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UNDERTAKE TO RUN COUNTY WITHOUT INCREASE IN RATE

New Budget Much Larger, But Board Pins Hopes on Delinquent Money

The tentative budget estimate for the operation of the County of Dare, which has been set up by the Board of Commissioners, for the fiscal year 1959-60 totals \$324,913.21. It is an increase of \$23,638.67 over the budget of the year just closed, which was set at \$301,274.56.

While considerable savings were made possible through no further need for appropriations for courthouse and jail and high priced tax appraisals, a large increase, more than \$40,000 was given the schools, and increases given the Sheriff for his deputies, etc. The basic countywide tax rate is eighty cents as before, but special school districts which embrace all the county save Hatteras Island will pay the additional special tax for debt service on the new schools at Manteo and Kitty Hawk, which are the result of votes by the citizens. This tax will add about 20 more cents to the rate.

In addition, all of Roanoke Island pays the usual tax of nine cents for maintenance of the fire truck stationed in Manteo, and manned by the Manteo volunteer Fire Department.

Further, property owners in the Dare Beaches Sanitary District will probably have to pay the tax ordered by the Commissioners of the District, which is three cents in the town of Kill Devil Hills and 24 cents on all the people outside the town, on the north and south ends of the districts.

The tentative budget which is now open for inspection at the office of C. S. Meekins, County Accountant is shown herewith, together with comparisons with last year's budget:

Department	Proposed Budget	Last Yr. Budget
Co. Comms.	5,448	3,540
Co. Accountant	4,260	3,080
Clerk Sup. Ct.	6,800	4,098
Co. Farm Agt.	1,508	1,441
Coroner	490	240
Treasurer	300	300
Fire Warden	3,750	3,480
Jails	900	2,850
Sheriff	25,875	20,050
C H & Grounds	2,865	3,065
Register Deeds	8,236	8,466
Elections	1,350	2,200
Gen. Assist.	7,300	7,800
Pub Assist.	24,731	25,942.74
Welfare Admin	15,900	18,930
Health Dept.	32,415	33,140
Sup. Courts	3,200	3,530
Recorders Court	3,150	3,530
Co. Home Agt.	1,478	1,466
Vet. Officer	2,334	1,894
Tax Supr.	12,900	21,300
Gen. Co. Gov't.	17,640	28,620
CH Improvements	5,000
Co. Bonds	21,074	22,000
Revaluations	2,500
Schools	105,004.14	60,000
	\$24,913.21	\$301,274.54

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"BUG" TILLET A NOBLE SON OF THE COASTLAND TO BE INTERRED FRIDAY

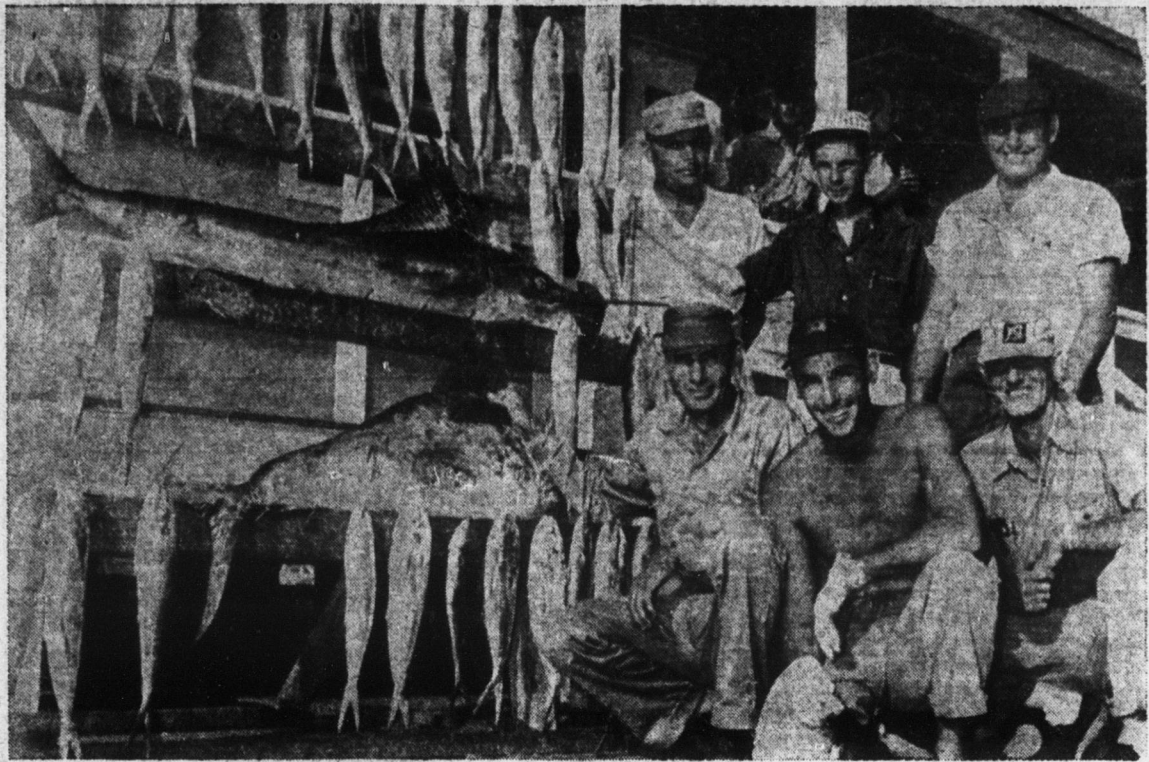
The funeral of William Franklin Tillet 67, one of the finest citizens of the Coastland, who died suddenly Thursday at his Nags Head home, will be held at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Manns Harbor Friday afternoon, (today) at 4 p.m. The body will lie in state from 2:30 at the church, and the funeral will be conducted by a former pastor, Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson of Rocky Mount, and the pastor, Rev. Charles Olson.

Mr. Tillet had lived most of his life at his birthplace, Manns Harbor. His wife, the former Mattie Beasley Tillet, died several years ago after they removed to Nags Head to operate their motel business. The couple brought up two orphaned nephews as foster sons, Jasie Burrus and Richard Mann, and helped them toward a substantial start in life, and to be citizens of consequence. Five "grandchildren and one great grandchild" from these sons blessed Mr. Tillet's last days.

Most of his life was spent in the fishing industry, and he was successful. He was a generous church and community man. His instincts were always charitable, helpful, and honest to the highest degree. He came of parents of sterling character, the late Samuel and Varina Hayman Tillet. He was affectionately regarded by everyone, and the childhood nickname of "Bug" stuck with him through his lifetime.

Four sisters survive him: Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mrs. Herman C. M. Mrs. Charlie Midgett, and Mrs. R. E. Twiford, all of Manns Harbor.

COLUMBIA ANGLERS CATCH FISH IN GULF STREAM OFF OREGON INLET



Roscoe Owens, RFD 2, his brother Burvil Owens, Orville Howett and J. W. Smith were fishing from Capt. Clarence Holmes' cruiser Secotan when they landed the white marlin, the large 25 pound dolphin and many smaller dolphin in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet last week. Roscoe Owens caught the marlin. Capt. Holmes and his mate Jack Hoffer are shown in foreground. (Aycock Brown Photo)

ROAD FUNDS FOR DARE \$106,750 IN THIS FISCAL YEAR

State Sets Up \$83,550 for Maintenance of Secondary Roads; New Roads \$23,200

A total of \$106,750 in secondary road funds has been allotted Dare County for the current fiscal year, according to a letter from Harold Makepeace, Secondary Roads officer to D. V. Meekins, Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners. The larger part of this sum is for maintenance of present roads—\$83,550. For road construction or stabilizing, there has been allocated \$23,200.

While this sum is in excess of last year's allotment, it is indicated that it will mean little more, due to increased costs. During the past two years, only two communities have had any new construction. In Kitty Hawk, a year's allotment was used in building a bridge; in Avon a road costing some \$3,000 was built.

About all the \$34,000 then remaining was spent in putting drainage under existing roads, which was caused by the enormous amount of ditching done by hurricane relief funds. It now turns out that a great part of this money was wasted, since many people are filling up ditches which cross their lands, rights of way not having been obtained before digging was done.

In his letter to Mr. Meekins, Mr. Makepeace said the "allocations to counties are based on the total numbers of miles on the secondary system as of Jan. 1, 1959 . . . the funds allocated for secondary road construction was based on the . . . needs survey recently completed by the state."

Within a few weeks, state and county officials will confer on the survey's results. This survey shows the actual traffic count on each road under consideration . . . Construction funds allocated might do only about three miles of road this year. The mileage desired would run to 25, Meekins said. It is therefore apparent that first consideration be given to roads worse needed, particularly school bus roads.

MISS NORTH CAROLINA TOURS, OCRACOKE ISLE

OCRACOKE, July 21, 1959— "Welcome to Ocracoke Miss North Carolina" printed on the sands of the flat beach at Ocracoke welcomed the 1959 Miss North Carolina, "Judi" Klipfel, to Ocracoke on Tuesday, July 21. Miss Klipfel and her companion, Miss Betty Jo Wallace, the 1959 Miss Beaufort, flew from Beaufort with Earl Taylor to make a tour of the village here. Ikey D. O'Neal hailed them as their plane arrived and escorted them around the island pointing out places of interest. The North Carolina beauties were particularly impressed with the Ocracoke ponies and the Whitford yacht where they were entertained. After posing at the historic lighthouse for snapshots the beauties were driven back to their plane where they graciously signed autographs and again posed for more pictures. Miss North Carolina's trip here was a day off from her week's vacation at Atlantic Beach. Miss Klipfel charmed the Ocracoke citizens who formed a parade of cars and followed her back to her plane where a child was heard to say, "She's pretty; I hope she's our next Miss America."

WHOPPING SHEEPSHEAD



ALFRED BEER, who lives at North-end on Roanoke Island displays a 12½ pound sheephead he landed while fishing near the pilings of the Nags Head-Roanoke Island bridge Friday. He was using sandfleas for bait. His fish is believed to be the largest sheephead caught this summer in local waters. (Aycock Brown Photo)

OCRACOKE-CARTERET FERRY PLANS MOVING

Big Vessel Expected to Be In Service Labor Day; Taylor Bros. Builders

Another step was taken last week toward inaugurating ferry service for automobiles as well as passengers between Atlantic and the Outer Banks Island of Ocracoke.

The Sea Level-Atlantic-Ocracoke Ferry Company, incorporated last June by the wealthy Taylor brothers, asked the State Utilities Commission for operating authority to begin the service.

A small boat, carrying about 40 passengers and the mail, now plies the 30-mile stretch of water between Atlantic in Carteret County and the Village of Ocracoke on Ocracoke Island.

Ansley O'Neal and J. M. Saunders Jr. are now authorized by the Commission to operate this service and, according to Utilities Commission's files, they are willing to give up the run when the Taylor brothers, natives of Sea Level, inaugurate their proposed service.

The board of directors of the new ferry company is composed of D. E. and L. M. Taylor of West Palm Beach, Fla., W. R. and A. T. Taylor of Norfolk and Claud R. Wheatley of Beaufort. The latter is agent for the firm.

In its petition, the company said that "a public demand exists for an automotive connection between these two points and the public would be greatly inconvenienced and benefitted by a ferry that would transport both passengers and automobiles."

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RAINS AND RUSTY EQUIPMENT DELAY MOSQUITO WORK

Complete Round of Spraying in County Has Been Made Despite Handicaps

Fortunately for Dare County people the mosquito season did not set in until late in July. Due to lack of funds to carry on the work, the county would have been hard-pressed to maintain an adequate program. Mosquito "experts" say that the kind of work that has been done in the county in the past is largely wasted money, but it has some psychological effect in pacifying citizens who suffer from the mosquito influx.

This week, despite many handicaps, all communities north of Oregon Inlet have received treatment with DDT spraying equipment. Several weeks ago, one machine was turned over to the committee on Hatteras Island, for the purpose of spraying that area. Of the two machines left at Manteo, one has been in the shop this week following a breakdown. This equipment has not been looked after too well in past years.

The county Board, on taking office found equipment in bad state of repair as a result of neglect, and no money left in the pot to carry on the work. With a new fiscal year underway, an appropriation has been made. The men with experience who formerly carried on the work have been available this week to get the county sprayed.

What most people don't understand is that the overall cost of operating one of these machines See RELIEF, Page Six

SAFETY AWARD IS GIVEN BELHAVEN GROUP THIS WEEK

Second Place Award Brought by Carolina Motor Club Tuesday

A plaque commemorating Belhaven's achievement of second place in the Pedestrian Safety program of the Carolina Motor Club, was presented Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club held in Flossies House, Pantego. The award was made by Linwood Boyd of Williamston, club membership representative, and accepted on the part of the Pedestrian club by Mayor James Younce, who was flanked by several school-boy members of the Safety patrol program, directed by Chief of Police Wm. Clagon who was a guest of honor. Another guest was Selby Jones of Valleyfield, Que.

Gene Purvis, President of the school and Charles Latham, retired president of the PTA which sponsored the financing of the program were present. Mr. Purvis and Chief Clagon were called on for remarks about the program. In the absence of the president, Marion Dilday, H. VanDorp, a former president presided.

Attending from the school patrol were the following lads: Captains Bud Wahab and Rodney Gaylord; Lieutenants, Johnny Cox and Howard Riddick; also Lonnie Flowers, Linwood Adams and Ray Jarvis.

Mrs. Carolyn Lloyd, teacher who formerly taught driver education was an invited guest. Other guests included John Gibbs of Atlanta, a former member of the Rotary Club; two guests accompanied Rotarian Bill Bulluck: T. B. Slade III of Enfield and Les Rucker of Rocky Mount.

ENGELHARD PLANT WINS GOVERNMENT PALLET CONTRACT

Blanchard Box Company To Build \$75,000 Worth of Cargo Pallets in Fall

A contract for approximately \$75,000 has been awarded the Blanchard Box and Crate Co. of Engelhard by the U. S. Army Transport and Maintenance Command for construction of 8,150 stevedoring pallets, according to R. T. Blanchard, owners of the company.

The pallets, are actually small platforms, 4 x 6 feet in size and made of hardwood, one and a quarter inches thick. Cargoes for overseas shipments are loaded on them in the warehouses, and at the time of shipment, the entire stack may be readily moved from warehouse to shipside.

Mr. Blanchard expects to add about eight employees to his force by the time construction starts in September. He plans to use as much of native hardwoods as he can find, gum, sycamore and oak. Each mat requires bolts valued at \$1.60. The timber required is of a type usually in little demand. Delivery will be made in a six months period.

Mr. Blanchard established his box plant at Engelhard in 1951. It occupies a building 50 x 160 feet. This new contract is expected to be considerably helpful to the community, considering it will furnish both labor and materials that go into the product.

GARBAGE SERVICE ON BEACH HAS UPS AND DOWNS

New Contract Calls For Removal of Garbage Only; Trash Not Included

Some changes were made in the system of garbage collection on the Dare Beaches under a new contract entered into on July 1. Agitation for similar service had been made in other parts of the county. Contention was made that such service was not legal unless extended to all alike. Legal opinion gave it that only in those congested areas where garbage might become a health menace, is there authority to continue the program.

The new contract at a saving of \$5,000 a year to the county, now provides the collector must pick up such garbage as is placed at the street the night before, in covered approved garbage containers. If persons have other refuse than household garbage, such as lumber, trash, packing crates, discarded furniture etc., they wish moved, it must be done at their own expense.

The Dare County Board has issued notices of the contractor's responsibility in this connection, and no person has right to complain to him for not doing something for which he has not contracted to do.

Garbage is picked up early in the morning. Some persons, after the truck has passed, have carried their See GARBAGE, Page Six

LEAVES BELHAVEN FOR ERWIN HOSPITAL JOB



CHARLES L. GWYNN, administrator of Pungo District Hospital in Belhaven for the past five years, has accepted a position with the Good Hope Hospital in Erwin, N. C. He and Mrs. Gwynn and their two sons expect to be settled in their new home by August 1st.

Mr. Gwynn's successor at the local hospital is Lonnie E. Moore, a native of Chocowinity, who has been most recently connected with the Beaufort County Hospital in Washington as Chief x-ray technologist. After graduating from Chocowinity High School in 1949, Mr. Moore attended the Gradwohl School of Medical Research in St. Louis, Missouri, where he became a registered medical technologist. For the next three years he was connected with the Bartow Memorial Hospital, Bartow, Florida, and later became administrator of the Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, Florida. From Florida, he returned to Beaufort County with the opening of the new county hospital.

Mr. Moore is married to the former Sadie Rogerson, of Bear Grass, N. C., and they have one son, Lonnie, Jr., aged three and a half months. They are at present making their home in Pantego at the home of Mrs. Estelle Lancaster.

HYDE COUNTY MAN IS BELHAVEN CITY CLERK

J. Harold Lupton has been named City Clerk for the Town of Belhaven. He began his duties on July 15th.

A native of Hyde County, Mr. Lupton has lived in Belhaven for 34 years. For a number of years he was connected with the Sawyer Wholesale Grocery Company before founding the Lupton Tobacco Company. He continued in this business from 1935 to 1957, when he suffered a serious illness which made it impossible for him to travel his route serving customers. Before accepting his present position, he served on the Belhaven police force for several months.

Mr. Lupton succeeds John Brinson, who took over the job upon the death of B. F. Keaton, longtime City Clerk.

UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Says This Year Blows Wet and Dry, Hot and Cold, With August a Scorcher

Dear Mr. Editor: In my last letter to you published June 19th, I predicted by my weather signs and marks, a lot of rain in July, and by golly I was right. I said a lot of rain would follow a dry June. I also noticed that the State ABC association was meeting in Nags Head that same week, and it never fails; their annual convention is followed by a lot of rain.

Now according to my weather marks, the moon having full Monday, we are going to have a lot of hot weather, and dry weather through August to help kill up the mosquitoes. This is about the only thing that will get them, that and a strong breeze every evening to beat 'em to the ground.

Mr. Editor, I don't see much in the papers about how much taxes we're going to have to pay this year. I see in some of the papers that most of the counties roundabout are reducing expenses and cutting tax rates. I don't know how much we could hope to get taxes cut if any, but I would like to see us clear up the old deficit, even if the tax rate stays the same.

Now to my mind, if we keep on ignoring what we owe, there is a sad day coming when we have to face up to pay day. I know there may come a time when the folks who have been giving us our tax money won't be able to pay up promptly, then how will the county pay its bills. It looks like this year might be one of the years when this could happen. Our folks in business haven't been having it too good this summer for rainy weather has driven away a lot of their trade, and with it, their profit of course.

You know there is less than profit, when people run a business for payroll etc, and nothing coming in. Mr. Editor, I think we should pay more attention to these good folks who have staked all they have in investments in business establishments which provide a lot of employment and helps everybody. It's an old, old story about killing the goose that lays the golden eggs, and some of our folks, continue to be experts at this kind of slaughter.

Well, we got to learn somehow, but it looks like it could be too late. When I was a young fellow I used to go around with a boy named Joe, and together we'd stroll down the road; he would go to see his girl, and I would go to see mine. One night I found Joe had left early and next day when I saw him, he was down in the dumps. I asked him if he was making any headway, and he said no, he got disgusted and went home. When I asked for details, he said: "I ain't no fool. We was setting on the sofa, and when she blowed out the light, I know what that meant, I can take a hint, so I went home. I'm through with anybody who treats me thataway."

Yours for light, when needed, UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK

DREDGING WORK IN OREGON INLET CHANNEL BEGUN

Long Project Begun on South End Below Wanchese; Roots and Logs Encountered

The Atkinson Dredging Company of Norfolk which started work on its contract on the Oregon Inlet-Manteo channel Friday, ran into an unpleasant surprise south of Roanoke Island when their dredge Northwind encountered stumps of trees and logs imbedded in Pamlico Sound. One log was 30 inches in diameter, Mr. Atkinson said. This may indicate that in the dim and distant past, heavily timbered land covered the area.

The project, which will last nearly a year, has been started in the roughest water to be encountered, in hope that the south end may be completed and the dredge up in more sheltered waters before winter sets in. The Atkinson company's contract calls for the removal of upwards of three million cubic yards of sand at a cost of \$545,000, and will make possible the entry of vessels of 12-foot draft into Mill Landing and Manteo harbors.

An additional contract is to let for construction of the channel through the bar at Oregon Inlet, and which requires larger equipment and is more costly to operate.

The history of the Oregon Inlet channel project is a long one. It was conceived back in January 1948 by the late Alvah Ward of Manteo. It enlisted the support of numerous towns and citizens of all the area and Congressmen Herbert Bonner worked hard on it for years. It finally was passed in Congress after many ups and downs.

WOMAN WHO CROSSED ATLANTIC IS SEEKING FURTHER ADVENTURES

Six years ago an adventurous Englishwoman, Mrs. Ann Davidson, arrived in Belhaven aboard the "Felicity Ann", a small sailboat in which she had crossed the Atlantic alone. This week she again visited Belhaven, no longer an Englishwoman, no longer a widow, and no longer a sailor in the strictest sense, but still filled with the spirit of adventure.

Since her last visit, she has become an American citizen and has married a Miami business man named Billheimer. Her craft this time was a sleek Glass Magic Ranger cabin cruiser powered by twin Evinrude 35 Larks. It has ample sleeping quarters and cooking facilities. Mrs. Billheimer, or Ann Davidson as she remains to the readers of her books, said that this trip is being made because she promised her publishers another book and she has a deadline to meet. The book will recount her adventures as she travels alone to New York, across to the Great Lakes, down the Mississippi and back to Miami by the Gulf of Mexico. She has a tentative title in mind, "Hobo at Heart", but is not sure that it will be used.

"Last Voyage", Mrs. Davidson's account of her lonely trip across the Atlantic, told the dramatic story of her husband's death at sea and her determination to complete the voyage. On her visit to Belhaven, the brave woman showed the effects of her loss and the See ADVENTURER, Page Six

125 BLUE MARLIN IN BILLFISH SCORE 168

By AYCOCK BROWN

Blue marlin number 125 for waters off the Dare Coast Outer Banks this season was landed on Tuesday. Landed by James H. Adams of Hillsdale N. J., the big blue, scaling at 316 pounds pushed the billfish score for water off Oregon and Hatteras Inlets to 168 for the current season which started on May 9 when the first of 1959 was boated off Hatteras.

Billfishes include in addition to blue marlin, sailfish, broadbills and white marlin.

A total of 26 white marlin, 15 sails and two broadbills have been taken by anglers aboard Oregon Inlet and Hatteras-based cruisers in addition to the record breaking score of 125 blue marlin. Last year a total of 78 blue marlin and approximately 200 white marlin were caught off the Dare Coast. The billfish season continues in waters off the Outer Banks until mid-November.

Spanish Mackerel HATTERAS—Spanish mackerel are being caught by trollers in Hatteras Inlet, and by anglers casting in the surf here at the present time according to Willie Newzome. He reported the largest Spanish mackerel taken this season to date scaled at five and half pounds. It was caught on Monday by an angler from Kingsport, Tenn.