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BOARD EFFECTED BIG SAVING IN COURT EXPENSE

Refused to Waste Money on Jurors, Resulting in Lower Cost This Week

Had the County Commissioners yielded to the request to summon 60 jurors to Manteo for the term of court this week, it would have cost the county \$480 a day as long as the term might last. But commonsense dictated they draw a smaller number, with the net result the two days of court cost only \$434 for service of jurors.

This is merely an example of how money in the past has been wasted, and had the large number been called, the taxpayers could have been out \$1,500 to \$2,000.

This term was presided over by Judge Malcolm Paul of Washington, and as usual, many cases had to be continued. A number of cases were settled by willingness of defendants to offer guilty pleas for lesser crimes than originally charged.

Robert Lee Garrett and Donald Massie, who with Ronald Ainsley were involved in breaking into and stealing from the Marx cottage in Kitty Hawk, could not come to trial as they are prisoners in Virginia. Ainsley pleaded guilty to a lesser charge, and the court ordered a two-year jail sentence suspended on good behavior for five years, and to pay court costs, and the sum of \$162 for repayment of damages.

The D. A. Rogers, Jr. case could not be tried, as Marvin Daniels, complaining witness, is in a hospital.

Gethsemane Gallop, the colored man who lost his horse and cart when struck by a motorist, had asked a jury to hear his case. He conducted his case in masterful manner, told the jury, "I lost my horse and cart, that's all I can say," and was acquitted to the delight of the spectators.

Willie McCleave, an old offender, got 12 months for his last break-in, at Wise's Market in Manteo. Jon Arthur Williams got a six months sentence, suspended on good behavior, and was ordered to pay \$15. He had appealed from a judgment in a case involving resisting arrest, damage to the jail, etc.

C. C. Baum, Jr. of Avon pleaded nolo contendere to having shot Jerry Williams, and was allowed to pay court costs and a total of \$300 by October term of court, for the benefit of Williams, the wounded man.

Divorces were granted to Virginia Davis from Jesse Davis, and to R. H. Gray, Jr. from Mildred Gray, both of Wanchese.

It is of interest, that the services of a court stenographer for the day and a half of court cost the county \$131.78. Total cost of term \$565.83.

The Grand Jury this week recommended storage space for the Roanoke colored school at Manteo and commended principal Joe Dempsey for his work in improving the auditorium by addition of drapes and a stage. Recommended painting of the Manteo grammar school and addition of venetian blinds. Repairs to ceilings and to window panes, and shelter for passing to lunch room.

The Grand Jury took a whack at teachers who smoke in front of their pupils, and recommend they be required to smoke in their lounge. It also recommended repairs for the floor of the stage in the new high school; equipment for home ec and manual training shop, seats for gym, and sidewalks to main entrance and gym and flood lights installed along the building and gymnasium for night use.

H. O. Bridges of Wanchese was foreman, and Mrs. Velora B. Meekins, Secretary.

HOMEcoming PLANNED FOR MANN'S HARBOR CHURCH

The annual homecoming for the Mann's Harbor Methodist Church is scheduled for June 14th, according to Rev. Geo. M. Kelley, the pastor. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present for this day of fellowship, Mr. Kelley says. The annual homecomings of the churches of the mainland, which include East-Lake and Stumpy Point, are pleasant occasions, and bring together many old friends and former members from great distances.

LEAKSVILLE PARTY TAKES 318 BLUES WITH CRADDOCK

A party of Leaksville, N. C. fishermen got 318 blues at Oregon Inlet Sunday, while fishing with Capt. H. G. (Chick) Craddock of Mann's Harbor. The fish ran from ½ to a pound each. The party consisted of H. A. Singleton, R. A. Harris, J. C. LaMar, F. T. Suttonfield, R. C. Gomb, and M. A. Low.

MISS NORTH CAROLINA TO DEDICATE POOL



MISS BETTY LANE EVANS, currently "Miss North Carolina," will officially dedicate the Carolinian's new swimming pool on Nags Head Saturday.

The program will also include a pool-side fashion show of swim togs and beach wear presented by Mrs. Bowen of Nags Head Sports-wear and featuring several Manteo residents as models.

A court of honor for "Miss North Carolina" at the ceremonies will be a dozen or more Elizabeth City high school majorettes dressed in bathing suits of cotton and ermine.

Water of the five sounds of Dare, Currituck, Roanoke, Croatan, Albemarle and Pamlico will be poured into the pool as a dedication feature by the state's reigning beauty.

Leonard Panaggio, head of the advertising and development organization of the state of Rhode Island, is having some water from his state flown to Nags Head to be mixed with the waters of what he says is "the outstanding ocean resort of North Carolina's coast."

Dick Jordan of The Lost Colony will be master of ceremonies.

Organ music will be rendered by Billie Saxinger.

Manteo residents who will appear as models include: Virginia Swain, Ollie Belle Swain, Ina Long, Dotty Fry, Betty Fearing, Bebe Burrus, Bonnie Gibbs and Jo Anne Ballance. The swimming pool is one of several completed this year on the Dare Coast.

DARE BEACHES SANITARY DISTRICT ASKS AUTHORITY TO BUY FIRE EQUIPMENT

The Dare Beaches Sanitary District Board at Nags Head has asked a law be passed to authorize them to levy a tax in order to buy \$12,000 worth of fire fighting equipment. On the request of the Commissioners of the District, Representative R. Bruce Etheridge has introduced House Bill 990, which is expected soon to be enacted into law. This bill is listed as follows:

"To authorize the Dare Beaches Sanitary District of Dare County, to contract for not to exceed \$12,000, exclusive of interest, for the purchase of fire fighting equipment, and to levy a tax for the payment of the same." (Authorizes named District to purchase fire-fighting equipment at a maximum cost of \$12,000, exclusive of interest, from any reputable firm without necessity for competitive bidding and purchase from lowest responsible bidder as required by GS 130-143 (material purchased by sanitary district at cost of more than \$1,000 must be from lowest responsible competitive bidder). Authorizes District to execute promissory notes, conditional sales contracts, chattel mortgages, or lease purchase contracts for period of not more than three years from date of contract, etc., at interest on unpaid balance not to exceed 6% per annum; and authorizes District to levy ad valorem tax in amount sufficient to pay principal and interest on contract when due.) To Finance.

Mr. Etheridge has also introduced a bill, copy of which is not available, but was requested by the Dare County Waterways Committee and won concurrence from the Board of Commissioners, wherein authority will be given the Board, if, as and when it ever has any surplus from unappropriated funds other than ad valorem taxes, it may assist communities on a matching basis to clean out and develop their small harbors.

BALLANCE, CHIEF OF POLICE KILL DEVIL HILLS TOWN

The successor to popular George Frank, long time policeman for Kill Devil Hills, has been named. Jack B. Ballance will be Chief of Police, building inspector, and street superintendent. He formerly served as deputy sheriff, game warden, and operates a motel, the Virginia Dare, and cafe.

1959 OPENING OF LOST COLONY SEEMS ASSURED

Friends of Lost Colony Near Goal For Fund Drive

At a meeting Monday night of the entire membership of the Friends of the Lost Colony, it appeared that the drive for funds to enable the 1959 Lost Colony to open on June 27th was near success.

Business Manager R. E. Jordan announced that the budgeted pre-opening expenses had been held to the minimum, thereby lessening slightly the anticipated expenses. Fund Chairman, Wallace McCowen, announced Thursday that after the concentrated effort made by six teams on the Dare Beaches, Thursday of last week, and continued efforts on the Roanoke Island Drive, that only approximately \$3,000.00 remained to be raised, providing all pledges were paid prior to the show's opening, and remaining prospects responded to the same extent as those already contacted.

Chairman David Stick announced that the Beach drive would be concluded during the present week, and Mrs. Lucille Winslow is assisting in this program.

Wallace McCowen, Keith Fearing, Jr., Paul L. Gray and Wallace Gray were designated to complete the canvass in the Roanoke Island area, and the southern portion of Nags Head.

Chairman Stick announced the selection of J. L. Rae, Jr. Dare County Farm Agent, as Chairman of the Dare County Day, on opening night of the 1959 season. Mrs. Lucille Winslow, Lawrence Swain, M. L. Daniels, O. L. Baum and Robert Gibbs are assisting in this.

During the week of June 6th all civic clubs of the area will be contacted for assistance in the canvass for individual memberships in the association, when the canvass of business concerns is completed. Mrs. Mabel Basnight, Mrs. Ina Evans, Mrs. Edna Cuthrell were in charge of this phase of the program for Manteo area, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith for the beach area, and Mrs. Virginia Davis for the Wanchese area.

Since all members of the committee are equally as busy as those left to be contacted, persons are urged to send their pledges or checks direct to Fund Chairman, W. H. McCowen, Box 276, Manteo, in the event the committee has been unable to make a personal call.

Elizabethan Garden Officials Meet in Manteo With Architects Who Designed the Garden

Officials of the Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island discussed final planting plans with Umberto Inocenti and Richard Weibel at a meeting here during the past week end. Inocenti and Weibel, distinguished landscape architects, of New York City, were making their first trip back to Manteo together since they originally designed the Garden Club of N. C., Inc., project several years ago.

In the meantime, the garden, created to commemorate the memory of the first Queen Elizabeth has reached an advance stage of development. Already the grounds have been laid off, walls have been built, famous statuary has been erected, gates have been placed at the entrance and also on the waterside, walks have been made and initial planting has taken place.

"We are now entering the final stage with the planting," said Mrs. J. B. A. Daughtridge, president of the Garden Club of N. C., which includes more than 17,000 persons as members.

A major phase of the planting this year will be in charge of Mrs. Williams Kemp of Goldsboro, past president of the N. C. Camellia Society and a widely known judge in camellia shows throughout the nation. The N. C. Camellia Society will present camellia plants to the Garden.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett of Rocky Mount, chairman of the Trustees of the Elizabethan Garden Fund announced following the week end meeting here that Weibel and Inocenti now drawing up final planting plans had stressed use of both colorful flowers and of native shrubs and flowers for the garden.

The fund trustees include, in addition to Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Glenn Long, Newton, vice-chairman Mrs. H. D. Walker, Elizabeth City, secretary; Mrs. J. S. Mitchener, Raleigh, treasurer; Mrs. Wesley Taylor, Greensboro, Mrs. George Little, Lilesville and Mrs. Corbett Howard of Goldsboro who were present for the meeting and Mrs. E. A. Palmgren of Charlotte who was unable to attend. An honorary member of the committee is Sir Evelyn Wrench of London,

PASTOR TO DELIVER BUXTON'S ADDRESS



The Senior Class of the Cape Hatteras High School has extended an invitation to Rev. J. C. Braddock, to be its guest speaker at the Commencement Exercise Friday night, May 29, 1959. Rev. Braddock has pastored the Assembly of God Church of Buxton for over two years. Before coming to the island he had served in several capacities in his denomination. He has traveled extensively during his more than twenty years of public service. He served as "contact pastor" for the servicemen's department of the Assemblies of God for five years, and because of this line of service, he has many friends scattered throughout America.

A native of Georgia, but he has adopted Florida as his home. For the last several months, he has been traveling throughout the Southeast in the evangelistic ministry.

Rev. Braddock is married and the father of four children. He has one son stationed at the Panama Canal, in the Army. His daughter is one of the graduating class this year and the other two sons are in grammar school here. He and his family are leaving in the near future for their homeland, near Marianna, Fla. He has, by his pleasant personality, won many friends among the Outer Bankers. His sojourn here will not soon be forgotten.

The graduating exercises to be held in the school auditorium Friday night will have Cyruse Gray of Rodanthe as Valedictorian and Barbara Anne Meekins of Avon as Salutatorian. Mr. M. L. Burrus will present scholarships on behalf of the Hatteras Foundation Committee and Mr. J. W. Hamilton, Principal, will present awards and See SERVICES, Page Eight

FERRY COSTLY LUXURY STATE CANNOT AFFORD

MacNeill and County Officials Plead Dare's Road Needs at Edenton

Speaking on behalf of his Hatteras Island neighbors for the past 12 years, Ben Dixon MacNeill, who recently wrote the successful book, "The Hatterasman," told the State Highway Commission Thursday in Edenton that ferries are a costly luxury the State cannot afford. MacNeill was speaking in behalf of a bridge over Oregon Inlet. He was accompanied to Edenton by Supt. Bob Gibbs of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

MacNeill said the 300,000 visitors a year to Hatteras Island now made it practicable for the state to abandon the ferries in favor of a bridge.

Appearing also in behalf of Hatteras Island were Victor Meekins, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and Woodrow Edwards, Commissioner from Waves. Meekins told the Commission also that the bridge has become essential to fill today's needs, but the urgent need right now, so people could make a living was to repair the 50 miles of highway which has become the economic lifeline of Ocracoke Island as well as of Hatteras Island. Mr. Edwards continued with the discussion of the needs of this bridge.

Appearing from Kitty Hawk was a delegation for whom Commissioner David Stick was principal spokesman, who urged the Highway Commission to build a bridge on U. S. 158, near the east end of the Currituck Sound Bridge. This bridge, it was pointed out, was important for the safety of vessels, for the drainage of a vast See MEETING, Page Eight

DARE BOARD FACES A TOUGH BUDGET BATTLE IN JUNE

Commissioners Will Have to Urge Various Departments to Aid Essential Economies

When the Dare County Commissioners settle down in June to prepare the budget for the fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, 1960, they will find requests for additional funds that would require almost double the present tax rate. Despite the general knowledge that the county is in the worst financial situation in many years, due to under-budgeting, and disregard of funds budgetted, there appears a universal demand that the Commissioners dig up a lot more money for the coming year.

The lack of consideration shown by several departments for the taxpayers who can't all pay their taxes on the present rate, is a matter of much concern. It is a critical matter when some departments are overpaid, and others underpaid or improperly staffed.

Largest increase is being asked by the Board of Education. This Board, which got only \$60,000 granted last year and which needs more money of course, is asking for \$150,500. And of course, it is not likely it will receive all this money for other things must be considered. There are some large items asked which most likely will have to wait. For instance, \$20,000 is asked for re-wiring the Manteo elementary school; \$10,000 for a new schoolroom at Cape Hatteras. Two teachers entirely at county expense, one for the Negro school, and one for the Manteo school, costing \$8,840.

In addition to other things, the Board will ask \$9,090 for two buses and drivers to effect the transfer of the 125 pupils of the Wanchese school to Manteo. Pay of \$1,080 for an extra janitor is needed in one of the schools.

The Board of Education is up against a tight financial situation, in that it has two large new school buildings, one at Manteo and one at Kitty Hawk, which need a lot of equipment. The operation of these large buildings, considering cost of heat and other factors, add up to expense than the old buildings they replace. The Board of Education will now be faced with need for practicing economies which have been ignored before. For instance, last year, in the face of a tight financial situation, they used \$10,000 to buy a house and lot which stood near the new Kitty Hawk school, but which stands idle and useless to the system. At Christmas time they divided up more than \$3,000 in cash Christmas presents to teachers. While now the Board of Education has on its hands two fine new buildings which are costing the taxpayers, it shows practically no awareness of the county's financial situation upon scrutiny of this year's budget requests.

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BIG BLUEFISH CATCHES ON LONG COASTAL STRETCHES AROUSE ANGLERS ABROAD

Hundreds Trekking to The Dare Coast As Reports Are Broadcast About Unusual Luck With Many Varieties of Both Fresh and Salt Water Fish; Looks Like A Good Season Ahead, in All Respects.

By AYCOCK BROWN

Giant bluefish, reminiscent of the fabulous runs of "Hatteras Blues" hitting North Carolina coastal waters in 1935-36, and the Wimble Shoals appearance of the whoppers in 1958, are again being caught in the Dare Coast-Outer Banks region this year. Ed Boyd of St. Michaels, Md., trolling in the vicinity of a submerged hulk of a World War II-torpedoed merchantman near the Outer Diamond Shoal last week boated a 16 ½ pounder.

His bluefish is believed to be an all-time record for the species along the North Carolina coast to be taken with rod and reel. His blue measured 37 inches from tip to tip and 18 inches around the girth.

During the past week end several more of the giant blues were taken by anglers off Cape Hatteras. Guests of Dr. J. C. Overbey, Norfolk dentist and president of Cape Hatteras Billfish Club, aboard his cruiser "Snapper II," 10 of the whoppers were taken on Friday and Saturday by Arthur Price, Portsmouth, Va., Wesley Herrington, Jr. and Wesley Herrington, Sr. Capt. Clam Stowe, skipper of Snapper II, stated that these fish weighed from 12 to 14 pounds each. Other Hatteras skippers also reported catching big blues.

Rany Jennette of Buxton reported that I. F. Johnson, Thomasville, using cut bait and surf casting near Cape Hatteras Lighthouse on May 22 reeled in a 6 ½ pound blue. This is believed to be the largest taken from the surf on the Dare Coast this year.

Mack Etheridge of Wanchese reported that Bill Merritt, a neighbor, had reeled in a yard-long bluefish on Tuesday, had it in the dip net but lost it before it could be landed. This whopper was hooked in lower Roanoke Sound near Wanchese. Elsewhere — in all Dare waters, many thousands of blues from snapper size to three pounders are being landed daily.

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Thirty-nine seniors are scheduled to receive their diplomas in graduating exercises at Manteo High School auditorium on Friday night at eight o'clock. They are: Suzanne Allen, Jo Anne Ballance, John B. Beasley, Lloyd Beasley, Russell Berry, Grace Best, William Brown, Bebe Burrus, Dixie Daniels, Kenny Daniels, William Dough, Sandra Dowdy, Faye Dykstra, Joyce Fields, Bonnie Gibbs, Patricia Gibbs, Clyde Hassell, Elsie Hines, Horace Hooper, Jr., Jerry Houston, Judy Johnson, Wilton Jolliff, Jr., Margaret Knight, Verma Mann, Ephraim Midgett, Robert Midgett, Jr., William Monette, Randolph O'Neal, Jr., Hazel Sawyer, Nancy Smith, Peggy Taylor, Dallis Thompson, Betty Tillet, Dianne Tillet, Hughes Tillet, Jr., Tessie Tillet, Elma Twiford, Wilson Twiford and Merrill Winslow, Jr.

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KITTY HAWK SPEAKER



WALLACE R. GRAY, Manteo attorney, the speaker Thursday night at the eighth grade commencement exercises of the Kitty Hawk elementary school. Rev. Stanley Snead was the scheduled invoker of blessing, and two honor students are Gloria Perry and Joan Moore.

Jay Twiford was reader of the class will; Gloria O'Neal, class prophet; Sylvia Beacham, giftorian and Wade Register, Jr. historian. Dwight Beasley, Clarence York and Rhonda Midgett are the other members of this class, the first to graduate from the new elementary building. Marshals for the exercises included Mike Dough, Sylvia Scarborough, Corinne Sanderlin, Charlotte Perry and Charles Minton.

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