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MEETING HELD IN DARE TO ORGANIZE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

State Official Attends In Manteo to Assist R. F. Gibbs Monday Night

At a meeting presided over by Frank M. Culvern of the State Civil Defense Office in Raleigh and by Robert F. Gibbs, Dare County director of Civil Defense, organization began Monday night in Manteo at the courthouse.

Further meetings will be held as needed. Meanwhile, Col. Gibbs and Mr. Culvern have been working all the week setting up the organization. They express themselves as highly pleased and grateful at the cooperation given.

About 60 persons attended the Monday night meeting, and they included Sheriff Frank Cahoon, Police Officer Dan Cannady, Dr. W. W. Johnston, district health officer, Mrs. Mary Evans, supt. of schools; Mrs. Goldie Meekins, welfare supt.; David Stick, Woodrow Edwards and Victor Meekins of the County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Culvern expects to return in about two weeks to continue to assist the local organization.

CONTRACT LET ON BIG VESSEL FOR OCRACOKE FERRY

Taylor Bros. Craft to Go In Service To Sea Level Labor Day This Year

Announcement was made yesterday that a contract was let March 16 for the construction of a proposed ferry to go into service between Sea Level and Ocracoke Island on Labor day this year. The vessel will cost upwards of a half million dollars. The vessel yet to be named will be built for Taylor Brothers of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Sea Level, N. C.

Bids were opened at the office of D. E. Taylor in Norfolk, and award of the building contract has been made to Wiley Manufacturing Company, of Port Deposit, Maryland, specialists in marine construction. No bids were received from shipyards in North Carolina. There were eleven bids, ranging from the low bid to a high bid of \$528,030.00.

This modern and well equipped vessel was designed by the Coast Engineering Company, of Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. The ship's hull model was tested in the Experimental Towing Basin of Stevens Institute at Hoboken, New Jersey, for horsepower requirements, speed and wave-making characteristics. The hull is of the hydroconic tunnel stern type, ideal for operating in shallow waters, and modified to give unusual ability in rough and deep waters also.

The vessel is to be fully equipped with all modern safety and navigational aids, including See VESSEL, Page Four

SERIOUS INJURIES TO SEVERAL NEGROES MONDAY

Two In Hospital With Broken Bones; Creecy Daniels and James Gibbs, Drivers

In a collision Monday afternoon two miles northwest of Manteo, between two cars driven by James C. Daniels, and James Gibbs, Roanoke Island Negro men, serious injuries resulted to Gibbs, who was driving alone, and to Jerry Bell McCleese, who was riding with Daniels. Gibbs is in Elizabeth City hospital being treated for broken ribs. McCleese sustained a broken leg and other injuries. The leg had recently healed from a former break. It is now broken in a second place. Others in the party with Daniels were John L. Daniels, Ernest Scarborough and Clarence Pigford.

FIRST CHANNEL BASS TAKEN AT HATTERAS

First channel bass to be taken from Hatteras Inlet this season with rod and reel were landed on Monday night by Bill Moffett and James Wilkins of Norfolk. They were fishing with Capt. Edgar Styron and Capt. Clam Stowe. The weights ranged from a 39 pound two ounce specimen boated by Stowe to a 51 pounder reeled in by Wilkins. The other two channel bass weighed 47 and 49 pounds. While these were the first of the species to be taken by anglers from a boat at Hatteras Inlet a 42 pound channel bass, the first of the season from the Outer Banks surf was caught at Cape Hatteras on Saturday by V. P. Slusser of Hopewell, Va.

H. A. Creef, Jr. of Oregon Inlet Fishing Center said this week the first channel bass of the season would be caught before the week had passed.

BUXTON MAN MOVES UP WITH HIGHWAY DEPT



H. BOYCE MIDGETT of Buxton, Dare County has recently received a promotion which has taken him to the Raleigh office of the State Highway Commission where he is in the new capacity of Engineering Administrative Assistant. He replaces Bill Hampton who died recently, according to Roadways, the official publication of the Department.

SHALLOW WATERS A HEAVY COST TO HATTERAS ISLAND

Terrific Drop In Business When People Cannot Travel To and Fro

Much concern prevails on Hatteras Island for this season's tourist business prospects because of lack of sufficient ferry transportation. Due to shoaling of the channel last fall from hurricane tides, ferry schedules at low water have been reduced to a fraction of trips formerly operating across Oregon Inlet which must be crossed before Hatteras Island is reached.

Instead of a trip every 30 minutes from either side of the inlet, which means some 26 trips each way daily, boats have not been able to cross during long periods, sometimes more than half a day in length. After considerable delay, a dredge has gotten to work on an emergency job, but progress so far indicates it will be some weeks before the situation is relieved.

Running time during an entire month bears out the statement which indicates trips have been reduced to a discouraging minimum, whereby traffic is kept away from the island, and residents view with futility any effort to go from home on business, except under uncertain and seldom instances when high water may be taken advantage of.

Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., President of the Dare County Waterways Association, has issued the following figures showing the running time of the ferries as being a total of only 23 hours in December; 12 hours and 15 minutes in January and 27 hours and 45 minutes in February, or only 63 hours in the entire three months.

One Hatteras Island businessman dependent on tourist patronage said this week he is suffering a loss of \$100 gross business daily because motorists cannot cross the inlet. Filling stations and other business men claim a heavy loss of trade for the same reason.

During this same period a tremendous loss has been sustained See SHOALS, Page Eight

DREDGING JOB ABOUT ONE FOURTH COMPLETE AT INLET

The channel maintenance dredging job at Oregon Inlet which has been underway for more than a week, was about one fourth completed on Monday of this week, according to ferry Supt. John F. Wilson. Mr. Wilson said 15,000 cubic yards of silt had been removed, leaving 45,000 more cubic yards to take out. So far, that which has been removed is not in the location that offers relief to the boats, and it will not be until the whole job is finished that the vessels may make full use of the channel.

SOUTH ALBEMARLE WISHES STATE TO RETURN TO TOLLS

An executive meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association held in Columbia Thursday passed a resolution urging the Senators and Representatives from the six county area to introduce a bill in the Legislature providing the state return to the policy of toll roads and toll bridges.

The resolution was introduced by W. M. Darden of Plymouth. Two of the six counties, namely Hyde and Martin had no representatives at the meeting. M. L. Daniels, Jr., Dare County Vice-president was unable to attend, but Melvin Daniels of Wanchese and Hallet Perry of Kitty Hawk were among representatives from Dare County.

As usual, the proposal for a bridge across Alligator River was given much consideration and approval.

Other counties were represented as follows: Tyrrell, Beaufort. W. See SAA, Page Eight

ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF HEART FUND CAMPAIGN



MRS. ALICE (J. G.) KELLOGG of Manteo, chairman of the Heart Fund campaign in Dare County this week expresses appreciation to the workers in the campaign which has just closed. The total contributed was over \$600. The workers who assisted in this cause were Rev. George Kelley, Stumpy Point, Mrs. Ruth Midgett of Kitty Hawk, Mary Young and Nina Mil-

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YDC OYSTER ROAST SUCCESSFUL FRIDAY AT MANN'S HARBOR

Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. Named President Following Oyster Roast Attended by 200

Upwards of 200 persons attended the oyster roast at Mann's Harbor Friday night which was the occasion of the annual election of officers. Succeeding Jack Tillett, whose enthusiasm played a great part in organizing the club a year ago is Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. of Manteo who is now the president. Mrs. Dottie Fry, Vice-president, Henry Armstrong of Mann's Harbor is Treasurer, and Charles Midgett of Manteo, Secretary; Ellsworth Midgett was elected Whip.

Principal guests at the affair were older people, and these included M. L. Daniels, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and Robert Midgett, Secretary. The only county official present was Victor Meekins, County Commissioner who organized the first YDC clubs in Dare County during the depression when they first appeared in the state. Both Daniels and Meekins were called on for remarks, and Mr. Daniels stated that the county was now over the top in its quota for funds, which was the rule, that he was always ready to help out, he was grateful to the people who had assisted him through his many years in this work. Meekins called attention to the importance of all office holders being taught to carry the financial load of party affairs as no more than was due from them for benefits received. He mentioned that he had counted some 90 people who held good jobs by reason of a Democratic administration, some of them getting up to \$4,000 a year and better, who had given nothing.

Upon his election, Dr. Harvey made a vigorous talk which was well received and praised. He described Democracy and the Democratic party as a way of life. He mentioned the vast amount of benefits that have come to this region and this state through far-sighted Democratic administrations. He called attention to the fact that this administration's budget included nothing for the waterways so badly needed in our economy. He mentioned that those now being improved are the result of legislation initiated under Democratic ad-

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CONGRESSMAN RECEIVED PIECE OF EIGHT



ON THEIR VISIT to Washington, D. C. and Baltimore last week end Jamboree buccaneers visited the offices of Senator Sam Ervin and Congressman Bonner. This picture was made as Mary Burrus of Hatteras, queen of the Pirates Jamboree, presented Congressman Bonner with a genuine piece of eight on this visit. It was Congressman Bonner's office which lay the groundwork in Washington for the publicity which the group received. (Seth Muse Photo)

UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Can Our Legislators Become So Little As To Tax the Pop Bottle Our Poor Kids Enjoy?

Dear Mr. Editor:

I guess everybody at some time this season gets vexed at the Legislature, and it is not my desire to do so because others do. But I always get hot when I see so much talk for more money to spend, and what can be taxed extra to get this money. The amazing thing is that nobody ever comes out with a plan to save the people's money, nor to cut out a lot of waste that everybody knows is going on all the time. If they would cut out some of the waste, and throw out some of the goldbrickers, they wouldn't need any extra money. The trouble is they keep us supporting the lot of their no-good relatives and friends they put on the public payroll.

Now this letter is to say a few words about this tax they want to put on the children and the poor working man by making them pay extra for the bottle of pop they drink. Has it got to the point where the Legislature is so lacking in ideas and in courage, that the only thing left they can think of to wring a dollar out of, is the bottle of pop that means so much to our people, which to so many

of them has become essential to their way of life; at least some of them think so, and their soda pop is just as important to them as beer, hot dogs, cigars, poker and pop corn are to the various other people who buy them.

There are a lot of folks whose only luxury in life is to go down to the store or service station at night and pick up a carton of drinks for the kids. Maybe they don't need so many sweets, but See DOCK, Page Eight

DARE'S FIRST CANDIDATE FOR 4-H DISTRICT OFFICE



MISS NANCY COLES BASNIGHT, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Basnight of Manteo, is a candidate for president of the Eastern 4-H District comprising 16 counties, which will meet in annual session on July 1. It is the first time that Dare County has offered a candidate for district office, and as president of the Dare 4-H County Council with its 14 clubs, and a leader in the 71-member senior club in Manteo, she has won popularity and acclaim for her leadership. She is a member of the 9th grade in the Manteo school, and has always taken a leading part in school affairs.

TRIED FOR ASSAULTING WIFE ON TWO COUNTS

On two counts of assaulting his wife during the past week end, James C. Daniels, colored, of Manteo, was found guilty in Recorder's Court this week, and prayer for judgment was continued by Judge Baum until a hearing is held concerning an automobile mishap in which Daniels was involved Monday afternoon. In connection with the assault cases, he was guilty of disorderly conduct.

Traffic cases disposed of in this court were as follows: J. H. Monk of Newton Grove, N. C., no clearance lights, no reflectors, \$5 and costs. Gary G. Scarborough, Rt. 1, Kitty Hawk, ignoring stop sign, \$5 and costs. Fred Mills, Washington, N. C., speeding, \$5 and costs. Madelyn G. Seely of Hopewell, Va., for carrying load too wide by six inches was taxed with court costs.

MAIL BOXES SHOULD BE ERECTED BY APRIL 8TH

In order to take advantage of the new Rural Free Delivery mail service to be established on Roanoke Island April 18th, it will be necessary for patrons to have their mail boxes installed not later than April 8th, Postmaster Ben Shannon said this week. The date is moved up in order to get boxes properly installed and numbered. There are some 300 patrons on this Route, No. 1, which includes all of Roanoke Island from Skyco northward, without the town limits of Manteo.

PROPERTY OWNER BEGS FOR DECENT POLICE SERVICE

Says Large Investment and Big Tax Return to County Deserve Consideration

Sentiment continues to grow on the beaches demanding a full time peace officer be stationed there by the county for the protection of the property which pays three fourths of the county's taxes. The people do not want a man who is employed under the usual rule of just giving the job to someone to help him. They want a competent, trained man who will give something to the job.

Several citizens have offered suggestions about how improvements be made in policing the county. "We are not interested," they say, "in hiring bouncers at public expense to police dance halls, which is entirely a private proposition, and such expense should be borne by the owner."

Many complaints have been made by numerous businessmen having need for an officer that the three part time officers operating on the beach in summer are usually spending most of their time in dance halls, and cannot be located when needed.

The citizens of this area insist that only men with training and ability for this work should be employed. They point out that the police officer is the first person a stranger turns to for information, and Dare County's officers should look the part. They say further, that courtesy and efficiency is the best form of salesmanship for a county that depends for its living on visitors. Some of these visitors are mighty prominent people, mighty sensible people, and some mighty wealthy. Their good opinion of our area is highly important. See POLICE, Page Four

OWENS TO BUILD FISHING PIER AT CHICAMACOMICO

Motel Operator Now Constructing Modern Service Station Between Villages

Construction of a fishing pier on Chicamacomico Banks is to follow the completion of a modern service station now being built between the villages of Rodanthe and Waves, according to R. D. Owens, operator of the Chicamacomico Restaurant and Motel at this place, and which was established four years ago.

Mr. Owens received the go-ahead sign from the National Park Service last week whereby the pier may be built. An earlier proposal by a Virginia Beach man to build one at Cape Hatteras got fouled up when the Navy unit there objected to the location chosen.

The site of the Chicamacomico pier is the most eastern point on the North Carolina coast. It has exceptional fame for surf fishing. In this vicinity are the remains of two war-time ships which not only add to the scenic interest of this beach, but make for better fishing because of the gullies around them and the barnacles on their hulls which provide good fish feed.

The original plan at Cape Hatteras by R. L. Williams of Virginia Beach called for a pier 20 feet wide and 750 feet long, and 825 feet north of the Naval facility which objected to the location.

TAXI DRIVER SERIOUSLY INJURED; IS IN HOSPITAL

Marvin Daniels, Manteo taxi cab driver was seriously injured, sustaining a broken leg about 8 p.m. Saturday night when his cab ran into a car driven by Charles Wroten of Wanchese. Daniels was returning from Wanchese, while Wroten was bound from Manteo to the beach. The mishap occurred at the Midway intersection. Wroten is reported as not seriously hurt, but Daniels sustained several injuries and is a patient in Albemarle hospital.

HOOPER HIGHLY PLEASED AT HARBOR COOPERATION

Horace B. Hooper said this week that he was extremely pleased at the outcome of the harbor hearing held at Stumpy Point, and appreciation of the cooperation given by various individuals. He said he is particularly grateful to Commissioner David Stick for the great amount of work contributed in preparing the brief, to Lawrence Swain and J. A. Krider of Manteo. He mentioned the good presentation made by the local Navy target personnel, Wm. Ernst, Jr., manager for West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., and others from neighboring villages; Donald Oden of Hatteras, and various other members of the Dare County Waterways Association.

DARE COAST JAMBOREE PIRATES TAKE OVER WASHINGTON



NAUTICAL PUBLICITY for the 5th Annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree occurred last week when more than 15 bearded and costumed buccaneers from the Outer Banks invaded Washington. Wire Photo picture in connection with their visit hit many newspapers throughout the nation when Senator Sam Ervin joined with the gang. The above photo shows some of the group which went overland or flew to Washington as they posed with the Capitol dome as a backdrop. This photo setup was arranged by Henry Oglesby of Congressman Bonner's office. From Washington the group went to Baltimore to be feted by Ralph Burroughs, a friend of Dare County, attended by W. H. McCown, Dare County attorney. Those in group from Dare included: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Gray, Hatteras, Miss Mary Burrus, Pirate Queen, of Hatteras, Duff Schenk, Hatteras; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Van Leek, Mrs. Juanita York, M. V. Weaver, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Margaret Bayne, Mrs. Margie Sutherland, Billy Gray, Mrs. Jewel Scarborough, Julian Oneto, Nags Head; Mrs. Alvah Ward, Jr., and L. L. Swain, Manteo. (Seth Muse Photo)