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## EXCEPTIONS NOTED TO NEW BUDGET BY DARE CHAIRMAN

### Meekins Thinks County Headed For Worse Financial Straits Than Before

Sharp exception was taken this week to the budget for 1959-60 set up by the Dare County Commissioners Chairman D. V. Meekins. Meekins said he felt it his duty to call public attention to some features which he expected would make financial trouble, and to file a minority report.

Objected to were several thousand dollars put in for street markers, and surveys in the beach, which he said would add developers of real estate, the sum of \$4,800 added to travel allowance for Sheriff's deputies; a sum of nearly \$13,000 for a tax supervisor's office. He also objected to the failure of the Board to take note of the huge operating deficit which has accumulated, and nothing was set up to pay it off.

By next year, the Chairman believes the county will be in severe financial straits, since sources of revenue listed are not sufficient to cover the budget, and may make it impossible to borrow money on a tax anticipation note.

Meekins' exceptions were filed with the Board Tuesday morning of this week, following a day spent Monday in reviewing budget items. Being obliged to leave the meeting at noon Tuesday, he learned further that many new items during Tuesday afternoon had been put back in the budget, and others increased.

He said apparently little regard was paid to the financial status of the county, and the contention made that there will be no increase in tax rate will not meet the budget, since other sources of revenue are inflated, over-stated, and fictitious, and not apt to materialize.

It will pass on a much larger deficit to the next Board, he said, and recalled that the preceding Board had done the same thing.

"I can only warn them," he said. His statement is printed herewith: The following request from the Chairman was offered at this time:

In reviewing yesterday's tempo-  
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## CAPT. FOSTER PINNER RETIRE AFTER 40 YRS.

Capt. Samuel Foster Pinner retired on May 30, after serving 40 years as a civilian employee with the Corps of Engineers, Norfolk.

He was born and reared at East Lake. While still in his teens he went away to seek the great opportunities that boats and the water offered, and began his career in 1918 by operating a launch attached to the old dredge Tabor which once operated in Croatan Sound.

Except for two brief intervals back to the farm with his father, he worked for government.

His advancement was steady and is his early thirties he was put in charge of the dredge Roanoke. He remained in this capacity until retirement except for a about two years spent at the John H. Kerr Dam, Buggs Island, Va., as a supervisor.

Capt. Pinner has been held in high esteem by the men under his supervision and by his superiors.

About a year ago his health began to fail in December the doctors declared him unable to work longer. Having been a healthy man he had enough accumulated sick leave to carry him six months to June 16, Army Engineers Day. He received his 40 year service pin, and a gold watch as a token of his long and faithful service.

The old Roanoke can't go on without her faithful captain and she, too is being retired. He will remain in Norfolk with his three grandchildren and watch them grow up.

Capt. Pinner is a brother of Mrs. Roland Sawyer of Manteo. Mrs. Pinner is the former Mary Basnight of Manteo.

## SEVERAL FROM HYDE ATTEND 4-H CAMPS

The following Hyde County young people left Monday for Roanoke Island 4-H camp at Manteo, to return Saturday. Dan Baucum, Assistant County Agricultural Agent and Mrs. Leon Ballance, former Home Agent accompanied them.

Mary Jane Gibbs, Susan Gaylord, Caroline Gaylord, Rita Simmons, Charlie Mac Cahoon, Jerry Harris, Lucinda Swindell, Ronnie Willis, Ginger Willis, Richard Lupton, Donald Cahoon, Linda Sadler, Frankie Bush of Swan Quarter; Linda Harris of Fairfield; Regyn McKinney, Norman Silverthorne, Bob McKinney of Engelhard.

## W. F. BABCOCK, DIRECTOR STATE HIGHWAY SET-UP



North Carolina's first Director of Highways, Willard Farrington Babcock, is a 41-year old transportation engineer who was both a member of the State College faculty and a consulting engineer with a national practice in his field.

In announcing his appointment, Governor Hodges said, "This is one of those rare occasions when the job actually did seek the man. His acceptance is evidence of his real interest in North Carolina, for in giving up both his college career and his private engineering practice, he is making a sacrifice."

By recent act of the General Assembly, the State Highway Commission has been reorganized. Even its name has been changed to eliminate the words, "and Public Works." Director of Highways Babcock is the chief executive officer of the 9,000-man department which will spend around \$390 million during the next two years.

The new seven-man Commission is the policy-making body, while the Director has the job of carrying out the policies adopted.

Mr. Babcock is a native of Boston, but he has spent practically all of his adult life in North Carolina. He came to N. C. State College as a 22-year old instructor and had been with the civil engineering college faculty from that day until his appointment—rising steadily both in his career as a teacher and in his career as a consulting engineer, specializing in transportation practices and planning.

The director is the son of John D. Babcock, III, retired Professor of Transportation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which Bill Babcock graduated, and from which he received his graduate degree.

Bill Babcock was born in Watertown, Massachusetts on March 14, 1917. Twenty-four years and one day later he married Jane Sweet, also of Massachusetts. They have three children: Susan Forbee, John Brazier II, and Sarah Farrington. They are members of the Carolina County Club and the White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

Mr. Babcock began at N. C. State College as an instructor in 1940. He rose to the position of assistant professor of civil engineering in 1942, associate professor in 1947, and full professor in 1952. It was in 1948 that he began his practice as a consulting engineer in traffic and transportation engineering.

Since then, he has been consultant to many North Carolina municipalities, including Apex, Asheboro, Black Mountain, Burlington, Carolina Beach, Chapel Hill, Durham, Fayetteville, Forest City, Goldsboro, Graham, Greensboro, Greenville, Henderson, High Point, Jacksonville, Kinston, Laurinburg, Lenoir, Madison, Marion, Mooresville, Morganton, New Bern, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Salisbury, Sanford, Smithfield, Statesville, Thomasville, Wallace, Washington, and Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Among the various honorary societies to which Babcock belongs is Chi Epsilon, the national scholastic fraternity in civil engineering. He served as national president of the organization from 1954 to 1956.

Among his many professional societies are the American Society of Professional Engineers, the American Road Builders Association, the American Institute of Traffic Engineers and the North Carolina Society of Engineers. He is a technical advisor to the National Committee on Urban Transportation.

Under the new highway act, Babcock will serve a five-year term.

Based on his wide experience, Babcock commented at the time of his appointment, that "the State and municipal governments are going to have to work together to solve rural and urban traffic and transportation problems for the mutual benefit of all."

## PROGRAMS SET UP IN SEASHORE PARK VISITOR CENTERS

### Natural History and Other Programs Scheduled Hatteras and Ocracoke

A schedule of programs has been set up for 1959 by the National Park Service for the benefit of visitors to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. At the Bodie Island visitor center at lighthouse, seven miles south of Whalebone, general Seashore information will be available daily 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.; a colored slide program, 8, 10, 11, 1, 2, 3, and four o'clock; and a conducted seashore walk from Coquina Beach shelter 8:30 a. m. and 4 p. m.

At the museum of the sea, Cape Hatteras, 37 miles south of Oregon Inlet, will be general information daily 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.; history talks daily at 10 p.m.; a conducted seashore walk, one hour daily, 9 a. m. except Thursday. A colored slide program will be shown Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p. m.

A history talk will be given daily according to demand; general information at the visitor center near Coast Guard station will be available daily 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

## COAST GUARDSMEN RESCUE GIRL NEAR DROWNING

### KITTY HAWK—The following account has been furnished this newspaper by interested parties, certifying to an act of heroism on Saturday.

On Saturday, at Rodanthe, located on the Outer Banks, 2 children, Marsha Lynn Williams, eight years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams of Elizabeth City, and Brenda O'Neal, 12 years old of Rodanthe while swimming in the surf were caught by an under-tow and carried out to the open sea.

The younger girl had lost her ability to keep afloat and the older girl was in a helpless condition when persons on the beach were attracted by the O'Neal girl's screams. The older girl at this time was beyond the 3 ft. breakers and about 75 yards off shore in about 6 ft. of water and the younger child was about 20 yards further out.

Jack V. Hendricks, of Dearborn, Mich., and his brother William C. Hendricks, Jr., of Branford, Connecticut and the latter's 14 year old son, William C. Hendricks, III, entered the surf and effected the rescue of the children, Jack V. Hendricks bringing in Brenda O'Neal and Billy Hendricks and his father bringing in the Williams girl. Because of the condition of the sea, these persons risked their lives in going out so far to effect the rescue and spectators are of the opinion that both children undoubtedly would have drowned if this rescue had not been effected.

Both girls were given artificial respiration on the beach and the younger child, who failed to regain consciousness for over an hour was hospitalized in Elizabeth City by the Coast Guard personnel from the Oregon Inlet station.

The following account is an earlier version of this case which came to this newspaper:

Marsha Lynn Williams, 8, of Elizabeth City, owes her life to the knowledge of two Coast Guardsmen at Rodanthe, who brought her to life with mouth to mouth respiration, after she had been rescued from a hole by David Hendricks Jr. in which she was near drowning at the village. The girl, visiting at the home of a cousin, Brenda O'Neal.

David P. Farrow and Carlton E. Adams of the Oregon Inlet Coast Guard station took turns at respiration.

The girl had been swimming in the sea near one of the shipwrecks and was several yards off shore before Mr. Hendricks reached her. She received treatment at the health center, Buxton, and later at Elizabeth City hospital where she was released Sunday morning.

## SAILBOATING RETURNS TO DARE COAST WATERS

Sailboating has returned to Dare Coast waters this summer on Kitty Hawk Bay at the new Holiday Marina. Opened for business on July 4, the marina owned and managed by Clarence Butler and Bill Wilkinson is providing recreation that was not available in recent years on the Dare Coast. They have several sailboats for rent. In addition the new Holiday Marina features water skiing facilities, picnic, swimming and fishing recreation.

## ANDY GRIFFITH SET TO BE ON T. V. TUESDAY



ANDY GRIFFITH, the T. V. and movie star is to appear Tuesday evening on July 21st on the Andy Williams Show, coming into the coastland over WTAR-TV, Norfolk. Many friends are looking forward to his appearance. He is now doing a show on Broadway, which is a musical, "Destry Rides Again."

## HAYMAN REUNION WITH PICNIC AT MANNS HBR. MON.

Members and relatives of the wide-spread Hayman family connections in Dare County, Tyrrell and vicinity are expected to gather Monday morning, July 20th at the Manns Harbor community building at 11 a.m. Ira Spencer, Jr., of Manns Harbor, the clan president said this week. A feature of this fellowship is the big outdoor picnic. Rev. Louis D. Hayman, of Southport, a beloved favorite son, who started the celebrations several years ago, was always expected to attend, and his arrival was looked forward to on Sunday when he was scheduled to preach at one of the Dare County churches.

Helping with arrangements are Mrs. Rosalind Swain, and her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Acquire of Kitty Hawk, Miss Inez Gibbs and Mrs. Oma Pearl Daniels of Manns Harbor are respectively the Secretary and the Treasurer.

In keeping with traditional custom of long standing, the Hayman Reunion will gather at Manns Harbor this year on July 20th and the activities will get under way at 10 a.m. Preparations are under direction of the President, Ira Spencer, Jr. of the community. According to reports, local helpers of the neighborhood and the near-by places, Roanoke Island, Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and other communities are being marshalled to see that everything is done beforehand, so that the day may be one of gathering, fun, and good time by all who come. This includes kin-folk as far away as Norfolk, Columbia, and friends' who will take time out to share the joys of the day. Also, there are many "adopted sons and daughters"—who because of their deep interest in the Clan—are expected for the day. Later announcement by the President, Mr. Spencer or his secretary, will give needed details as to place of meeting at Manns Harbor, and outline of the activities of the day.

Some of the anticipated features of the day will be registration—both former and new members entitled to membership; the addition of adopted members should the Clan vote to membership; memorial mention of those who have died since last report; any other business needed, and the Election of Officers—for the next year and until others are elected to fill their places. Lots of fun skits are in the making. Mrs. Rosalind Swain of Kitty Hawk wrote the Executive Secretary few days ago, giving a brief outline of some things being planned. She stated that she was a member of the planning committee from Kitty Hawk. At the request of others from various communities, the Executive Secretary is giving this article to the COASTLAND TIMES for publication, in the hope that every one will make the effort to attend this year, especially the older members. These up in the years cannot expect to attend so many more, and they are urged to come July 20th to Manns Harbor. The community is hanging out the welcome sign, and bidding all—young and old—come and help make this a happy, wonderful day at the reunion.

## DREDGING BEGINS JULY 20

The Atkinson Dredging Company of Norfolk, Va., advises that their dredge, the NORTHWOOD, will arrive in the Manteo area about July 20 to begin dredging of channel from Manteo to Wanchese on Oregon Hill. This job consists of over two (2) million cubic yards of dredging and is expected to take about six (6) months.

## TWISTER DAMAGES NAGS HEAD PLACE \$15,000 ON FRIDAY

### Tore Off Front of Gaston Mann's Roller Rink; Other Places Hit

A freak wind flew through a narrow area at Nags Head Friday afternoon, at 1:40 and the principal damage was to the skating rink in Gaston Mann's recreation center which will take an estimated \$15,000 to replace, and the damage comes at the peak of the season when business is most painful to lose.

Mr. Mann, the owner, sustained a broken toe and his left leg was cut. Fronts of three other buildings nearby were damaged.

About one half hour later another tornado swung into Roanoke Island a mile and a half north of Manteo, taking down some of the lines of the Virginia Electric & Power Co., valued at \$800. Service was interrupted for some two hours.

Several instances of damage were reported in the Norfolk vicinity, where trees were felled and some roofs torn off.

The rains proved a blessing to many farmers whose crops have been parched by the long drought.

More costly on the whole has been the loss of business on the beaches due to the rainy season this month. Hundreds of people have either cancelled reservations, or failed to come, and many pulled out and left, after having already been located at hotels and motels. Many people just don't see the point in remaining when they can't get out and enjoy sun and surf. The resulting loss to all types of business on the beach has been terrific.

## COURT CASES IN DARE YIELD MANY FINES TUESDAY

Many fines were levied by Judge Baum in Recorder's Court in Manteo Tuesday, although some cases were appealed. Lightest penalty was on Robert C. Lane of Edenton, taxed with \$8.70 costs, for not having proper reflectors on his truck.

Two operators of the Hargreaves colored resort near Duck, was found to have too much beer and whiskey in their possession at the resort, and no beer license on the Fourth of July week end. W. E. Sharpe got a \$250 fine and 18 mos. suspended road sentence. Both appealed to Superior Court. Both defendants are from Elizabeth City.

Leon White Manteo negro was sent to jail when probable cause was found against him on a charge of entering the bedroom of a colored girl, and taking \$5.50 and a switchblade knife. His case will come up in October Superior Court. Jon Arthur Williams of Wanchese was fined \$10 for assault on Ronald Bevan.

Merest E. Simpson, Jr. of Wanchese, and Jerry Daniels of Manteo, both charged with public drunkenness, resisting arrest, destroying property and assaulting an officer were each assessed \$118.70. Charles W. Wroten of Wanchese asked for a jury trial on a charge of public drunkenness. Defendants fined \$10 each for speeding were Shirley W. Bumgardner, Columbia; S. A. Carper, Kitty Hawk; Griffin E. Scarborough, Carl E. Raiford, William G. Rowe, Spotsylvania, Va.; fifteen

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## R. L. MIDGETT, JR. DIES SUDDENLY WEDNESDAY

R. L. (Roy) Midgett, Jr., 57, died in Kill Devil Hills Wednesday at 5:25 p.m. He was a prominent Manns Harbor citizen, but had been a motel operator at the beach.

A native of Manns Harbor, he had been living in Kill Devil Hills the last five months. He was a retired fisherman.

His late parents were Robert and Mrs. Maggie Hayman Midgett and the husband of Mrs. Annie Twiddy Midgett. He was a member of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Manns Harbor, and the Wanchese Lodge 521, A. F. and A. M.

Besides his wife, surviving are one daughter, Mrs. William Dwyer of Norfolk; one brother, Clarence Midgett and one sister, Mrs. Otis Guard, both of Manns Harbor.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Friday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Charles R. Olson, pastor. Burial will be in the Midgett Cemetery, Manns Harbor, with Masonic rites. The body will be taken from the Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo, to the church two hours prior to services.

## DISTINGUISHED ENGINEER SUCCEEDS POPULAR MAN



COL. RICHARD P. DAVIDSON

A popular District Engineer, because of his ability and helpfulness, Col. Henry C. Rowland will end his tour of duty at the Wilmington office of the Engineer Corp soon and he will be succeeded by another engineer with a distinguished record; one who is coming from a cold country.

Colonel Richard P. Davidson will come to North Carolina in early September to take over as District Engineer of the Wilmington District of the Corps of Engineers.

Colonel Davidson will succeed Colonel Henry C. Rowland, Jr., who has filled the District Engineer post since August 1, 1956. Colonel Rowland's future plans are not known now.

The incoming District Engineer, now stationed at Thule Air Force Base in Greenland as Area Engineer, is a native of Detroit, Alabama and an alumnus of the University of Alabama where he was commissioned an officer in the Corps of Engineers in 1937. He entered active service in 1941 and served in the Southwest Pacific during the second World War.

After the war and until 1948, he was Assistant Director and later Director of Courses at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Following this assignment, Colonel Davidson became Commanding Officer of the 924th Engineer Group at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Georgia, after which he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

From 1950 to 1952 Colonel Davidson served in the Garrison District, S. Dakota, first as Chief, Town Management Division, and then as Assistant District Engineer. From 1952 to 1955 he was Executive Officer, later Assistant District Engineer, East Atlantic District. He then attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. From 1955 to 1958 he was assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Washington, D. C. He has been at Thule since July 1958.

## ANNUAL CONVENTION OF QUALITY RESTAURANTS AT NAGS HEAD SEPT. 30

NAGS HEAD—Mrs. Violet Kellam, operator of the Oasis Restaurant and Julian Oneto, Resident Manager of the Carolinian Hotel, attended the Board of Directors Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Quality Restaurants at Southern Pines, N. C., on July 10.

The annual convention of the Association is to be held at Nags Head from September 30 to October 3, 1959, and plans were made and committees appointed by President Frank Byrne of Wilmington, N. C. Julian Oneto was named chairman of the committee in charge of the convention, with Mrs. Kellam and Mrs. Marge Suthard, operator of the Jockey Ridge Restaurant, assisting.

Restaurants of the area who are members of the North Carolina Association of Quality Restaurants of The Arlington Hotel, The Carolinian Hotel, Jockey Ridge Restaurant, Oasis Restaurant, Owen's Restaurant and The Reef Dining Room. The Association and its members have dedicated themselves to "tasty food, courteous service and immaculate sanitation."

## CAPE HATTERAS LIGHTHOUSE TO BE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse will be closed to visitors from July 20 through August 15 while repairs to the entrance and top of the structure are underway by the U. S. Coast Guard. This announcement is made by Superintendent Robert F. Gibbs of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The \$6,325 project is being financed by the National Park Service and will improve the safety to persons visiting this historic structure.

## SPECULATION AS TO COLONY'S FATE IN SHOW ON FRIDAY.

### English and Carolina Historians Will Appear at Waterside Theatre at 7:30

By AYCOCK BROWN

What happened to the "lost colony" which disappeared from Roanoke Island without leaving a trace sometime between August 27, 1585, and August 1590, three years later? This unsolved history-mystery will be discussed by historians, who have made studies of the Elizabethan Era, on the stage of Waterside Theatre here Friday night, July 17, beginning at 7:30 o'clock as a pre-performance feature of Paul Green's symphonic drama "The Lost Colony," now showing for its 19th season on the exact site of the original happenings of the subject.

The historians, each of whom have been investigating the subject of the ill-fated colonist independently including one from England and three from North Carolina will present their findings in a round-table discussion.

One of the four historians, David Beers Quinn, professor of history at the University College of Swansea in Great Britain, has spent years digging into the Spanish Archives and old English records for material on the Sir Walter Raleigh colonies. Many of his findings were published for the first time in his definitive work "The Roanoke Colonies," 1584-90, which was published by the Hakluyt Society of London in 1955.

William S. Powell, head of the Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina Library, another of the historians on the Friday night panel, recently spent considerable time in England searching through old records for information on the individuals who made up the "lost colony." He and Quinn will be joined by Christopher Crittenden, director of the N. C. Department of Archives and History and editor of the N. C. Historical Review who has been investigating the subject for more than 25 years.

David Stick of Kitty Hawk, author of "The Outer Banks of North Carolina" and other books will serve as moderator.

The "lost colonists" were last seen by their countrymen August 27, 1587, when Governor John White left more than 100 English men, women and children at Fort Raleigh and returned to England for supplies. . . . First speculation as to their fate began three years later when White with relief ships returned to find the fort on Roanoke Island deserted. . . . Efforts to find the "lost colonists" were made under the leadership of Captain John Smith and his associates who had landed at Jamestown, Va., during the early 1600 period—and the subject has intrigued historians ever since. . . . On Friday night, 360 years later the experts will give opinions.

## BILLFISH SCORE FROM DARE WATERS BELIEVED TO TOP OTHER SECTIONS

With 117 blue marlin taken by anglers from Dare Coast waters since May 9, a new record for number of this billfish to be taken during such a short period is believed to have been made this year. No other section of the Atlantic coast has reported so many catches of the giant billfish.

During the same period 24 white marlin and a dozen sailfish have been landed by anglers aboard Oregon Inlet and Hatteras based cruisers. In all the total billfish score (including two broad-bills taken off Oregon Inlet) for Dare Coast waters during the past two months now stands at 155. If any other section of the Atlantic or Pacific or Caribbean can equal this piscatorial feat—they have not yet written about it.

## BLOODMOBILE COMING TO BELHAVEN TUESDAY

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Belhaven on Tuesday, July 21, with headquarters at the First Christian Church. Hours will be from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. The Rev. Everett Bryan is chairman for this visit.

The quota for Belhaven and vicinity is 100 pints of blood. Letters are now being sent to all people who have received blood through this program at the Pungo District Hospital, and it is hoped that they will take this opportunity to repay the blood. It has been some time since the quota for this section has been reached, and there is consequently the danger of the eventual loss of the blood bank program in this area. Donors are urged to come at any time during the designated hours.