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RESENTMENT GROWS AGAINST BEACHES SANITARY DISTRICT

Citizens' Wrath Rises Against High Taxes Imposed, and Buying Equipment

Wrath is rising high against the action of the Commissioners of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District for several reasons and from several quarters. To begin with, in the face of a petition by which 58 per cent of the resident freeholders of the district are seeking its dissolution, the three men who run the district have persisted in entering into an agreement to buy two fire trucks, on the pretext that insurance rates will be reduced.

In the second place, the district is now split widely open, with the town of Kill Devil Hills comprising nearly half the property value in the middle, and relieved of the high tax which the District Commissioners seek to impose on the Nags Head area and the Kitty Hawk area to provide money to pay for the fire trucks.

Outside of Kill Devil Hills, property owners would pay 24 cents a year, and in Kill Devil Hills only three cents. This is the result of a bill passed in the recent general assembly which exempted Kill Devil Hills from the fire levy.

The difference is that the man outside must pay eight times as much. For instance if one owns \$50,000 in property in Kill Devil Hills, he would pay \$15 while the same property at Nags Head and Kitty Hawk beaches would pay \$120.00.

This, say the dissenters against the Dare Beaches Sanitary District is unfair and unjust, a discrimination and an unseasonal burden on the people, in view of other See DISTRICT, Page Six

SECOND VICTIM IS CLAIMED BY SEA NEAR NAGS HEAD

Raleigh Man Loses Battle With Rough Surf Trying to Save Wife

Christopher R. Webster, 41, of Raleigh, drowned in the surf at Nags Head Wednesday while attempting to save his wife who had ventured too far into the ocean.

Mrs. Webster, who had been sighted floating unconscious in the water, was rescued by Helen Barnes of Murrefreesboro. When Mrs. Webster was brought ashore she was placed under care of a physician.

Two doctors and Coast Guardsmen from the Kill Devil Hills station worked for an hour trying to revive Webster.

Webster was area manager for Westinghouse Corporation in Raleigh. He, his wife and 10-year-old son, Christopher Jr., had taken a cottage at the beach for a vacation stay. They lived at 1309 Canterbury Road in Raleigh.

Webster was taken from the water about one-quarter mile south of the Nags Head Hotel.

The sea and wind were moderate when the Websters entered the surf in early afternoon.

Mr. Webster moved to Raleigh eight or nine years ago from Virginia. He was a 1941 electrical engineering graduate of Duke University and active in alumni affairs.

During World War II he was a lieutenant commander in the Navy. He was a member of the Raleigh Rotary Club, the North Carolina Society of Engineers, the Raleigh Engineers Club, and was past president of the Raleigh section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

He belonged to Christ Church (Episcopal) Raleigh. His wife, Zoe Webster, is from Charlotte.

MANY NOTABLES VISIT BEACHES ON HOLIDAY

Senator Sam Ervin and Mrs. Ervin at Sea Foam Cottages; Mrs. Townsend and Mary Young at Kill Devil Hills

Among many notables coming to the Dare beaches for the July 4th week end were Senator Sam Ervin Jr., and Mrs. Ervin of Washington D. C., and with them were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatton, Mr. Gatton being Secretary to the Senator. This party stopped at the Sea Foam Cottages, being guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Meekins and Mrs. Goldie Meekins.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison at their Kill Devil Hills home had as guests Mrs. Nat Townsend, wife of the late eminent Washington attorney and former N. C. Superior Court Judge of Dunn; and Miss Elizabeth Young, famed syndicated Washington columnist and newspaper staff writer for the Post.

HIGHWAY CHAIRMAN TO SPEAK ON DANIELS DAY



A distinguished young man will deliver the principal address at the annual Daniels day reunion on August 19th at the Wanchese Methodist Church.

J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON Jr., is favored with a magic name in public affairs in N. C., and at 37 years of age is Chairman of the State Highway Commission. He has won recognition on his own for giving of his time to various causes, and wherever he goes, he is warmly received by the many who were admirers of his late father, who was one of the State's great governors; and later to be U. S. Senator for a short time before his sudden death.

"MEL" Broughton is a graduate of Wake Forest, got his law degree from the University of N. C., and for several years has had offices in Raleigh. He served three years as Solicitor of the City of Raleigh, four years on the N. C. Hospitals Board of Control; three and a half years in the Marine Corps; and is a director of the Raleigh YMCA cerebral palsy clinic. He is a member of his county, state and National Bar Associations, the American Judicial Society, the Civitan and Executives Clubs of Raleigh. He was born March 24, 1922 and on November 30, 1946 married Mary Ann Cooper of Henderson. The couple has two children Harriet W. age 6 and J. M. III age two.

DREDGING BEGINS THIS MONTH ON CHANNEL JOB

Oregon Inlet, Wanchese, Manteo Work Let to Atkinson of Norfolk For \$540,410

Work is slated to commence this month on dredging the channel between Oregon Inlet, and Mill Landing in Wanchese, and on to Manteo to a depth of 12 feet. Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., District Engineer of Wilmington has advised that contract was awarded on June 29th to Atkinson Dredging Co. of Norfolk for \$540,410.

The work will be completed during March of 1960. Following this job, another letting is contemplated outward across the bar, whereby continuous 12-foot traffic can be maintained into the two Roanoke Island ports and Pamlico Sound, being the first time in history vessels of such large draft can enter N. C. waters south of Hampton Roads and north of Beaufort. Great economic advantage is anticipated because of the value to the commercial fishing industry operating in nearby ocean waters.

CARTER DALTON COUPLE HOPE TO RETURN IN SEPT.

Many Friends in the Belhaven area have been missing Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Dalton, a grand couple who came here from High point and established their home on Pungo Shores near Leechville. Intense regret has been manifest at their seemingly lessening of interest in the community, but such is not entirely true. The Daltons have been, to the most progressive and thinking element of the community a most valuable addition. They are universally liked in Belhaven, the center of their community life. They have given liberally in time, work and finances to commendable community enterprises.

At middle age they are enjoying some of the delights of well-earned retirement. On this, the most recent of many cruises, they are on a long sea-voyage in European waters. Now, despite, previous announcements, they expect to be back in the home locality about September 1. In their visits on this cruise, among many other fascinating places, they have visited the Scandinavian countries, Scotland, England and Ireland. Their cruise is on one of the luxury liners of Moore-McCormack lines carrying 553 passengers, all first class.

BELHAVEN CALLS LAST ONE MOST ENJOYABLE FOURTH

Celebration Carried Off in Fine Style; Congressman is Speaker

An enthusiastic crowd of local people and visitors from nearby communities enjoyed a full day of activities sponsored by the Belhaven American Legion Post 249 on the Fourth of July. Cool breezes and no mosquitoes made it a perfect day, and many people declared it the most enjoyable Fourth they had ever spent.

The day began at 9:30 with a water show. At 11:30 Main Street was lined with spectators to watch the colorful parade headed by a Color Guard from the Legion Post. Feet tapped to the spirited music of three bands: the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band from Cherry Point, the Washington High School and the Belhaven Band, plus the Washington Junior High School Drum and Bugle Corps. Eleven beautiful floats, decorated bicycles, a clown carrying a huge firecracker, and ancient Ford and a miniature automobile were among the other-features of the outstanding parade.

The first prize in the float division went to the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company for a float depicting a rose garden on a base of red, white and blue surmounted by a silver throne. Miss Annette Noble, wearing a blue evening See FOURTH, Page Six

FORMER TYRRELL SHERIFF SUCCUMBS IN NORFOLK



Robert Lee Swain, 62, husband of Mrs. Mamie Spencer Swain, died in a Norfolk hospital Friday where he had gone for treatment. He was a member of a prominent Tyrrell County family.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three brothers, former State Senator Herbert Swain of Williamston, Wilbert Swain of Farmingdale, N. J., and Julian Swain of Columbia, and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Swain was a lifelong resident of Columbia, N. C., and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia. He was a former Sheriff of Tyrrell County, having succeeded the late J. E. Reynolds during the 30's. He was engaged in farming.

The body was taken to the Walker Funeral Home where services were conducted Sunday. Burial was in Malachi's Chapel Cemetery, Columbia.

ABC SYSTEM SHOWS LARGE GAIN IN SALES

Sales of the Dare County ABC system showed an increase in June of \$7,030 over June of 1958, Board Chairman L. D. Hassell said this week; as against the record of sales of June in 1958 which showed a decrease under June of 1957. Since December 1958, the trend has been reversed, and sales have shown an increase each month. Increased sales are attributed to the policy of keeping stores open more hours for the accommodation of the beach trade, as heretofore purchases had been made elsewhere by many persons on the way to the beaches.

ONE OF OLDEST MEN IN BELHAVEN DIES

One of Belhaven's oldest citizens died Thursday night. William C. Sadler, native of Hyde County, passed away at his home at the age of 87. He is survived by a son, Harry Sadler of Belhaven; 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a brother, Jim Sadler and a sister, Mrs. Ellen O'Neal, both of Washington.

He was a member of the West Belhaven Church of Christ, from where funeral services were conducted at four o'clock Friday with Marion Elliott officiating, and burial was in the Community Cemetery.

COLUMBIA MAN DIVISION ENGINEER FOR HIGHWAYS



GREENVILLE—Charles W. Snell, Jr. 38, of Washington native of Columbia, has been named Second Division Highway Engineer and Roy D. Franks of Kinston appointed his assistant, the State Highway Commission announces, both appointments effective October 1.

Snell succeeds R. Markham, retiring after 40 years with the Commission, ten as Second Division Engineer. Franks will replace Jasper L. Phillips, with the Commission 38 years, ten as Assistant Division Engineer for Division Two. Dennis W. Patrick of Aulander will replace Snell as District Engineer for Beaufort and Pitt Counties, on October 1.

"Speaking for the Commission," said Babcock, "I would like to congratulate both Mr. Markham and Mr. Phillips for their long and faithful service to both the Highway Commission and to the public, and our every good wish goes with them in their retirement."

Moving up from District Engineer, Snell will direct all Second Division Highway construction and See SNELL, Page Six

RECORDERS COURT WORK INCREASED BY HOLIDAY TRAFFIC

Close to \$1,500 in Fines Results From Speeders and Others in Dare County

The single term of Recorders court in Dare County Tuesday of this week totted up close to \$1,500 in fines, not to mention the court costs, in some 55 cases which also came to about \$500. Activity of highway patrolman, and more than the accustomed activity of the Sheriff's department were connected with these cases.

One of the sensational cases concerned Marcellus Lee Asbell of Portsmouth, Va., who gave his name first as H. C. Hewett. With several drinking companion he landed in jail and took charge. He was accused of robbing some or making others take baths and clean up. For being drunk and disorderly at Nags Head, he was ordered to pay \$50.70, including court costs; for assault with a deadly weapon, he was fined \$50 and costs; for robbing Donald Gray of Hatteras of cigarettes, etc. while in jail, he was fined \$15 and costs; for assaulting Woodrow O. Johnson, he was fined \$10 and costs; and the charge of assaulting H. L. Gregory whom he made take a bath was dismissed. Johnson was fined \$25 and costs for being drunk and disorderly. Pressly O. Atkinson, also of this party was ordered also to pay for making a public disturbance and destroying property, \$57.50, and for carrying a concealed knife, \$10 and costs. In all, this group of celebrants paid fees totalling about \$270.

The following paid fines of \$25 each for being publicly drunk; Woodrow Jones, So. Norfolk; Heber L. Gregory of New Bern; Curtis Toler, Kitty Hawk; Roger J. Robechar, Northwest, Va.; and J. W. Harrison, Edenton.

Speeding fines were paid as follows: \$10 each by J. G. Johnson Jr. Charlotte; Lloyd Kadar, Mt. Holly, N. J.; Charlie M. Jackson Jr. and C. W. Gregory Jr., Portsmouth, Va.; Ray Earl Griggs, Virginia Beach. T. R. Meekins, Manteo; G. E. Phelps, Creswell; and J. T. Tignor, Bayside, Va.

Fifteen-dollar fines were paid by J. H. Costenbader III, Lynchburg; Elizabeth Cinnelli, Coinjock; Russell V. Baker, Belvidere; W. R. Keating, Norfolk; Homer P. Griffin, Carysburg, Va.; L. O. Camp, Gaston, N. C.; Ina B. Jones, Creeds, Va.

Five dollars fines were paid for defective mufflers, ignoring stop signs, speeding etc, by the following: Wm. J. Quidley, Manteo, Wilton; J. Payne, Stumpy Point, Wm. L. Mooney, Oxford; R. A. Riddick and L. T. Bray, Eliz. City; J. E. See COURT, Page Six

SUDDEN DEATH FOR AVON MAN NEAR RODANTHE

Mrs. Goldie Meekins, Welfare Supt. Injured Saturday in Collision

Sudden death came to Ervin Miller Farrow, 43, of Avon Saturday at 2:10 p.m. when the car he was driving crashed in rear end of a 1958 Chrysler Imperial driven by Percy W. Meekins of Washington, D. C. Both cars were headed south. The collision was at Mirlo Beach near Rodanthe. Both cars are considered a total loss.

Suffering serious injuries to her right hip was Mrs. Goldie H. Meekins, Dare County Welfare Superintendent who was riding on the back seat. Mrs. Elizabeth Goodloe Meekins, riding on the front seat with her husband suffered painful bruises and Percy Meekins was severely cut about the face.

Riding in the Meekins car was Madison Scarborough, a hitch hiker, from Avon, who had parted company with Mr. Farrow on the ferry at Oregon Inlet. The Meekins party were en route to Rodanthe to visit relatives during the day.

Farrow, who had been north of the Inlet on a mission, had started toward Avon with three companions who had left him on the boat and caught rides with others.

The injured were taken by Coast Guard helicopter to Albee-Marie hospital in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Percy Meekins was allowed to return to Sea Foam Cottages at Nags Head, a family owned property. The couple had come down from Washington, D. C. where Mr. Meekins, an attorney is administrative assistant to Congress- See WRECK, Page Six

BEAUFORT COUNTY HAS 290,816 ACRES FARMLAND IN 1959

Farm Census Shows 38% in Harvested Cropland With Corn Leading Crop

A summary of the farm census report for Beaufort County issued out of Raleigh late in June shows that the county had 290,816 of its acreage with 111,721 acres, or 38 per cent in harvested croplands, a gain of only 1,018 acres over the year preceding. In all other lands, woods, waste etc, there was 54%, or 156,096 acres, save for four per cent in pasture, two per cent in idle cropland and two per cent in soil improving.

Major crop reports shown heaviest, with corn all purposed 43,645 acres and soybeans next with 40,451 acres; tobacco with 8,849 was third largest crop. Other acreages shown are cotton 801; peanuts, 1,094; wheat for grain 1,621; oats for grain 5,191; other small grains for grain, 584; milo and other sorghums, 1,178, and lespezea for seed 5,087.

Vegetables harvested by acres for sale, are Irish potatoes, 2,070; sweet potatoes, 867; other vegetables 614; vegetable gardens for home use 1,056.

Living on farm tracts were 13,536 people or 47 less than in 1957. There were 3,146, or over 400 more sows and gilts kept for breeding purposes. Cows and heifers kept mainly for milk were 972 and mainly for beef, 1,876. A large gain in hens and pullets of laying age, 94,887 total.

Summarized the total of all crops harvested shows 37 per cent corn, 35 per cent soybeans; all other crops 21 per cent, save tobacco, which was 7 per cent. Comment on the survey by the Crop Reporting Service is as follows: "Of the 290,816 acres of farmland reported in the January, 1959 Census Survey for Beaufort County, 111,721 acres were used to harvest crops in 1958, where comparing the total crops harvested including double cropped acreage for the two crop years there was an over-all decrease in 1958 of about 2,500 acres. Substantial decreases appeared in oats and lespezea seed, with smaller cuts in tobacco and small grain hay. Soybeans for beans showed the largest acreage increase with wheat, mixed grains, milo, lespezea hay and market vegetables indicating some increase. A larger number of brood sows were reported over the previous year, also hens and pullets, but beef cows dropped around 300 head, while milk cows remained about the same number. 133 sheep and lambs were reported on farms in the county. Of the 13,536 people living on farms, which was below the number reported last year, 1,412 were listed as working 100 days or more on jobs off the farm during 1958. Included in the total farm population were 1,144 people or 8 per cent who were 65 years of age and older."

POWER BOAT RACES TO ATTRACT LARGE CROWD NEAR MASHOES JULY 11-12

East Lake Will be Scene of Races on Two Days by Several Champions in Their Class; Ski-Boats to Be Presented for First Time on Dare Waters; Trophies and Fish Fry in Manteo

Two national champions will be competing in Dare Power Boat Association's fifth annual regatta scheduled for this week end (July 11-12) on the East Lake course three miles north of Manns Harbor just off the Mashoes Road.

They are Alston Pierson of Queenstown, Md., who holds the speed title for the 280 cubic inch Hydros and Bill Ritter, Newark, N. J., title holder for the 266 cubic inch Hydros. Donald Christy of Baltimore, last year's national champion in the AU and DU run-about Class is also scheduled to be driving here during the APBA-sanctioned events this week end, according to R. D. Sawyer Jr., race chairman.

Races on Saturday beginning at 1 P. M., will feature inboards in the following classes: 43 cu. in. Hydros, E & F Service Runabouts, 136, 135, 225, 280 and 226 cubic inch Hydros.

A concluding feature of the Saturday events is scheduled to present for the first time on Dare Coast waters the new SKI BOATS. First heats on Saturday will be presented at 15 minute intervals through 2:45 o'clock. Second heats at 15 minute intervals will begin at 3 o'clock and end at 4:45.

Sunday races for outboards will begin at 12:15 o'clock with the Junior Utility class for youngsters under 12 years of age scheduled first. At 15 minute intervals the A-B-C-D Stock Utilities will compete first in heats at intervals of 15 minutes followed by A-B-C-D Stock Hydros. The second heats of the Sunday event beginning at 2:45 will end at 4:45 P. M.

Trophies to the winners in the Saturday races will be awarded at a free fish fry for visiting racers in Manteo at the DPBA ramp site adjacent to Davis store. Trophies for the outboard winners will be awarded at a fish fry Sunday afternoon for visiting drivers following the finale at East Lake. These awards and the fish fry will also be at the Manteo ramp site of the sponsoring club.

Ralph Davis said the races will be held, rain or shine at the East Lake course which is about eight miles west of Manteo. The local boat club plans to have the Mashoes Road intersection with U. S. Highways 64-264, a mile west of Croatan Sound bridge marked to aid strangers and persons unfamiliar with the route to East Lake.

DIAL SERVICE IN EFFECT NOW FOR AVON-HATTERAS

New System for Lower End of Hatteras Island Radical Departure

A radical departure from the old-time wall-crank phones went into effect this week on Hatteras Island, about 100 subscribers in the communities of Avon, Buxton, and Hatteras, with no toll charges between villages. The only intervening community omitted is Frisco, where the nearest phone is a pay station at Tandy's recreation center.

A large increase in number of subscribers is expected as soon as the system is "well-oiled." This venture by the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., is considered only a beginning to future developments of the service in the area.

The limited number of subscribers in villages north of Avon does not at this time justify installation of the same type of equipment as has been installed in the other communities, and the present system will continue.

EAST LAKE WOMAN DIES DURING CHURCH SERVICE

Mrs. Lillie Mae Cain Hassell 66, a native of East Lake, and a resident of Manns Harbor for the past ten years died while attending services Sunday night at 9:30 at the East Lake Pentecostal church.

She was the wife of James C. Hassell, and the daughter of the late Daniel and Jane Basnight Cain. She is survived by a son, James Pierce of Elizabeth City, and by two daughters, Mrs. Jesse Twiddy Jr., of Manns Harbor, and Mrs. Nora Ambrose of Elizabeth City.

WAS A COSTLY FISH FOR SAM BRADDOCK IN FLORIDA

Sam Braddock of Buxton, almost lost his life last week in Marianna, Fla., when excited over a fish he had caught, he ran out on the road and was struck by an automobile. Last reports gave his condition as satisfactory. He is the son of Rev. J. C. Braddock, Pentecostal minister of Buxton, Cape Hatteras, who was in Florida conducting a revival.

ELIZABETH GARDENS PLEASE OFFICIALS ON VISIT HERE TUESDAY

The beauty of the Elizabethan Garden seemed at their best Tuesday of this week when officials of the N. C. Federation of Garden Clubs came to look them over. In this group, who visited Mrs. Leo Middett were Mrs. J. B. Daughridge of Rocky Mount, the State President; Mrs. Corbett Howard of Goldsboro, Chairman Elizabethan Garden Club Finance committee; Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Chairman Elizabethan Gardens Board of Trustees, and Mrs. H. D. Walker of Elizabeth City, one of the finest supporters of the project. All were delighted with the improvements and beauty of the Gardens. Mrs. Wallace Umphlett of Wilson of this committee stayed over night as guest of Mrs. Leo Middett who is in charge of the gardens. It was the first official visit to the Gardens since May.

HOLIDAY MARINA KITTY HAWK—Holiday Marina on Kitty Hawk Bay in the Avalon Beach section of Kill Devil Hills opened for business last week end. In addition to fishing facilities, skiff rentals and water skiing the establishment is also featuring sailboat rentals. Clarence Butler and Bill Wilkinson established the facilities known as Holiday Marina.

Wahoo and Dolphin Nags Head—Dolphin and wahoo are now being caught near the western edge of the Gulf Stream. Some boats fishing strictly for dolphin have returned to Oregon Inlet fishing Center with up to 100 dolphin each during the past week. Wahoo ranging up to 25 pounds have been taken, according to H. A. Creef Jr., operator of the Center.