Six living members of the church, who joined prior to 1900 will be paid a special tribute. They are: Miss Ozella Payne, Dennis Evans, Mrs. O. J. Jones, G. Bright Midgett, Mrs. M. L. Daniels, Sr. and Mrs. John Westcott. The oldest living member of the church, Mrs. Caroline Midgett, will also be honored.

The former pastors who have been invited to participate in the service, are as follows: Rev. D. W. Charlton, Rev. J. H. Overton, Rev. H. R. Ashmore, Rev. M. W. Madison, Rev. A. E. Brown, Rev. David Willis, Rev. W. H. Brown and Rev. J. B. Hurley.

The program on Sunday morning will feature a sermon by the Rev. Wilford D. Wise, formerly of Manteo, the only living member of the church to enter the ministry.

A coffee hour will be held at 3:00 p.m. with a cake cutting, and informal reception of guests. Mrs. Raymond Wescott is in charge of this portion of the program; and a history is being prepared by Mrs. Lucretia Willis. An accurate membership roll is being prepared by Mrs. Nevin Wescott, for distribution during the celebration. Rev. L. A. Aitken has extended an invitation for all of the friends of Mt. Olivet to attend the special activities for this occasion.

"NO MAN'S LAND" FOLKS PETITION FOR ADMISSION

A petition to be included in the Manteo School District, and asking for an election for the purpose, was considered Tuesday at a meeting of the Dare County Board of Education. The petition came from 40 per cent of the voters in the area south of the Kill Devil Hills town line and north of the Jigsaw or Soundside road at Nags Head.

This is the area that had been gerrymandered out of either the Manteo or Kitty Hawk districts, during the periods when elections were held to finance new schools at Kitty Hawk and Manteo. Now, the citizens wish to be paying participants in sharing the advantages of the Manteo High School.

The promise of the Highway officials to the Dare County Commissioners, that no secondary road jobs would in future be undertaken in Dare County without giving the board a chance to express their views on same, was received in Manteo Tuesday with much gratification on the part of the members, and numerous visitors to the meeting.

Attending this meeting were Harold H. Makepeace, Director of secondary roads in the state, his assistant, William M. Ingram; W. N. Spruill, Division Engineer, and Geo. K. Mack, District Engineer.

A large attendance from Hatteras Island came hoping for promise of early attention to the Hatteras Highway. Mr. Makepeace gave them to understand that repairs to the road would be undertaken this year, but could not say when. Conferences are underway with Federal authorities in hope of getting some of the funds from this source, but he said if not, the work would have to be done anyway.

All of the County Commissioners attended the meeting. The highway officials answered questions. Questioned about a high bridge over a canal at Kitty Hawk to accommodate rowboats, they said the job, to cost \$7,000 had been urged by a former Board, even while in some other parts of the county, numerous citizens were in sore need of a usable road.

Mr. Makepeace said some mistakes had been made, some of them on the basis of old traffic surveys made before the new officials came on the scene, and others because of defective traffic surveys. It was mentioned that it had been necessary in some cases, to station men in the woods to detect fake traffic gotten up to increase the travel count.

It was brought out that one of the biggest dampers to road progress on the coast had been the terrific expense of the Ocracoke road because of the damage by Hurricane Helene.

Citizens of Hatteras Island asked for a change in ferry schedule to permit a boat to leave the south side of Oregon Inlet earlier in the morning. This would require a boat to be stationed on the south side. Figures read at this meeting show that there are no more funds to be spent on secondary roads in Dare County during this year.

A petition was forwarded to the commission by the Dare Board, which came from the Kitty Hawk Civic Club which opposed the putting in of large drain pipes, on U. S. 158 near the Currituck sound bridge, to allow flow of water between the ditch in the woods and See HIGHWAY, Page Eight

INSURANCE SURVEY WILL BE MADE FOR DARE PROPERTIES

The Dare Commissioners moved this week to accept the free offer of an insurance survey of county properties, to determine if the county buildings are adequately protected, and if the right kind of insurance at the right rate has been bought. This will be furnished without cost to county, at the instance of the Outer Banks Insurance Agency, whose owner, M. K. Fearing, Jr., appeared before the Board. He said he was also speaking from some other insurance agents in the county, expressing the hope that the county would in future consider all local insurance agencies equally in awarding its insurance business.

The Board accepted the offer of the survey, stating that it would be glad to give it consideration and to refer same to the local Government Commission for approval, and to the N. C. Association of County Commissioners.

NAGS HEAD C OF C TO MEET FEBRUARY 12

The Nags Head Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Beacon Motor Lodge, Nags Head, on February 12 at eight p.m. At that time a report will be heard on the amount of money raised at a recent benefit card party.

Also, there will be consideration of a proposal to revise the constitution to reduce the number of meetings of the membership of the organization.